

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on February 22, 2011:

1. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the Academic Development Proposals (ADP) which the University prepared for the Triennium 2012-15 for submission to the University Grants Committee; NOTED in discussion that strategic leadership was important for the development of the University and that the Council should be duly involved in the process of developing the University strategy; and AGREED that a copy of the ADP (without annexes) be circulated to members so that members could make suggestions on how the University could develop in the next three years.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Bills Committee held on February 9, 2011; in discussing the request from members of the Bills Committee to consider further amending the Ordinance and Statutes of the University to provide for LegCo representation on HKU Council, REAFFIRMED that the basic principle of trusteeship should be firmly upheld and that the request of the LegCo for inclusion of a special membership category of LegCo members should not be acceded to noting that there were possibilities for the LegCo members to be elected/appointed to the Council under the current mechanism; and with regard to the request of the Academic Staff Association of the University of Hong Kong and the University of Hong Kong Employees Union for the retention of the old academic title of "Lecturer" in order to enable academic-related staff, for whom Council decided in principle during the Human Resource Management (Phase I) Reform that they be retitled as "Lecturer I/II/III" in future, to be given the status of "Teacher" and the statutory provision of "good cause" protection, SUPPORTED the Vice-Chancellor's plan to meet the two staff associations to explain the matter further with a view to persuading them to support the Bill.
3. The Council RECEIVED a paper from the Vice-Chancellor on the reorganization of the University administration and management; and APPROVED unanimously the proposed creation of an administrative arm in the Senior Management Team, as well as the interim arrangements, subject to the refinement of the various arrangements to take into account members' comments.
4. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Robert Black College Committee of Management, the amendments to the membership composition of the Robert Black College Committee of Management.
5. The Council RECEIVED from the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education its Annual Report and Financial Report for the year 2009-10.