



CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG The Second Standing Committee of Convocation (2010-2011) Minutes of the 2nd Meeting Held on 17 April 2010

Present: Chairman Ms Karmen CHAN

Vice-ChairmanMr James KUVice-ChairmanMr Louis KWOKVice-ChairmanMr Joe LEEVice-ChairmanMr Anthony Ng

Members Mr Allen HO

Mr Danny HO Mr William KHOO Mr James KONG

Ms Iris LAM (via teleconferencing)

Mr Eddie LAU Mr Jeffrey TAM Mr Richard YEN

Convocation Secretary Ms Pheony TSANG

Absent with Apologies: Members Mr Patrick LEE

(Immediate Past Chairman)

Mr Cedric CHENG Ms Florence NG

In Attendance: Alumni Relations Officer

(ARO)

Ms Joyce SIU

CONFIRMATION OF THE LAST MINUTES

M1 Minutes of the 1st Meeting held on 2 January 2010 was CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Community Chest Flag Day Cheque & Award Presentation Ceremony

M2 The Chairman **SHARD** that Mr Allen Ho had attended the captioned event on behalf of the Convocation which acknowledged organisations contributed to Community Chest's voluntary work last year.

Completed

Invitation to voluntary services

M3 The Chairman SHARD that she had received two invitations of volunteer recruitments - 「香港五四青年節 2010:同夢同心—兩岸三地青年交流團」 and Raleigh Challenge Wilson Trail. She ADVISED Secretariat to forward the coming invitations to SC members as well.

Completed

Sharing of Strategic Goals of ARO

M4 The Convocation would focus on nurturing younger alumni, particularly those graduated within 10 years.

Ongoing

M5 AGREED that SC members could support "Career Net" to be launched by ARO.

SU Report on Convocation

M6 Chairman ADVISED Secretariat to comment on the SU Report on Chairman Convocation and send to Chairman. Chairman would follow up with SU direct.

In progress

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Shenzhen Reunion organised by ARO

M7 The Secretary **SHARED** that the captioned would most likely be held in the middle of June, pending for the confirmation of speaker.

M8 Five SC members indicated interest to join it if it would be held on a Saturday. The Secretary thanked SC members for their continual support to ARO.

Financial arrangement

- M9 The Secretary **SHARED** that the financial year of the University would SC members end on 30 June 2010. SC members were advised to reimburse any petty cash by 30 May.
- M10 **SHARED** that the time for getting approval of the University on Convocation project expenses was about 7 working days.
- M11 The Secretary further **SHARED** the University's guidelines on hospitality.

ITEMS FOR DECISION/ DISCUSSION

1. Discussion and confirmation of year plan (M7~33/2/1)

M12 **RECAPPED** the ongoing tasks and activities brainstormed in last meeting.

Facilitating alumni to set up alumni associations

- M13 RECAPPED that SC members would take a more active role to Cedric Cheng/ Ongoing encourage alumni groups in particular halls to set up alumni Jeffrey Tam associations and take part in alumni activities. Interested alumni groups would be encouraged to seek ARO's advice on how to form an alumni association.
- M14 SC members would also keep contact with existing alumni Iris Lam Ongoing associations and explore possibilities of co-hosting events.

 Ms Iris Lam would follow up the contact.

Revamp of Convocation homepage

- M15 **RECAPPED** that Convocation Homepage would be the official homepage while wiki would be kept as a subsidiary channel for alumni associations to post their activity information if there was need.
- M16 The Secretariat CIRCULATED the preliminary design of the Convocation homepage which was designed by a student helper to SC members.

M17 Mr James Kong, project-in-charge of Convocation homepage, would James Kong Communicate with the student helper and Secretariat, and report progress in next SC meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat arranged a meeting on 1 May.)

