

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and the Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 17 February 2014

1. The Council WELCOMED a new Council member, Mr WONG Kwan-yu for attending the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Ms Vivian YIP Wing-lam, the President of Students' Union, whose term of office would be completed on 28 February 2014.
3. The Council RECEIVED the President's observations and work report of his presidency on University management, activities, staff and student achievements including:
 - (a) The University had signed an agreement with University of Leeds (Leeds, UK) and had renewed an agreement with Pomona College (California, USA). The University would send the President's Scholar to study for an academic year at University of Leeds in 2014-15, and Pomona College in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Also, the University had signed an inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic) for five academic years from 2014-15 to 2018-19, while agreements with Whittier College (California, USA) and Beloit College (Wisconsin, USA) have been renewed for five academic years from 2013-14 to 2017-18.
 - (b) The annual "Tin Ka Ping Mainland Scholars and Senior Administrators Exchange Programme" was held on 3-9 November 2013 on campus at Lingnan University. The kick-off ceremony was officiated by Mr Tai Hay-lap, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Tin Ka Ping Foundation, and President Leonard K Cheng. A total of 11 scholars and senior administrators from Beijing Normal University, Donghua University, Fujian Normal University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Northwest Normal University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shenyang Normal University, Tianjin University, University of International Business and Economics and Wuhan University participated in the Programme this year, during which Lingnan's department heads and representatives introduced them to our liberal arts curriculum and activities. Prof Haydn H D Chen, Vice Rector (Student Affairs) of the University of Macau, was featured as a guest speaker to share his insight and experience in promoting and implementing liberal arts education in Taiwan and Macau.
 - (c) The University had achieved a major success in the Research Grants Council Award. Lingnan and another local university top the award list in the Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme.

(d) Ms Tam Tsz-ying, Sally, Year 2 accounting student, has won the 8th China Youth Innovation Technology Award organised by the China Youth Federation.

4. The Council RECEIVED the progress report of the Search Committee for New Vice-President, *inter alia*, the expansion of the membership of the Search Committee from nine to a maximum of eleven to include an additional staff representative from the Faculty of Social Sciences nominated by the President and an alumnus/alumna to be nominated by the Lingnan University Students' Union.
5. The Council RE-APPOINTED Mr Anthony NG Kwai-wah as the Vice-Chairman of the Christian Activities Committee for a term of two years from 20 February 2014.
6. The Council APPROVED the following appointments/re-appointments of the Board of Governors of the Community College at Lingnan University and Lingnan Institute of Further Education (BoG):

Appointment

- (a) Mr LI Kam-kee and Mr WONG David as members of the BoG with immediate effect until 15 April 2016;
- (b) Mr YIP Chi-sio as a member of the BoG for a term of two years with effect from 27 February 2014;
- (c) Mr MUI Lok-wood as a member of the BoG for a term of two years with effect from 16 April 2014; and

Re-appointment

- (d) Dr Frank LAW Sai-kit and Mr Sammy LEUNG Chung-sing as members of the BoG for a term of two years with effect from 16 April 2014.

7. The Council CONSIDERED the recommendations from the Senate on the Review of Lingnan University Statute 4 and RESOLVED that the Rules of Procedure for Council and University Committee Meetings and the Committee Rules shall be in use until further changes proposed. The Council also APPROVED some editorial changes to Section 10.14 and Section 12.3 of the Lingnan University Statute 4 respectively as follows:
 - (a) Section 10.14 – ‘The proceedings of a meeting or any part thereof shall not be audio-recorded or video-recorded without the Chairman’s consent and the knowledge of all those present.’
 - (b) Section 12.3 – ‘The form of circular to be sent to members shall be approved by the Chairman before dispatch and thereafter separate copies shall be sent simultaneously to all members, who shall be requested to clearly indicate their decision as appropriate.’
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 covered student activities area between the Amenities Building and the Dorothy Y.L. Wong Building (Skylight Project); and
 - (c) the footbridge linking the Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building and Indoor Sports Complex to the Existing Public Footbridge.
9. The Council APPROVED the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:
- (a) the University's Draft Revised Income and Expenditure Forecast for 2013-14 for All Activities;
 - (b) the Draft Revised Income and Expenditure Forecast for 2013-14 for UGC Recurrent Grant Funded Activities;
 - (c) the Draft Revised Income and Expenditure Forecast for 2013-14 for the Community College; and
 - (d) the Draft Revised Income and Expenditure Forecast for 2013-14 for the Lingnan Institute of Further Education;
 - (e) the tuition fees for non-local students be increased from the current HK\$110,000 per annum to HK\$120,000 per annum for the 2014-15 intake.
10. The Council also NOTED the revised terms of reference and membership composition of the Investment Sub-Committee under the Finance Committee.

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