

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 13 June 2016

1. 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 Calvin College (USA) and Almaty Management University (Kazakhstan).
 - (b) The University has renewed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with Presbyterian College (USA) and Ipag Business School (France).
 - (c) A six-member delegation from the University of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, accompanied by Mr Fahd Mohammad A Mnikhr, Vice Consul, Royal Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Hong Kong, visited Lingnan on Tuesday, 5 April 2016. Representatives of the two universities exchanged views and shared experience on different issues, particularly student life and education.
 - (d) The University has established the “Jockey Club Hong Kong History Learning Programme” with the generous donation from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.
 - (e) The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (also known as AACSB International) has extended its accreditation of our Faculty of Business for another five years. This extension of accreditation recognises the Faculty’s concerted efforts in achieving high international standards required by the organization, and its continuous commitment to professional and academic excellence.
 - (f) Professor Avinash Dixit, Distinguished Adjunct Professor of the Department of Economics, received the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award of the Republic of India this year. The award is given to individuals for their exceptional and distinguished service to India in different aspects.
 - (g) In recognition of their outstanding academic and personal achievements, a total of 597 awards and scholarships totaling over HK\$11.6 million were presented to about 400 students in 2015-16.
 - (h) Year 4 Finance and Insurance student Harry Fok won the Champion of Treasury Markets Association (TMA) Challenge 2016 organised by the Treasury Markets Association on Friday, 15 January 2016.
 - (i) A team of six Lingnan students called “Ling-IN” was selected as one of the top five teams in the Project Campus 2016 competition organised by Cosmopolitan HK, with the award presentation ceremony held on Thursday, 14 April 2016.
 - (j) Lingnan University’s Chinese Debate Team won the Champion in the Hong Kong Inter-collegiate Debate Competition 2016 held on Saturday, 16 April 2016. Wong Shu-man (BA Chinese, Year 4), First Speaker of the Lingnan team, won the Best Debater Award.
 - (k) Lingnan University’s Karate Team won the Overall Champion in the 26th Hong Kong Joint University Karate Tournament held on Sunday, 17 April 2016.
 - (l) The University received the Triple Gold Award in the Website Stream of the Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme 2016. The University’s Fong Sum Wood Library also won a Silver Award in the same stream. In the Mobile App Stream

of the Scheme, both the University and the Fong Sum Wood Library were presented Gold Award.

2. The Council RECEIVED the following:
 - (a) Report from the Finance Committee; and
 - (b) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee

3. 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) green roof project.

4. The Council NOTED all members' efforts and contributions to the University in the academic year 2015-16 in the areas of fundraising, students' career development, job opportunities and other activities.

5. The Council APPROVED the following:
 - (a) the proposed addition of the Director of Service-Learning to the membership of the Senate;
 - (b) the University's Draft Income and Expenditure Budget for 2016-17;
 - (c) increase of 3.4% in hostel fees for 2016-17 for students admitted in 2015-16 and thereafter;
 - (d) subject to the final decision by the Chief Executive in Council and the approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, all current University salary scales of UGC-funded staff be revised as proposed, with retrospective effect from 1 April 2016, incorporating the appropriate adjustments similar to those of the civil service pay adjustments; and
 - (e) the University's Strategic Plan for 2016-2021.

6. The Council also NOTED the first Council meeting for the 2016-17 academic year is scheduled for Monday, 17 October 2016.

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