

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**Summary Report of the 7th (2009) Council Meeting
(15th December, 2009)**

1. The Council NOTED that Professor Jack C.Y. Cheng and Professor Fok Tai-fai had been re-elected by the Senate as Members of the Honorary Fellowship Committee each for a further period of two years from 7th November, 2009.
2. The Council NOTED that Professor Peter T.S. Yum, Professor of Information Engineering, had been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Engineering with effect from 1st January, 2010 until the newly-appointed Dean of the Faculty of Engineering assumed office, who, would serve as *ex officio* Member of the Council for the same period.
3. The Council at its 5th (2009) meeting held on 20th October, 2009 passed a special resolution, in accordance with Sections 2(2), 13(1), and Statute 11.8(1)(a) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance, for amendments to be made to the Statutes of the University as set out in the Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2009 [Amendment Statutes], subject to approval thereof by the Chancellor.

Subsequently, in view of the grievances lodged by some Instructor grade staff, and having made reference to the views expressed by members of the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council, the University appointed an Ad Hoc Working Group consisting of two Pro-Vice-Chancellors and a professor to hear the views of the Instructors on the statutory definition of “teacher” and related matters. Pending the submission of report by the said Ad Hoc Working Group and in order that the other parts of the Amendment Statutes would not be unduly delayed, the statutory definition of “teacher” as originally proposed had been removed from the Amendment Statutes for the purpose of this statutory amendment exercise. After further consultation with the Law Drafting Division of the Department of Justice, the further revised Amendment Statutes had been submitted again for approval, to provide for

- (a) the reorganization of the Senate;
- (b) the inclusion of Associate Deans and Assistant Deans of the Faculty concerned and one student member to the membership of each Board of Faculty;
- (c) the removal of the detailed administrative procedures for making University appointments from the Statutes, to allow such procedures to be determined by the Council from time to time; and
- (d) the conferring of a new master’s degree, the Master of Nursing Science (M.N.Sc.) and a new doctoral degree, the Doctor of Nursing (D. Nurs.) by the University.

The Council PASSED a special resolution, in accordance with Sections 2(2), 13(1), and Statute 11.8(1)(a) of the Ordinance, and subject to the approval thereof by the Chancellor, for amendments to be made to the Statutes of the University as set out in the Attachment to the Document C09/701 “Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2010” and AUTHORIZED the Secretary of the University to sign the said Amendment Statutes.

4. The Council ELECTED/RE-ELECTED the following persons, as Members of the Council:-
 - (a) Mr. Chien Lee as Member of the Council for a period of three years from 16th December, 2009; and
 - (b) Dr. Ho Tzu-leung as Member of the Council for a further period of three years from 21st January, 2010.
5. The Council APPOINTED Dr. Edgar W.K. Cheng as Senior Adviser to the Council with effect from 16th December, 2009.
6. The Council APPOINTED Dr. Paul M.L. Kan as Member of the Campus Planning and Building Committee for a period of three years from 16th December, 2009, provided that Dr. Kan shall cease to be Member of the said Committee if he ceases to be Member of the Council.
7. The Council RE-APPOINTED Mr. Chien Lee as Member of the following Council committees to serve out his originally unexpired periods of Committee membership as specified:-

| | <u>Periods</u> |
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| Executive Committee of the Council | 16th December, 2009 to 24th February, 2010 |
| Audit Committee | 16th December, 2009 to 24th February, 2010 and |
| Finance Committee | 16th December, 2009 to 9th December, 2010 |
| Terms of Service Committee | 16th December, 2009 to 14th April, 2012 |

provided that Mr. Lee shall cease to be Members of the said Committees if he ceases to be Member of the Council.

8. The Council RE-ELECTED Dr. William K.L. Fung and Mr. Chien Lee, and RE-APPOINTED Mr. Peter H.Y. Wong as Members of the Audit Committee, each for a further term of three years from 25th February, 2010, provided that Dr. Fung and Mr. Lee shall cease to be Members of the said Committee if they cease to be Members of the Council.

9. The Council APPROVED the audited Financial Statements of the University and the Annual Return on the Use of University Grants Committee Funds, both for the year ended 30th June, 2009 and the two Representation Letters, and RECEIVED the Treasurer's Report thereon.
10. The Council RECEIVED the audited Financial Statements of the Staff Superannuation Scheme (1995) and the Terms of Service (C) Staff Terminal Gratuity Scheme for the year ended 30th June, 2009.
11. The Council APPROVED the renewal of a loan facility of up to HK\$120 million from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for a further year from 1st January to 31st December, 2010 for the continued implementation of the Staff Loan Scheme.
12. The Council APPROVED the appointment of Professor Yau Shing-tung, Distinguished Professor-at-Large of the University, as an additional Director of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation, Inc. incorporated in the United States of America, initially for a period of five years from 16th December, 2009.
13. The Council APPROVED the acceptance of gifts and the naming of facilities.
14. The Council HEARD from the Vice-Chancellor that the Legislative Council would consider the Public Officers Pay Adjustment Bill on 16th December, 2009. Subject to the passage of the said Bill, there would be a pay freeze for civil service employees in the lower and middle salary bands; and a pay cut of 5.38% for those in the upper salary band (and above) with effect from 1st January, 2010.

The Council APPROVED in principle the recommendation of the Administrative and Planning Committee for adopting the civil service pay adjustment and that a pay cut of 5.38% be implemented in the University similar to the civil service pay adjustment (depending on the final percentage of pay adjustment approved by the Legislative Council) for those appointees whose salaries were within the upper salary band (and above) in the civil service with effect from 1st January, 2010. Following the passage of the Public Officers Pay Adjustment Bill by the Legislative Council, the University Council would be requested to approve (*via* Council Circular and postal vote) the proposed pay adjustment to be implemented in the University.

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