

## LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

### A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 21 February 2022

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms CHAN Ka Chai Clara, Mrs DALEY MAK Hing Fun Angel, Professor Peter DUFFY, Mr HUI Wah Kit Michael, Dr LAI Wan Lung Kent and Mr LUNG Ka Lun Alan 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 University has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with Dong-A University (Korea), EM Normandie Business School (France), Northeast Normal University (China), Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (China), Toulouse Business School (France), Tsinghua University (China), University of Cambridge (the UK), University of Essex (the UK), University of Groningen (the Netherlands) and Ural Federal University, Graduate School of Economics and Management (Russia).
  - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with Almaty Management University (Kazakhstan), Chonnam National University (Korea), Mills College (the US), National Taiwan University (Taiwan) and University of Asia and the Pacific (Philippines).
  - (c) The Senate approved the proposal for upgrading and renaming the Centre for Humanities Research to The Advanced Institute for Global Chinese Studies [環球中國文化高等研究院], which shall be a Faculty-level research centre under the Faculty of Arts, from 16 January 2022.
  - (d) LU is gratified by UGC's commendations for its Annual Report on Knowledge Transfer (KT) for 2020-21. The UGC appreciates LU's passion and commitment to driving the creation and adoption of people-centric innovations with high social values.
  - (e) LU scholars are listed among the top 2% of the world's most-cited scientists by Stanford University in the US, viz. Professor MOK Ka Ho, Professor SIU Oi Ling, Professor PUN Ngai, Professor WONG Man Leung, Professor XIE Haoran, Professor Dean TJOSVOLD, and the late Professors Michael FIRTH and Ray FORREST.
  - (f) LU and Shenzhen University have established the Shenzhen University-Lingnan University Joint Research Programme to provide joint funding to support research projects to be jointly undertaken by scholars from the two universities.
  - (g) LU invention 12° Mask (Transparent Anti-COVID-19 Mask) has received a new award, namely Good Design Award 2021 by The Chicago Athenaeum in December 2021.

- (h) The University has recorded a 37.8% increase in the number of applications in the first round application for 2022-23 JUPAS admission which is the highest percentage increase among the eight UGC-funded universities.
  - (i) LU has decided, starting from 1 January 2022, to fly the national flag daily and to hold weekly flag raising ceremonies and special flag raising ceremony on six occasions every year on campus. LU has formed Hong Kong's first university student flag raising team. Upon completion of the professional flag raising training programme, the team will take up the on-campus national flag raising duty.
  - (j) LU students have received awards respectively in China Telecom Scholarship, Wen Wei Po Future Star Scholarship.
  - (k) 9 LU students have been appointed as Hong Kong Young Ambassadors for 2020-21.
  - (l) Over 250 staff and students of LU and other higher education institutions participated in the National Security Legislation Online Sharing Session on 29 November 2021. A total of around 58 staff attended the Seminar on the Hong Kong National Security Law on 24 January 2022.
3. The Council RECEIVED the following:
- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings held on 20 September 2021 and 1 November 2021,
  - (b) Confirmed minutes and a summary of discussions and decisions of the meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) held on 30 September 2021,
  - (c) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
  - (d) Report from the Finance Committee,
  - (e) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee,
  - (f) Report from the Lingnan Education Organization Limited (LEO) Donation Management Committee, and
  - (g) Report from the Staffing Committee.
4. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the re-appointment of Dr CHAN Wai Kai Benjamin to the BoG of LIFE under the category of "Three members nominated by the University Council" with effect from 27 February 2022 for another term of two years,
  - (b) the re-appointment of two co-opted members, Mr NG Leung Sing and Mr Henry SAM to continue to serve the Institutional Advancement Committee for another term of two years,
  - (c) the 2021-22 Income and Expenditure Revised Forecast,
  - (d) the proposal on Early Retirement for Group 1 and Group 2 Staff Members as endorsed by the Staffing Committee,
  - (e) the proposed establishment of a new standing committee under the Council, namely "Committee on LU's Mainland Development",
  - (f) the proposed establishment of a search committee for new President, and
  - (g) the Strategic Plan for 2022-2028.

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