

## LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

### **A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 18 February 2019**

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms LO Wing Sze Anthea, who is the new Treasurer of the Council from 1 November 2018. The Council also WELCOMED Ms CHAO Sih Ming Sabrina, Mr CHUNG Kwok Keung Simon, Ir Dr HO Wing Rosiah, Mr WONG Ho Ming Augustine, Ms WONG Yeung Fong Fonia and Prof. YEH Yueh Yu Emilie for attending 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 Senate approved three new interdisciplinary programmes to be introduced from the 2019-20 academic year: Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Global Liberal Arts and the LEO Dr David P. Chan Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Data Science as UGC-funded programmes; and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Animation and Digital Arts as a self-financed programme.
  - (b) The University has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with Dankook University (Korea), Denison University (the US), EM NORMANDIE Business School (France), Harbin Institute of Technology (China), Institute of Intellectual Property & Competition Law, Wuhan University (China), Kindai University (Japan), Kyushu University (Japan), Leuphana University of Lüneburg (Germany), Montpellier Business School (France), Nanguang College, Communication University of China (China), Roskilde University (Denmark), Seoul National University (Korea), the London School of Economics and Political Science (the UK), Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy), University of Southern Denmark (Denmark) and University of Stavanger (Norway).
  - (c) The University has renewed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with Bahçeşehir University (Turkey), Karlshochschule International University (Germany), Keele University (the UK), National Taiwan University (Taiwan), Radboud University (the Netherlands), St. Mary's College of Maryland (the US), Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla (Mexico), University of Regina (Canada) and Waseda University (Japan).
  - (d) The University held its first Distinguished Alumni Service Award Presentation Ceremony cum Appreciation Dinner on 21 January 2019 for recognition of the four award recipients' contribution to their profession, the community and their alma mater.
  - (e) Apart from the internship opportunities in the Belt & Road countries, the Student Services Centre in cooperation with Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Youth Society (廣州市南沙區青年聯合會) will launch the

“灣區追夢·南沙啟航”2019 年港澳青年學生南沙 “百企千人” 實習計劃 for Lingnan students in 2019 summer. 40 internship placements from government departments, government-owned enterprises, financial organisations, international organisations and local enterprises will be opened to LU students via this 6-week summer internship programme from early June to mid July 2019.

- (f) With the donation from Choi Koon Shum Education Foundation Limited, the Jonathan Choi Student Internship Scheme was established in LU for promoting educational and cultural exchanges and supporting 15 undergraduate students to take up internship in Japan (Fukuoka) in the summer of 2019.
  - (g) With the donation by the EISAC Association (雲創科學藝術文化促進會), EISAC Association and the University’s Student Services Centre will jointly organize a training programme for the Insurance Industry. This will be a 3-year programme, and each year, around 50 undergraduate and postgraduate students will be selected to participate in this programme.
  - (h) On 2 November 2018, an MOU was signed with Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), in order to boost the substantial support to Hong Kong full-time elite athletes in facilitating their planning on dual career development both in sports and in academics.
  - (i) The Lingnan University Chinese Debate Team won the First Runner-up in the 20th Basic Law Debate Competition for Tertiary Students in Hong Kong organized by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong on 8 September 2018, with one of the team members bestowed the Best Debater of the Match.
  - (j) The Putonghua Debate Team won the First Runner-up in the Joint-Universities Putonghua Debate Competition organized by the Radio & Television Hong Kong (RTHK) on 17 November 2018.
3. The Council RECEIVED the following:
- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Special Meeting of the Senate held on 29 August 2018 and the Senate meeting held on 8 October 2018;
  - (b) Confirmed minutes and a summary of discussions and decisions of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Community College at Lingnan University (CC) and Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) held on 20 September 2018;
  - (c) Report from the Audit Committee;
  - (d) Report from the Career Development Committee;
  - (e) Report from the Finance Committee;
  - (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee; and
  - (g) Report from the Staffing Committee.

4. The Council RECEIVED the Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee and NOTED the latest progress/updates of various building projects on campus, *inter alia*, the “Lingnan Hub” project, installation of internal lift system and upgrade of the IT infrastructure at the Fong Sum Wood Library and addition of mezzanine level for the Fong Sum Wood Library user space and new 24 hours learning area, upgrade of equipment and facilities for Chan Tak Tai Auditorium and other projects.
  
5. The Council APPROVED the following:
  - (a) the appointment of Mr CHEUNG Tei Sing Jamie as a co-opted member of the Institutional Advancement Committee with effect from 21 February 2019 for another term of two years;
  - (b) the appointment of Ms WONG Yeung Fong Fonia as a member of the Career Development Committee and Institutional Advancement Committee with immediate effect;
  - (c) the proposed revisions on terms of reference of the Appeals Committee;
  - (d) the new student intake proposal of LIFE for the academic year 2019-20 as endorsed by the Board of Governors of CC and LIFE;
  - (e) the proposed increase of tuition fee for non-local undergraduate students enrolled to UGC-funded programmes starting from the 2019-20 intake;
  - (f) the University’s Income and Expenditure Revised Forecast for 2018-19;
  - (g) the proposed revisions to the “Procedures for Dealing with Appeals on Procedural Grounds in relation to Personnel Actions of Academic Staff”;
  - (h) the proposed amendments to the Staff Grievance Procedures;
  - (i) the proposal for enhancing maternity leave benefits for full-time staff members and the proposal for enhancing paternity leave benefits for full-time staff members.

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