Facebook

- M18 Secretariat **RECAPPED** that a Facebook account had already been set James Kong up. A "fans" page would be launched once SC had decided the content. Mr James Kong would coordinate.
- M19 Mr Joe Lee would select three to five news on University Joe Lee Ongoing development for posting on the Convocation Facebook every two weeks, SC members were encouraged to suggest news for Joe's selection.
- M20 The Secretariat would liaise with CPRO for forwarding the Secretariat Completed University news on newspaper to the Chairman.
- M21 The Secretariat would collect photos for official events that SC Secretariat Ongoing members had attended and post them on facebook.

Shanghai Expo Tour in October

M22 AGREED not to include the captioned activity in the year plan.

Summer Camp

- M23 AGREED to organize a summer camp. Possible dates would be between 16-18 July. The Chairman SHARED that about 100 double-bed rooms would be available in hostel during that period upon her liaison with SRO.
- M24 **AGREED** the target groups would be alumni graduated before the establishment of the hostel.
- M25 Family activities such as taekwondo would be explored. SC members Danny Ho/ In progress were welcome to pass their suggestions to Mr Danny Ho and Richard Yen Mr Richard Yen.

Ex-SU Leader' Gathering

M26 The Chairman **UPDATED** that the captioned event, co-hosted by the Iris Lam/ Eddie In progress Convocation, ARO and Students Union, would be held on 17 July Lau tentatively. This might be regarded as part of the summer camp, too.

Talk

M27 AGREED that talks would be included in the year plan next year.

<u>2. Discuss the formation and nomination of working groups and advisors</u>

Constitutional Review Working Group

- M28 For the sake of maintaining neutrality, **AGREED** that SC members would not sit on the Constitutional Review Working Group, an independent one to be formed.
- M29 Alumni who were of legal or relevant knowledge would be invited to serve as members of this working group to be chaired by Associate Vice-President for Alumni Relations.
- M30 **SUGGESTED** that the members of this working group had to declare that they would not join any Convocation elections in the coming 6 years.
- M31 SC members were invited to give their suggestions on Constitutional Jeffrey Tam & In progress Review to the working group through Mr Jeffrey Tam. SC's SC members recommendations would be brought forth to the working group for discussion.

Convocation fundraising project

- M32 **REPORTED** that an alumni volunteer would help brainstorm ideas for Convocation fundraising project.
- M33 Secretariat to update the University areas that could apply for Secretariat In progress matching grant by liaising with Development Office (DO), and to arrange a meeting with DO.

Other working groups

M34 SC members were invited to give proposed name list of other working groups in next meeting.

3. External Communication

- M35 **SHARED** that Ms Iris Lam would take care of external communication Iris Lam Ongoing and public relations work for Convocation matters.
- M36 The Chairman SUGGESTED SC members to inform Ms Iris Lam if SC members Ongoing they were invited for interview in the capacity of Convocation

Standing Committee. Ms Iris Lam would read through the interview and select photos.

M37 The Chairman SUGGESTED the Secretariat to send materials to Secretariat Ongoing Ms Iris Lam and copied it to the Chairman before publishing.

M38 Mr Joe Lee would help read through Convocation messages to be Joe Lee Ongoing covered in media.

Event Calendar

M39 The Chairman **SUGGESTED** to set up an event calendar of SC Secretariat Ongoing members. The Secretariat would update events.

(Post-meeting note: The event calendar was created. The Secretariat had included events in March and April, and some other upcoming events in the Google calendar. Special thanks to James Kong for his sharing of IT advice.)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Vet School

- M40 **CONFIRMED** the stance of Convocation SC for supporting the proposed establishment of Vet School of CityU. SC would show support subject to upcoming progress.
- M41 Endorsement for subsequent support actions would be sought among SC members as appropriate.

IDD at Convocation Office

M42 **ADVISED** to be installed.

(Post-meeting notes: Secretariat would install IDD / IDD-compatible device before next SC meeting.)

Date for Annual General Meeting (AGM)

M43 **CONFIRMED** that the AGM would be held on 25 November 2010.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3pm on 15 May 2010

END

Prepared by the Secretariat