

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 29 April 2013

1. The meeting WELCOMED Ms Vivian YIP Wing-lam, 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 recent activities of the University, including
 - (a) the signing of inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with five institutions for five academic years including Instituto Politécnico Nacional (Mexico), Umeå School of Business and Economics, Umeå University (Umeå, Sweden) and GROUP EAC – Groupe d'Enseignement supérieur en Ingénierie des Arts, de la Culture, de la Communication et du Luxe (Paris, France) from 2012-13 to 2016-17; and İstanbul Bilgi University (Istanbul, Turkey) and Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Linköping University (Linköping, Sweden) from 2013-14 to 2017-18, and Universidad Antonio de Nebrija, Institutos Nebrija (Madrid, Spain), for three academic years from 2013-14 to 2015-16. The University has also renewed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with seven institutions, viz. Yeungnam University (Korea), Ewha Womans University (Korea), Zurich University of Applied Sciences (Switzerland), Fontys International Business School (Netherlands), Belmont University (USA), Washington College (USA), and Middlesex University (UK), for another five years from 2012-13 to 2016-17.
 - (b) the signing of a memorandum of agreement for a staff/student exchange programme with Swansea University (Wales, UK) from August 2013 to July 2016 to recognise the reciprocal student exchange programme between the two universities and a memorandum of understanding for student exchange and information exchange with Capilano University (North Vancouver, Canada) for a period of three years from September 2012.
 - (c) a Fong Yim Fun Distinguished Lecture in Chinese Cultural Studies on 'Revisiting the Practices and Aesthetics of Cantonese Music of a Bygone Era — The Artistry of Mui-E' was delivered by Dr. YU Siu-wah, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, on 11 March 2013. Ms NG Wing-mui, a successor of Cantonese Nanyin, performed at the lecture.
 - (d) a HKJC Distinguish Visiting Professorship of Modern Chinese Literature Public Lecture on 'Passion that Breaks Through Hong Kong's Mercantilism' was delivered by Professor CHUNG Ling on 20 March 2013.
 - (e) a total of 58 attendees of the Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE) 2013 Conference, representing 37 universities worldwide, visited Lingnan University on 15 March 2013. The Vice-President extended his warmest welcome to the visitors, including delegates from 21 Lingnan's partner institutions.

- (f) a dialogue on “Building a New World” between Mr Adrian CHENG, named one of the 40 global business stars aged under 40 in 2012 by *Fortune* magazine with Lingnan students was held on 22 March 2013. Mr Cheng shared with Lingnan students his key to success and on how to adapt himself to the role of a leader of a large enterprise, aiming to inspire students on how to prepare themselves for future career challenges.
 - (g) the unveiling ceremony of the sculpture “Effort” donated by the renowned Mexican sculptor Mr José SACAL, was held on 29 April 2013 at the Contemporary Garden. The sculpture “Effort” symbolises man’s struggle to improve and better himself through education.
3. The Council APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned:
- (a) Career Development Committee
appointment of Mr Ben LIN Bin-chuang as a member of the Career Development Committee for a term of two years with immediate effect.
 - (b) Institutional Advancement Committee
appointment of Ms SONG Kun and Mr William HO Chi-kit as co-opted members of the Institutional Advancement Committee for a term of two years with immediate effect.
4. The Council CONFIRMED the appointments of Dr Rosiah HO Wing and Dr LAU Chi-pang as elected staff members to the Court with immediate effect for a term of three years.
5. The Council APPOINTED Ms Vivian YIP Wing-lam and Mr LEUNG Chi Hin as members of the BoG of CC and LIFE for a term of one year with immediate effect.
6. The Council NOTED the recommendations from the University management on enhancing the governance and management structure of the Community College at Lingnan University (CC) and the Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) as well as a progress report of CC and LIFE, and APPROVED the following:
- (a) the recommendation of the expansion of the current Board of Governors (BoG) and the current Management Committee (MC) for both CC and LIFE as one single oversight body with one executive arm to provide guidance to CC and LIFE with a view to having better coordination and administration between CC and LIFE;
 - (b) the same quality assurance system currently adopted for use of associate degrees and higher diplomas would also be applicable to LIFE programmes, including advanced diplomas and diplomas; and
 - (c) the BoG to meet on a more frequent basis, for instance four times a year so as to further enhance the check-and-balance mechanism, and to follow the current practice of the Council in disseminating a summary of discussions and decisions of its meeting on the website of CC and LIFE.

The Council also NOTED the discontinuation of the advanced diploma programmes from 2013-14.

7. The Council APPROVED the following:
 - (a) with the implementation of the revised statutory minimum wage rate with effect from May 2013, an increase of the salaries of the outsourced security guards and cleaners with effect from 1 May 2013;
 - (b) the conferment of honorary doctorates to four eminent candidates in recognition of their distinguished service and commitment to the University, the Hong Kong community, and invaluable intellectual, social and cultural contributions to the society and the world;
 - (c) the conferment of honorary fellowships to five distinguished individuals in recognition of their career achievements and remarkable contributions to the community; and
 - (d) the conferment of the awards of honorary title ‘Honorary Court Member’ to eight retired external Council and Court members who have served the Council/Court for five years or more. All these candidates had made remarkable contributions to Lingnan and had strong affiliation with the University.

8. The Council NOTED the general situation of the progress/updates of the following building projects on campus:
 - (a) the new student hostel – the Jockey Club New Hall;
 - (b) the capital projects for the 334 academic system;
 - (c) the covered student activities area between the Amenities Building and the Dorothy Y.L. Wong Building (Skylights Project); and
 - (d) the footbridge linking the Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building to the existing public footbridge.

9. The Council also NOTED cash flow statements for the period April 2012 to March 2013, the cash flow forecast for the period April to June 2013, and the cash flow forecast for the Capital and AA&I Projects for the period April 2013 to May 2015.

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