

**A list of the decisions made by the Council
at its meeting on 8 June 2010**

**Appointments to the Board of Trustees of the Hong Kong Baptist University
1998 Superannuation Fund**

1. At the election exercise conducted in March 2010 for the purpose of filling two seats for elected Fund members on the Board of Trustees of the Hong Kong Baptist University 1998 Superannuation Fund which would fall vacant on 1 May 2010, Dr. Patrick W.C. Lau and Prof. Stephen R. Palmquist were elected to serve as Trustees of the Fund, for a term lasting from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2013 and from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2012 respectively. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper:
 - (a) to appoint Dr. Patrick W.C. Lau and Prof. Stephen R. Palmquist as Trustees of the Hong Kong Baptist University 1998 Superannuation Fund, for a term lasting from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2013 and from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2012 respectively;
 - (b) to release Ms. Pauline P.L. Yeung as a Trustee of the Hong Kong Baptist University 1998 Superannuation Fund with effect from 1 May 2010; and
 - (c) to authorise the Council Secretary to notify Dr. Patrick W.C. Lau and Prof. Stephen R. Palmquist of their appointment and Ms. Pauline P.L. Yeung of her release as Trustees as set out in (a) and (b) above respectively.

Acceptance of donation for the Academy of Film

2. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper:
 - (a) to accept the donation of \$12.46 million from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for the purpose of procuring equipment for the setting up of the Television and Film Studio of the Academy of Film; and
 - (b) to name the Television and Film Studio of the Academy of Film after The Hong Kong Jockey Club in recognition of the donation set out under (a) above.

Acceptance of donations

3. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper:
 - (a) to accept from the Wu Jieh Yee Charitable Foundation Limited a donation of \$20 million designated for the Centre for Cancer and Inflammation Research in Hong Kong of the School of Chinese Medicine;
 - (b) to name the Centre set out under (a) above in memory of Ms. Shum Yiu Foon and Ms. Shum Bik Chuen;
 - (c) to accept from the Cheung On Tak Charity Foundation a donation of \$10 million of which \$6 million will be used to establish an Endowment Fund for the International Award for Outstanding Contributions to Chinese Medicine while the remaining \$4 million will be used to establish an Endowment Fund for Institutional Advancement; and
 - (d) to name the Endowment Funds set out under (c) above in accordance with an agreement to be reached between the Cheung On Tak Charity Foundation and the University Administration.

2010-11 University Recurrent Budget and the 2010-11 budgets for the School of Continuing Education, Chaplain's Office, Student Residence Halls and Dr. Ng Tor Tai International House

4. The Council resolved to approve for implementation the 2010-11 University Recurrent Budget and the 2010-11 budgets for the School of Continuing Education, Chaplain's Office, Student Residence Halls and Dr. Ng Tor Tai International House.

Tuition fees for UGC-funded programmes in 2010-11

5. The Council resolved:
 - (a) to maintain the 2010-11 tuition fees for UGC-funded undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered by the University and other related fees at the 2009-10 levels; and

- (b) in the event that the actual tuition fee for full-time degree courses in 2010-11 announced by the Government turns out to be different from that in 2009-10, the tuition and other related fees mentioned in (a) above will be adjusted accordingly, without the need to seek the Council's approval again.

Revision of the rates of Private Tenancy Allowance

6. Following a downward adjustment of the Privacy Tenancy Allowance (PTA) rates in the Civil Service with effect from 1 April 2010, the Council resolved to adopt the revised PTA rates with retroactive effect from 1 April 2010 for application to eligible staff starting a new tenancy agreement on or after 1 April 2010.

Proposed changes to the HKBU Statutes

7. The Senate approved at its meeting on 22 February 2010 the launch in 2010-11 of a Master of Human Resources Management programme. The Council therefore approved the addition of the Master of Human Resources Management (MHRM) to the list of degrees which may be conferred by the University as stipulated in paragraph 1 of Statute IX of the HKBU Statutes.
8. The membership composition of the Senate stipulated in paragraph 1 of Statute IV of the HKBU Statutes includes among others the Director of Information Technology Services Centre as an *ex officio* member. As a result of the merger of the Information Technology Services Centre and the Information Systems Section of the General Administration Office to form the Office of Information Technology, the membership composition of the Senate should be amended to reflect this development. In addition, the Senate had resolved at its meeting on 19 April 2010 that the Director of Centre for Holistic Teaching and Learning should be made an *ex officio* member of the Senate with effect from 1 September 2010. The Council therefore resolved to approve the change of the Director of Information Technology Services Centre to the Director of Office of Information Technology in, and the addition of the Director of Centre for Holistic Teaching and Learning to, the membership composition of the Senate stipulated in paragraph 1 of Statute IV of the HKBU Statutes.

Search Committee for Vice-President (Research and Development)

9. After a review of the responsibilities of Vice-President (Research and Institutional Advancement), the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Council had proposed that one of the functions of this Vice-President, namely fundraising, should be taken up by the President and Vice-Chancellor, who would be assisted by an Associate Vice-President in this area of work. The Committee had further proposed that this position should be retitled to Vice-President (Research and Development) since the incumbent would oversee research and development work including but not limited to knowledge transfer, internationalisation, and coordination of mainland activities. The Council resolved:

- (a) to retitle the position of Vice-President (Research and Institutional Advancement) to Vice-President (Research and Development); and
- (b) to form a Search Committee for Vice-President (Research and Development) with the following membership composition and terms of reference:

Membership composition

Chairman: Deputy Chairman of Council

Members: Treasurer of Council

An external Council member to be invited by the Chairman

President and Vice-Chancellor, *ex officio*

A Dean of Faculty/School to be elected from amongst the Deans (the Elected Dean)

A Senate member (who is an academic staff member not from the same Faculty/School of the Elected Dean and is not an Associate Vice-President or a Dean) to be nominated by the Senate (the Nominated Senate Member)

A Chair Professor (who is not from the same Faculty/School of the Elected Dean or the Nominated Senate Member) to be invited by the Chairman

Secretary: Secretary to the Personnel Committee

Terms of reference

- (a) To take appropriate measures to search for candidates for the position of Vice-President (Research and Development) (VPRD);
- (b) To consider, in the course of the search process, the need for and the possibility of any further changes to the portfolio of responsibilities of the VPRD position in order to ensure appropriate sharing of leadership responsibilities among members of the senior management team;
- (c) To appoint an interview panel if deemed necessary; and
- (d) To make a recommendation to the Council on the most suitable candidate to take up the position.