

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 17 October 2022

1. The Council WELCOMED Mr LAW Lam Wai Barry and Mr MOK Man Too Michael who attend the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to the outgoing lay members, Dr FOK Wing Huen, Mr HO Lik Chi Nicholas and Mrs Emily LAM HO whose terms of office would be completed on 22 October 2022.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:
 - (a) The University has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Essex Business School, University of Essex (the UK)
 - Instituto Politécnico Nacional (Mexico)
 - School of Law, University of Essex (the UK)
 - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi (Italy)
 - University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (India)
 - University of Strathclyde (the UK)
 - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Aberystwyth University (the UK)
 - Calvin University (the USA)
 - FH Kufstein Tirol University of Applied Sciences (Austria)
 - Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)
 - Seoul National University (Korea)
 - Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance (China)
 - University of Bucharest (Romania)
 - (c) In the 2022-23 funding exercise, the University has 37 projects funded by the General Research Fund (GRF), Early Career Scheme (ECS), and Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme (HSSPFS) at a total sum of HK\$16 million which represents an increase of nearly 70% compared to previous year. The project, “*Quantitative History of China: Historical Roots of Recent Success and Future Development*” on which LU collaborates with four other UGC-funded universities has been approved for HK\$75 million under the Areas of Excellence Scheme.
 - (d) Professor XIE Haoran and Professor WONG Man Leung of the Department of Computing and Decision Sciences have been awarded the Gold Medal and International Special Award (Turkish Inventors Association) at the 7th International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada (iCAN) 2022 for their “Personalized Vocabulary Learning System based on Artificial Intelligence Techniques” in collaboration with Professor ZOU Di of The Education University of Hong Kong.
 - (e) The Research and Knowledge Transfer Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony cum Mini-Exhibition of Knowledge Transfer/Entrepreneurship Projects was

successfully held on 22 September 2022 and attended by more than 100 participants, including Professor WONG Yuk Shan, RGC Chairman, Professor James TANG, Secretary-General of the UGC, our Council Chairman, Council Deputy Chairman, and Council and Court members. 72 awards were presented to scholars in the categories of Research Output Excellence Award, Young Researcher Output Award, Research & Knowledge Transfer Fund Award – RGC Grant, and Government-Industry-Academia Collaboration.

- (f) The LU Chinese Debate Team won the Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition on 14 August 2022. The team’s third debater (LAM Yuk Sang) and second debater (Chui Wing In) received the Best Debater awards in the finals and semi-finals, respectively.
 - (g) The LU Student Flag Raising Team participated in the National Flag Raising Etiquette Competition for the Youth held on 4 September 2022. The Team won the championship (Tertiary Institution Category) and in addition one of the team members also received “The Most Outstanding Flag Bearer” award.
 - (h) The naming ceremony of The Chinese Manufacturers’ Association of Hong Kong (CMA) Multi-functional Area (香港中華廠商聯合會多用途空間) was held on 14 October 2022 because the original named facility - the CMA Integrated IT Study Centre, from 4/F, Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building had to be designated for other purposes. Thus, the newly named area in the Wofoo Joseph Lee Student Activity Centre.
3. The Council APPOINTED/RE-APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned/Board of Governors (BoG) of Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE):
- (a) Campus Development and Management Committee
 - appointment of Mr WONG Ho Ming Augustine as the Chairman for a term of one year with effect from 22 October 2022,
 - appointment of Mr LU Hing Yiu Bryant as the Vice-Chairman and Mr LING Clarence Chun Kit as a member with effect from 22 October 2022,
 - (b) Career Development Committee
 - appointment of Mr LING Clarence Chun Kit as a member with effect from 22 October 2022,
 - (c) Committee on LU’s Mainland Development
 - appointment of Dr LAI Chi Ming Jimmy as a member with effect from 22 October 2022,
 - (d) Institutional Advancement Committee
 - appointment of Mr LU Hing Yiu Bryant and Dr LAI Chi Ming Jimmy as members with effect from 22 October 2022,
 - appointment of Mr WONG Chi Kwong Patrick as a co-opted member with immediate effect for a term of two years,
 - (e) BoG of LIFE
 - re-appointment of Dr LAI Wan Lung Kent as a member under the category “Three members nominated by the University Council” for a term of two years with immediate effect,
 - re-appointment of Professor CHEUNG Yue Lok Francis as a member under the category “Three members nominated by the University Council” for a term of two years with effect from 18 October 2022,

- appointment of Mr LEE Cheuk Tat Graham and Ms CHAN YEE Wah Belinda as members under the category “Three elected LIFE staff representatives with at least one from full-time teaching staff and one from full-time administrative staff” for a term of two years with immediate effect, and
- appointment of Mr MAN Chun Hei as a member of the BoG of LIFE under the category “One student representative elected by and from full-time LIFE students” for a term of one year with immediate effect.

4. The Council RECEIVED the following:

- (a) Report from the Audit Committee,
- (b) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
- (c) Report from the Career Development Committee,
- (d) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
- (e) Report from the Finance Committee,
- (f) Report from the Lingnan Education Organization Limited Donation Management Committee,
- (g) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee, and
- (h) Report from the Search Committee for New President.

5. The Council APPROVED the following:

- (a) the recommendation of the Search Committee for appointment of Professor S. Joe Qin as the University’s next President,
- (b) the proposed increase of the annual tuition fees for non-local undergraduate students enrolled in UGC-funded programmes from HK\$140,000 to HK\$145,000 taking effect from the 2023-24 cohort,
- (c) the setting up of another tier of tuition fees of HK\$100,000 p.a. for the joint PhD programme with the South China Normal University,
- (d) the audited Financial Report of the University for the year ended 30 June 2022,
- (e) the audited Annual Return on the Use of UGC Funds,
- (f) the audited Financial Statements of LIFE for the year ended 30 June 2022,
- (g) the proposed amendments to the LU’s Risk Appetite Statement, and
- (h) the proposed refinement to the Risk Assessment’s Impact Table.

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