

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 16 June 2023

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms NG Wai Ming Irene (Director of Student Affairs and a member elected by the Senate) who attended the Council meeting for the first time. The Council also WELCOMED Professor S. Joe QIN who attended the Council meeting as the President Designate.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr LUI Ngok Che Augustine whose term of office as a member of the Council would be completed on 31 July 2023.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:
 - (a) LU has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Beijing Technology and Business University, China
 - Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
 - (b) LU has signed an agreement with Foshan University (佛山科學技術學院) and China Taiping Insurance (Hong Kong) Company Limited (中國太平保險(香港)有限公司) on Education and Research.
 - (c) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Linköping University, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Sweden
 - University of Hertfordshire, the UK
 - (d) LU has recorded good results in the Research Grants Council (RGC) Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) 2023-24. The success rate of 87.5% was the highest in LU's own history and it was a good milestone of the University.
 - (e) LU was ranked 8th in the Best Psychology Universities in China 2023 ranking conducted by Research.com.
 - (f) The overall ranking of LU has improved by approximately 17% in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 with its strengths in Philosophy, Social Policy and Administration. LU was the only university in Hong Kong that showed significant progress overall.
 - (g) LU has achieved continued success in the recently released Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023, viz. "Quality Education" (UN Sustainable Development Goal 4) being ranked 2nd globally. LU was ranked top 3 worldwide in four consecutive years in THE's Impact Rankings which was important to LU as a liberal arts institution. The overall impact ranking of LU has moved up 100 places and was ranked 6th among participating institutions from the Greater China region.
 - (h) LU and Shenzhen Bao'an District Human Resources Bureau signed the cooperation framework agreement, and unveiled the plaque for the establishment of the "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Talent Training Practice Base" on LU campus on 14 April 2023.

- (i) Two LU students have received the Appreciation and Merit awards respectively in the 12th Hong Kong Universities Literature Prizes 2022-23.
 - (j) Three LU students and one student from another local university formed a team, namely “Carbon Recycling Engineering” has been admitted to the Cyberport University Partnership Programme which was supported by the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund.
3. The Council RECEIVED the following:
- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings held on 13 March and 17 April 2023,
 - (b) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
 - (c) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
 - (d) Report from the Committee on LU’s Mainland Development,
 - (e) Report from the Finance Committee, and
 - (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee.
4. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the appointment of Mr CHUNG Kwok Keung Simon and Ms CHAN Ka Chai Clara respectively as Chairman and Member of the Audit Committee with effect from 1 August 2023,
 - (b) the updated list of “Authorized Signatories for Bank/Securities Accounts” and the authority for applying for Internet Banking services in respect of the existing University’s bank accounts to be delegated to the Director of Finance on the effective date of the re-organisation of the former Office of the Comptroller, i.e. 24 April 2023, and
 - (c) the updates on the Guidelines for Solicitation and Acceptance of Donations and Sponsorships.
5. The Council CONFIRMED its meeting dates for the academic year 2023-24, viz. 30 October 2023, 26 February 2024, 29 April 2024 and 17 June 2024.
6. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to the President who would retire after August 2023.

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