

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Special Council Meeting Held on 10 January 2013

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr Rex AU YEUNG Pak-kuen, new Deputy Chairman of the Council, Mrs Loretta SHUEN LEUNG Lai-sheung, new Treasurer of the Council and Mrs Edith CHAN NGAN Man-ling, Prof Mette HJORT, the Hon Franklin LAM Fan-keung, Ms Nikki NG Mien-hua, Mr John R SLOSAR, Mr Douglas WOO Chun-kuen and Dr Tommy YEUNG Kai-yin who newly joined the Council as members.
2. The Council also WELCOMED Mr LEUNG Chung-sing, Sammy, a member of the Inquiry Panel to join the discussion of the report of the Inquiry Panel on the Community College at Lingnan University (CC) and Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) 2012 Admission (“the Inquiry Panel”).
3. The Council RECEIVED the full report of the Inquiry Panel with a Chinese version of the executive summary and RECORDED a vote of thanks to the Convenor and Members of the Inquiry Panel as well as the secretariat for their tremendous efforts made in the whole inquiry process.
4. The Council NOTED the findings and recommendations of the Panel’s report and RESOLVED the following:
 - (a) to accept all recommendations of the Panel’s report;
 - (b) to appoint a lay Council member as Chairman of the BoG to strengthen the check-and-balance purpose while the President serves as an ex-officio in the BoG, and nomination for the appointment will be submitted to the Council for consideration and approval at its coming meeting scheduled in February 2013;
 - (c) to express its deepest regret on the fact that AVP (AQA) has failed to establish sufficient management control measures as well as the former Dean has made a lot of aggressive decisions on his own initiatives without following the stipulated procedures in the 2012-13 admission exercise of CC and LIFE; and
 - (d) to express its disappointment with the Associate Director and former Assistant Director who failed to fully perform their duties as expected.
 - (e) the University management and the President were tasked to review the management structure of CC and LIFE in a holistic way and to present a proposal, including the proposed arrangement on the governance and management structure of CC and LIFE and implementation plan of various recommendations of the Panel’s report for Council consideration in its meeting in April 2013 or no later than the meeting scheduled in June 2013. In the process, the two important aspects viz. management control and operational efficiency, would be taken into consideration.

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