

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 25 November 2019

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms CHEUNG Marn Kay Katherine, who is the new Treasurer of the Council from 1 October 2019. The Council also welcomed Dr LI Donghui for attending the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr AUYEUNG Pak Kuen Rex, former Chairman of the Council, Ms LO Wing Sze Anthea, former Treasurer of the Council, and Mr WONG Kwan Yu and Professor WEI Xiangdong whose terms of office were completed on 21 October 2019 and 31 October 2019, respectively.
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 Akita International University (Japan), National Central University (Taiwan), Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Peru) and University of Vienna (Austria).
 - (b) The University has renewed inter-institutional agreements of cooperation with AL Akhawayn University in Ifrane (Morocco), Beloit College (the US), Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (Mexico), Kristianstad University (Sweden) and University of Konstanz (Germany).
 - (c) With a view to contributing to the University's entrepreneurship initiatives, the Senate approved a new Minor in Entrepreneurship from the 2019-20 academic year.
 - (d) The Senate also approved the establishment of the Centre for Environmental History and Development and the LEO Dr David P. Chan Institute of Data Science.
 - (e) An agreement was reached between the University and University of York to co-establish a Joint Research Centre for Supply Chain and Finance and Joint-PhD and PhD Student Exchange. Research collaboration has been further enhanced with the University of Bath in co-launching the Centre for Education in China and East Asia.
 - (f) The University's achievements in the two UGC's sector-wide performance measures affirmed its good performance in teaching quality and learning environment at which the University was rated first in "undergraduate satisfaction with the quality and value which they have gained from their teaching and learning experience" and second in "undergraduate

satisfaction with their overall learning environment” among the eight UGC-funded universities in 2017-18.

- (g) To strengthen central support and quality assurance for postgraduate programmes, the University has established the School of Graduate Studies since 1 July 2019 in alignment with one of the key strategic initiatives in expanding and providing quality postgraduate education.
 - (h) The President-Student Forum for Term One in 2019-20 was held on 18 September 2019. The Forum was attended by some 140 students and 20 staff members.
 - (i) The Chinese Debate Team won the 3rd runner-up in the Basic Law Debate Competition (第二十一屆《基本法》多面體—全港大專生辯論賽) organized by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong (香港基本法推介聯席會議).
 - (j) In the Jackie Chan Challenge Cup Hong Kong Universities Rowing Championship 2019, the University Rowing Team won Champion in Women’s Double Sculls, 1st runner-up in Women’s Alumni Coxed Eight and 2nd runner-up in Men’s Alumni Coxed Eight.
4. The Council RECEIVED the following:
- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings held on 27 May 2019 and 16 September 2019,
 - (b) Report from the Audit Committee,
 - (c) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
 - (d) Report from the Finance Committee,
 - (e) Report from the Lingnan Education Organization Limited (LEO) Donation Management Committee, and
 - (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee.
5. The Council RECEIVED the Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee and NOTED the latest progress/updates of the various building projects, *inter alia*, the “Lingnan Hub” project, installation of internal lift system and upgrade of the IT infrastructure and addition of mezzanine level for the user space and a new 24 hours learning area at the Fong Sum Wood Library.
6. The Council APPROVED the appointment of Mr LI Si Han and Mr LO Ka Ming as student members of the Board of Governors of the Community College at Lingnan University and Lingnan Institute of Further Education with immediate effect for a term of one year.

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