

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Senate

Briefing Notes No. 1

The first meeting in the 2010-11 academic year of the Senate was held on 13 October 2010. Before the meeting began, the Senate welcomed Professor Joseph J Y Sung, in the usual manner, to his first meeting of the Senate as Vice-Chancellor and Senate Chairman.

The major items dealt with (not including businesses regarded as in the reserved area) at that meeting were as follows.

The following programmes were phased out, on the recommendation of the relevant Board of the Faculty or University Extension Board, and would no longer be offered with effective dates shown:

	Programme	With effect from
1	Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Chinese Language and Literature	2010-11
2	Master of Social Science Programme in Applied Social Research	2010-11
3	Professional Diploma Programme in Management of Extra-curricular Activities in Primary Schools	2010-11
4	Professional Diploma Programme in Management of Extra-curricular Activities in Secondary Schools	2010-11
5	Professional Diploma Programme in Putonghua in Early Childhood Education	immediate

The following programmes would have their mode converted or title changed, as approved by the Graduate Council, with effective dates shown:

	Programme	With effect from
1	From M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes in Public Health to the articulated M.Phil.-Ph.D. Programme	2011-12
2	From M.Phil. Programme in Food and Nutritional Sciences to the articulated M.Phil-Ph.D Programme	2011-12
3	From Ph.D. and M.Phil. Programmes in Medical Imaging to Ph.D. and M.Phil. Programmes in Imaging and Interventional Radiology	2010-11

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

	Programme	With effect from
1	Ph.D. Programme in Food and Nutritional Sciences	2011-12
2	Master of Science Programme in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences	in 2010-11
3	Master of Science Programme in Geriatric Orthopaedics	2011-12
4	Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Geriatric Orthopaedics	2011-12
5	Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Critical Care Nursing	2011-12
6	Professional Diploma Programme in Management of Student Activities in Primary and Secondary Schools	2010-11
7	Advanced Diploma Programme in Oncology Nursing	December 2010
8	Diploma Programme in Advanced French	January 2011
9	Advanced Diploma Programme in Financial Accounting	March 2011
10	Diploma Programme in Financial Accounting	March 2011
11	Professional Diploma Programme in Wealth and Client Management	March 2011

A major revision of the study scheme of the Master of Chinese Medicine Programme was approved, whereby the overall percentage of units required from undergraduate courses, over and above the number of units normally required from postgraduate courses, was below the 15% limit as stipulated in the *General Framework of Taught Postgraduate Programmes* that had previously been approved by the Senate.

On the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, the *Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine* were amended with immediate effect by increasing the number of “other members” in the M.D. Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of the Faculty from four to five.

A waiver of the *General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies* was granted for three courses, “Introduction to Pharmacy” (PHAR1000), “Linear Algebra I” (MATH1030) and “Tutorial Seminar” (MATH1503), which were recoded to 1000 level courses with effect from 2010-11, to be included in the Major GPA calculation for the respective Major Programmes.

The document *Duties and Functions of Boards of Departments* was revised, noting that the amendments were consequential of the appointed deanship system, and that the role of the Department Board in regard to departmental one-line budget mirrored that of the Senate in regard to the University’s budget as set out in Statute 14.4.(p).

A paper that sets out some proposed measures to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Senate as suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization of the Senate in its report submitted to the Senate in 2008 was approved. The new measures have been incorporated in the revised *Standing Orders and Meeting Procedures* of the Senate.

The Chairman of the Senate announced his intention to extend invitations to the Master and a student representative from Morningside College and S.H. Ho College to attend meetings of the Senate as observers with effect from the following meeting, and it was noted that similar invitations would also be extended to the other new Colleges as they became operational.

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