

# THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## Senate

### Briefing Notes No. 3

The third meeting in the 2010-11 academic year of the Senate was held on 9 March 2011. The major items dealt with at that meeting were as follows.

The Master of Science Programme in Women's Health Studies was phased out, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, and would no longer be offered with effect from 2011-12.

The following new programmes, as recommended by the Graduate Council or the University Extension Board, would be introduced with effective dates shown:

	Programme	With effect from
1	Master of Arts Programme in Teaching Chinese as an International Language	2011-12
2	Master of Science Programme in Economics (part of a Dual Degree Programme to be offered by the Graduate Division of Economics and partnered with the HSBC Business School of Peking University at Shenzhen)	2011-12
3	Master of Science Programme in Genomics and Bioinformatics	2011-12
4	Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Genomics and Bioinformatics	2011-12
5	Master of Social Science Programme in Public Policy	2011-12
6	Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Health Education	2011-12
7	Higher Diploma Programme in Popular Culture and Media Studies	September 2011

Major revisions of the study scheme of the Master of Divinity Programme and the programme structure of the Leadership Development Programme were approved.

The proposed framework for the College General Education Programme of Lee Woo Sing College was approved.

The annual reports of 2009-10 from the following committees were received, and the Chairmen of some committees supplemented the submission with a verbal report to the Senate:

- Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning
- Senate Committee on General Education
- Senate Committee on University Press
- Undergraduate Examinations Board

The establishment and operation of two dedicated committees responsible for re-approval of self-financed taught postgraduate and sub-degree programmes, and the progress made thereof were noted. For those taught postgraduate programmes with maximum validity of 6 years ending in the 2011-12 academic year, the end date was approved to be extended by one year to the end of 2012-13. Associate Degree programmes offered by The Chinese University of Hong Kong – Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College were allowed to admit students in 2012-13 before going through the re-validation process.

The establishment of an Institute of Environment, Energy and Sustainability was endorsed for approval by the Council.

In connection with the composition of Board of Faculty, it was agreed that the Board should include all the Professors (irrespective of their Pay Bands), 2 Associate Professors and 4 Assistant Professors within the Faculty concerned with effect from 1 October 2011, in accordance with the amended Statute 15.6 which came into operation on 1 March 2011. The 2 Associate Professors and 4 Assistant Professors will be elected on the basis of the same regulations used to elect Senior Lecturers and Lecturers/Assistant Lecturers to the Board. Any meeting of a Board of Faculty held between 1 March 2011 and 30 September 2011 which continued to adopt the original method for nominating the varying teacher grades of representatives before the above amendment of Statute 15.6 was deemed valid.

The proposed curricula of the Chinese Studies Programme, 64 Minor programmes and 18 double degree options under the new four-year (normative) curriculum for implementation in 2012-13 were approved, noting that all Minor programmes should require at least 6 units of courses at 3000 level or above, and that the programme proposals of the Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Social Science (Sociology), and the Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (Translation) double degree options would be subject to further discussion regarding the exemption of Faculty Package courses by the Boards of Faculties concerned.

The proposed policy on exemptions by attainment or equivalence from parts of the University Core Requirements under the new four-year (normative) curriculum for implementation in 2012-13 was approved.

The proposed exemptions for admission against FYFD quota with advanced standing and admission to senior-year places funded by the UGC with effect from the 2012-15 triennium were approved.

The regulatory issues in relation to the new four-year (normative) curriculum of undergraduate programmes for implementation in 2012-13 were approved to add clarity to the curriculum requirements.

A vote of thanks to Professor Billy K.L. So, Professor of History, Professor Lo Ven Hwei, Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, and Professor P.C. Ng, Professor of Paediatrics, was recorded for their significant contributions to the University, and in particular in their capacity as members of the Senate upon their retiring from the present post or leaving the University. A vote of thanks to Professor Leslie N.K. Lo, who continued to serve on the Senate as Professor of Educational Administration and Policy, for serving as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Education from 1 August 2010 to 28 February 2011 was also recorded.

The queries on several issues regarding the offering of double-degree options, how outcomes statements were phrased and arrangements for student exchange opportunities were heard from the newly elected student members and would be addressed by the relevant offices outside the Senate meeting.

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