

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**Summary Report of the 1st (2009) Council Meeting  
(20th January, 2009)**

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1. The Council RE-ELECTED Dr. Raymond P.L. Kwok as Vice-Chairman of the Council for a further period of two years from 2nd March, 2009.
2. The Council APPROVED the proposed establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Reorganization of the Council and related matters, as recommended by the Task Force on University Governance. Having regard to the recommendations of the Sutherland Report and of the Audit Commission, and in accordance with the previous decisions and recommendations of the Council, the Council's Task Force on University Governance and the Panel of External Experts on the said subject and related matters, in particular that the size of the Council should be reduced to about 25 members, the Ad Hoc Committee will recommend to the Task Force on University Governance for its consideration the desirable composition and committee structure of the reorganized Council, its relationship with its Executive Committee, as well as the need to establish a Court as an advisory body. The Ad Hoc Committee might take views from members of the University to facilitate its work. The composition of the Ad Hoc Committee is given in Attachment 1.
3. The Council RECEIVED the letter from the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council dated 16th October, 2008, and SUPPORTED the call for a higher degree of transparency relating to the governance of the University. The Council also AGREED with the Heads of Universities Committee and their common stand on the proposed establishment of an elected independent inter-institutional complaints committee. A reply letter on this matter was sent to the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council as set out in Attachment 2.
4. The Council APPROVED the establishment of the School of Architecture under the Faculty of Social Science in place of the existing Department of Architecture with effect from 1st August, 2009, as recommended by the Senate.
5. 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, 2008 and the two Representation Letters, and RECEIVED the Treasurer's Report thereon, as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee.
6. 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, 2008, as recommended by the Trustees and endorsed by the Finance Committee.
7. The Council APPROVED the appointment of Honorary Fellows at the Eighth Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony to be held on Monday, 18th May, 2009, as recommended by the Honorary Fellowship Committee. The names of the awardees will be announced later.

8. The Council APPROVED the revised composition of the Campus Planning and Building Committee by adding the Pro-Vice-Chancellor with responsibility for Campus Development of the University as a Member with effect from 21st January, 2009.
9. The Council RECEIVED the report of the University Tender Board for 2007-08.
10. The Council APPROVED the appointment of the first six Fellows of Morningside College (Attachment 3).
11. The Council APPROVED the acceptance of gifts, as recommended by the Administrative and Planning Committee.
12. The Council APPROVED the appointment of Professor Henry N.C. Wong, Professor of Chemistry and concurrently Head of New Asia College, as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University for a period of two years from 1st February, 2009.
13. The Council APPROVED the appointment of Professor Wong Tak-jun as the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration initially for a term of five years from 1st February, 2009, as recommended by the Vice-Chancellor after he had received the advice of the Search Committee concerned.
14. The Council WAS INFORMED at the meeting by Professor Lawrence J. Lau that he would retire from the Vice-Chancellorship of the University when his tenure expired in June 2010. Council Members expressed regret but they respected Professor Lau's decision. They thanked him for his outstanding contributions to the University. The Council Chairman remarked that under the able leadership of Professor Lau, the University had developed and grown to become a leading university in the world, and had made remarkable achievements in advancing the quality of its students, education and research. The full text of the Council Chairman's remarks is set out at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cpr/pressrelease/090120e.htm>.
15. The Council APPROVED the establishment of the Search Committee for the Appointment of the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with Statute 6 of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance, comprising the Council Chairman, three members nominated by the Council from among its number and three members nominated by the Senate from among its number. The Council NOMINATED Mr. Roger K.H. Luk, Dr. Anthony Neoh and Mr. Lau Sai-yung as members of the said Committee, and AUTHORIZED the Council Chairman to appoint the secretary and other staff members to service the said Committee.

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**Ad Hoc Committee on the Reorganization of the Council**

**Composition**

Chairman

Sir C.K. Chow

Members

Professor Kenneth Young (Pro-Vice-Chancellor)

Mr. Karl C.L. Kwok (College Trustee)

Professor Fung Kwok-pui (College Head)

Professor Fok Tai-fai (Faculty Dean)

Professor Chang Song-hing (College Fellow)

Professor Rance P.L. Lee (Elected by the Senate)

Mr. Chien Lee (Nominated by the Chancellor)

Mr. Dick M.K. Lee (Nominated by the Chancellor)

One Council Member representing the Legislative Council

- The Honourable Cheung Yu-yan, Tommy

Mr. Lau Sai-yung (Elected by the Convocation)

Secretary

Mr. Jacob Leung



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January 21, 2009

Miss Odelia Leung  
Clerk to Panel  
Panel on Education  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Miss Leung,

Panel on Education  
Grievance and Complaint Mechanism of  
the University Grants Committee-funded Institutions

With reference to your letter addressed to the Chairman of the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong dated October 16, 2008 on the captioned subject, I have been instructed to furnish you with the following reply:-

1. The Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (the Council) supports the call for a higher degree of transparency relating to the governance of the University, on the condition that any action in response to such a call must not affect
  - (a) the need to respect personal data privacy and to observe confidentiality (given that personnel, contractual and other matters related to institutional management that need to be kept confidential are deliberated by the Council);
  - (b) freedom of discussion at Council meetings; and
  - (c) institutional autonomy.
2. The Council is aware that there are established channels for its decisions to be made known within the University and, if appropriate, also to the public. Very often, matters related to policies, regulations and statutory provisions would have been communicated to the relevant persons by the respective administrative units and/or lower level committees, or even through open consultation, before recommendations on such matters are submitted to the Council for deliberation and approval.

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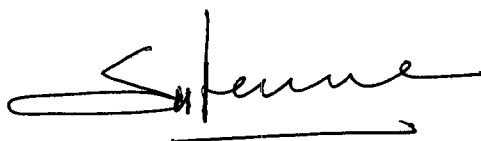
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3. In addition to the efforts to enhance the existing communication channels, the Council has agreed that in future, a summary report of the Council's decisions will be placed on the University's web after each Council meeting, except decisions relating to personal privacy, plans and proposals not yet finalized and any item the immediate release of which after the meeting or disclosure of such an item is considered inappropriate by the Council. We believe these measures will be an effective way to achieve the objective of enhancing transparency relating to university governance.
4. Regarding the proposed establishment of an elected independent inter-institutional complaints committee, the Council noted that the Heads of Universities Committee (HUCOM) had presented their common stand on the said matter to the University Grants Committee and the Education Bureau on October 16, 2008, and had asked them to convey HUCOM's stand to the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council. The Council agreed with HUCOM on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Jacob Leung  
Secretary of the University

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c.c. The Honourable Michael M.Y. Suen, Secretary for Education  
Mr. Michael V. Stone, Secretary-General, University Grants Committee  
Dr. Edgar W.K. Cheng, Chairman of the Council, CUHK  
Professor Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor, CUHK

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First Six Fellows of Morningside College

Professor Sir James A. Mirrlees

Professor John C.K. Lee

Professor Janny M.Y. Leung

Professor Billy K.L. So

Professor Leslie Young

Dr. Nancy E. Chapman