

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Senate

Briefing Notes No. 2

The second meeting in the 2010-11 academic year of the Senate was held on 8 December 2010. 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 Board of the Faculty of Social Science or the University Extension Board, and would no longer be offered with effective dates shown:

	Programme	With effect from
1	Master of Arts Programme in Social Policy (offered by the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Social Science and jointly organized with the Department of Social Work and Social Policy, Nankai University, China)	2011-12
2	Certificate Programme in Traditional Chinese Medicine Skin Care	September 2011

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

	Programme	With effect from
1	Asian Business Studies Stream under the Integrated BBA Programme	2011-12
2	Minor Programme in Biomedical Engineering	2011-12
3	Diploma Programme in Cosmetic Studies and Management	January 2011
4	Diploma Programme in Financial Planning	February 2011
5	Advanced Diploma Programme in Composition and Digital Music	March 2011
6	Diploma Programme in Composition and Digital Music	March 2011
7	Advanced Professional Diploma Programme in Financial Accounting	March 2011
8	Certificate Programme in Chinese Medicine Skin Care	May 2011

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

- Senate Committee on Student Discipline
- Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions
- Senate Committee on University Scholarships

A report on the student complaint cases dealt with since the implementation of the *Procedures for dealing with Student Complaints* was also received at the meeting.

Three Psychology courses, “Perspectives in Human Sexuality” (PSYC1040), “Psychology of the Chinese People” (PSYC1620) and “Psychology of Interpersonal Communication” (PSYC1630), were recoded to 1000 level in 2010-11. A waiver of the *General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies* was granted, on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Social Science, so that these courses could be included in the calculation of Major GPA of the Programme for students taking these courses in 2011-12 and before.

A change in the curriculum design of Associate Degree (AD) Programmes offered by The Chinese University of Hong Kong – Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College with effect from 2012-13 and the progress of the curriculum revision of Higher Diploma (HD) Programmes offered by the School of Continuing and Professional Studies in accordance with the new Common Descriptors of AD and HD Programmes were noted. The fact that AD Programmes will contain 60% of generic

courses whilst HD Programmes will incorporate 60% of discipline-specific courses will be of particular interest to Departments and Programmes intending to admit sub-degree graduates to the senior years of their major programmes.

A revision to the composition and terms of reference of the Senate Staff-Student Consultative Committee was approved, whereby the numbers of both staff representatives from each College and student representatives nominated by the Students Union would be reduced and that the University Dean of Students would be specified as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on an *ex-officio* basis with immediate effect. Under the revised composition, there will be more student than staff members on the Committee.

The Start Letter issued by the UGC in connection with the Academic Development Planning for the 2012-15 triennium was noted. An additional meeting of the Senate will be held to consider a draft of the University's Academic Development Proposal (ADP) for 2012-15 before it is submitted to the UGC by 15 February 2011.

The proposed new four-year curriculum of undergraduate programmes for implementation in 2012-13 was approved in principle, and the revised requirement of 18-30 units of specified courses for a Minor under the four-year curriculum was approved.

A vote of thanks to Professor Kung Hsiang Fu, Professor of Virology, and Professor Leung Ki Che, Angela, Professor of History, 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.

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