

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 25 April 2016

1. The Council WELCOMED the Student Member, Mr CHENG Pui-lun, the new President of the Students' Union, who attended the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including
 - (a) The University has signed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with the following institutions, viz. National Taiwan University (Taiwan), Seoul National University (Korea), the University of Hradec Králové (Czech Republic) and Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania).
 - (b) The University has renewed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with Alverno College (USA), Donghua University (China), and Pusan National University (Korea).
 - (c) The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Emerson College (USA) to promote international cooperation in education and research.
 - (d) The University has signed agreements for student exchange with Manchester Metropolitan University (United Kingdom), the University of Strathclyde (United Kingdom) and Yuanpei College of Peking University (China).
 - (e) Starting from 2016-17, the University and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) will jointly offer a Double-Master Degree Programme in Research in Economic Analysis and International Banking and Finance.
 - (f) The Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) of Lingnan University and China Institute of Regulation Research (CIRR) of Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics signed a strategic collaboration agreement. The collaboration agreement aims to promote close cooperation between the two parties in research on competition policy and government regulations.
 - (g) The University has become a partner of the Centre for Global Higher Education (CGHE), the largest research centre in the world specifically focused on higher education and its future development.
 - (h) The University received a generous donation from The Ho Iu Kwong Charity Foundation to support a new China Economic Research Programme which aims to foster the research in the areas of economic and financial development and entrepreneurship of Mainland China and Hong Kong.
 - (i) Prof. Cai Zongqi, Lee Wing Tat Chair Professor of Chinese Literature, has been awarded the Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship by the Research Grants Council (RGC) for the 2015-16 funding exercise.
 - (j) Ms Jenny Lam Wing-ye, a final year student of Social and Public Policy Study, has been awarded the prestigious Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarship.
 - (k) Lingnan students won numerous awards in the 10th Hong Kong Inter-tertiary Institution Putonghua Recitation Contest, including the Championships in Poetry Group Recitation and Solo Recitation (Section of International Students), held on 19 March 2016.
 - (l) The Lingnan University Chinese Debate Team was crowned the champion in the Joint-Universities Debate Competition 2016 co-organised by the Radio &

Television Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Federation of Students on 18 April 2016. Year 4 student Ms Wong Shu-man awarded the Best Debater of the match.

- (m) Lingnan University Fundraising Dinner 2016 was held on 21 April 2016 at Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers. The Dinner aimed to raise funds for the “First Generation University Education Fund” which supports students who are the first generation in their families receiving university education in joining whole-person development programmes provided by the University. Professor Frederick Ma Si-hang, former Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR Government and currently the Chairman of MTR Corporation Limited, was the Guest Speaker to give a talk on “Opportunities and Challenges for MTR in Years Ahead”.

3. The Council RECEIVED the following:

- (a) Report from the Audit Committee;
- (b) Report from the Career Development Committee;
- (c) Report from the Finance Committee;
- (d) Report from the Honorary Awards Committee;
- (e) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee; and
- (f) Report from the Staffing Committee

4. The Council RECEIVED the Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee and NOTED the general situation of the progress/updates of the following building projects on campus:

- (a) 3+3+4 Academic System (the Simon and Eleanor Kwok Building, Wong Hoo Chuen Hall & Wu Jieh Yee Hall);
- (b) the Jockey Club New Hall;
- (c) improvement works to Mr and Mrs Lam Kau Yui Fitness Centre and changing rooms at indoor sports complex and extension of spectator stand at outdoor sports ground;
- (d) improvement works to the existing disabled lift at the Chan Tak Tai Auditorium;
- (e) re-arrangement of the Fong Sum Wood Library’s study area at 2/F and 3/F of Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building and Wong Administration Building;
- (f) new covered walkway connecting the existing Jockey Club Hall to the entrance of Student Function Hall;
- (g) improvement works to the student bedrooms, common corridors, bathroom and lavatory facilities of the student hostels; and
- (h) UGC’s approved AA&I projects for 2016-17.

5. The Council CONFIRMED the appointments of Dr HO Wing, Rosiah and Dr YEUNG Kai Yin, Tommy as members to the Court with effect from 29 April 2016 for a term of three years.

6. The Council APPOINTED Mr CHENG Pui-lun as Student Member of the Review Panel of the Lingnan University Ordinance as nominated by the Lingnan University Students’ Union with immediate effect.

7. The Council APPOINTED Mr CHENG Pui-lun and Mr TSE Kwan-ho as members of the Board of Governors of the Community College at Lingnan University and Lingnan Institute of Further Education with effect from 29 April 2016 for a term of one year.
8. The Council APPROVED the revisions to the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.
9. The Council RECEIVED the Report from the Staffing Committee and APPROVED its recommendation on the following for implementation:
 - (a) proposal for Research-Track appointments and Teaching-Track appointments with the implementation details of these appointments to be worked out for deliberation and approval by the Senate and then for reporting to the Council;
 - (b) “Guidelines for Performance Review and Personnel Actions of Academic Staff Members at the ranks of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor”;
 - (c) “Guidelines for Performance Review and Personnel Actions of Academic Staff Members at the ranks of Teaching Fellow and Language Instructor”;
 - (d) proposed Sabbatical Leave scheme for academic staff;
 - (e) proposal for revising the current leave arrangement for academic staff at the rank of Assistant Professor or above; and
 - (f) proposal for paternity leave.

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