



Hong Kong University Students' Union Council

香港大學學生會評議會

Hong Kong University Students' Union Council, Session 2011 2nd Emergency Council Meeting [ECM2] Minutes

Date: 18th October 2011 (Tuesday)

Time: 18:49

Venue: University Council Chamber, 8/F, Meng Wah Complex

Attendance

Present: CC, HS, P, IVP, GS, FS, SWS, PS, CAS, AS, ICAP, CAP, RCA, RICA, HHR(s), LCHHR, LHHR, LHTHR, LSKHR, MHR, RCLHR, RHR, SCSHR, SJCR, SKYLHR, SWHR, UHR, WLHR, ASR, AAR, BEAR, DSR, EDSR, ENSR, MSR, SSR, SSSR, ECU, CTVC

Absent: UAS1, SAP, RSA, LAR

Absent due to attending less than half of the meeting (i.e. 4 hours): STHR

Absent due to being late for more than 45 minutes and without prior notification: N/A

0. Meeting call to order and sing the Union Song

Section A

1. To read out the correspondences

- IVP would late arrive at 19:30
- UAS1 would be absent due to the wild camp training program between 18 and 19 October 2011.
- PS would late arrive at 22:30 due to work.
- AS would late arrive at 19:00.
- SAP would be absent due to sports training.
- RSA would late arrive at 19:30.
- HHR would be substituted by his fellow executive committee member, Cheung Wai Hang, due to personal reason.
- RCLHR would early leave at 19:30 due to an emergency meeting of Fencing Club.
- STHR would late arrive at 23:00 due to an important practice.
- AAR would late arrive at 19:00.
- LAR would be absent because she was having a campaign in a camp in Cheung Chau.

2. To receive and adopt the agenda

Motion 1

To receive and adopt the amended agenda

Proposer: WU Wai Ting



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Seconder: LI Tsz Shu

Time received: 18:55

Resolution: There was no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 18:56

Motion 2

To vacate the chairmanship to Wong Po Kit for agenda items B1, B2

Proposer: TAI Yung Yin

Seconder: MA Ho Yin Michael

Time received: 18:58

Resolution: There was no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 18:59

Section B

1. To receive and adopt the amendments of Union Council By-laws concerning academic society

- CC presented the proposed amendments of Council By-laws to the Council.

Motion 3

To receive and adopt the amendments of Council By-laws concerning academic society

Proposer: TAM Chun Sing

Seconder: LI Tsz Shu

Time received: 19:13

Resolution: Voted by two-thirds majority.

Total vote: 30 For: 29 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Motion carried.

Time resolved: 19:15

2. To receive and adopt the report of Orientation Affairs Arbitration Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2011

- CC presented the report to the Council.

Motion 4

To receive and adopt the report of Orientation Affairs Arbitration Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2011

Proposer: TAM Chun Sing

Seconder: WU Wai Ting

Time received: 19:20



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Resolution: There was no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 19:20

3. To discuss the constitutional issue on election of Union Executives, Popularly Elected Union Councilors, Undergrad and Campus TV

- GS pointed out the discrepancy of deadline of nomination for elections of Union Executives, Popularly Elected Union Councilors, Undergrad and Campus TV.
- GS thought it was too late for printing a large batch of ballots on 17 January 2012.
- WLHR thought the date shall be on the exact day 3 weeks before the Election Day.
- GS reassured that it was too rush to print ballots in mid January 2012.
- P recommended further discussions in the upcoming Council meeting(s).

4. To hold the meeting session with members of Panel

- Mr. Lester Huang (黃嘉純先生), the Convener of the Review Panel on the Centenary Ceremony Held on August 18, gave an introduction of the meeting session to the Council members.
- WLHR asked Huang about the current progress of Review Panel.
- Huang emphasized the Review Panel had been willing to listen to the voice from students, and collected less than 50% of expected information at the moment.
- ECU expressed her concern over the security arrangement between the University and the Police (especially the arrangement at Swire Flyover).
- Mr. Simon S.C. Fung (馮成章先生), the alumni number, urged the Councilors to submit written descriptions about the course.
- MSR stated there was no open invitation to the students to join the Centenary Ceremony.
- ENSR was informed that students could attend the Centenary Ceremony as student helpers. No further explanation about the arrangement was provided.
- SKYLHR remembered that several hall SAs received the invitation to the Centenary Ceremony through phone calls, while WLHR received an informal email from a senior member of CEDARS Campus Life.
- LHHR and LHTHR said that they received the invitation on 10 August stating that a briefing session would be on 11 August.
- MHR had doubts about the selective invitation.
- SSSR said that for her faculty, students could attend the Centenary Ceremony as student ambassadors. It was an open recruitment.
- Huang encouraged the Council members to submit the relevant written records to the official email box of Review Panel.
- CAS concluded that there was very limited student participation in the Centenary Ceremony. Some students even were not informed. He concerned about the importance and role of student in the view of University.
- RCLHR intended to know what kind of information the Review Panel wanted to collect.
- Fung raised three important points:-
 - ✧ Security arrangement on 18 August (esp. KK Leung Building)
 - ✧ Protocol and arrangement of the Centenary Ceremony (inc. seating arrangement)
 - ✧ Post-818 response from the University



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- CAS thought the Union was not obligated to collect the students' views.
- CAS said that the Review Panel shall give reasons for not answering enquiries from students and media. Huang replied CAS that Dr. Leong Che-hung (梁智鴻醫生), the University Council Chairman, shall be responsible for answering students' enquiry. Huang further said that the Review Panel had some reports to the media for a few times after its meetings.
- Huang hoped that the Union could reconsider sending a representative to the Review Panel. The invitation had always been open.
- ECU asked why the University refused to establish an independent review committee.
- ECU thought that no matter how much opinions the Review Panel receive, the nature of such a 'private' investigation body would upset most of the University stakeholders and the public. Huang did not agreed with her view.
- P reported that he had joined the University Council as an independent trustee, and the comments from him shall not represent the Union.
- Prof. Johannes M.M. Chan (陳文敏教授), Dean of Faculty of Law, could not promise when the Panel would complete the report as they could not much control the progress of investigation work, since no all persons invited were willing to provide information.
- Concerning the doubt of independence of the Review Panel, Chan believed that it was the only option. All Judges and Justices of Hong Kong were not recommended to chair the Review Panel in case of any judicial review in the future.
- Fung recalled the Review Panel had experienced difficulties in collecting evidence. At the stage the Review Panel preferred not disclosing the details to the public.
- MHR asked why the police coverage was so extensive that it extended to Student Village II and Sassoon Road Campus.
- Mr. Stephen P.Y. Cheung (張博賢先生), the full-time non-teaching staff, personally invited the Union to join the Review Panel.
- CTVC thought the University shall be more proactive to give response to students while SSSR thought the Review Panel shall be more proactive to collect opinions.
- ECU asked why it seemed that only Prof. Tsui Lap-chee, the Vice-Chancellor, gave response to the students, while other heads never showed up after the incident.
- EDSR concerned about the working progress of the Review Panel, and preferred not to wait until the conclusion. Huang replied EDSR that it was not fair to disclose the information at the moment.
- P commented it was not effective to obtain the updates through media every time.
- Chan considered setting up a designated website to release information of the Review Panel.
- SKYLHR also recommended the Review Panel to send mass email to the University members.
- Fung was doubtful why the campus media did not interview the Review Panel members.
- Huang stressed that all content of the meeting session involved no confidentiality.

Overall comment

- WLHR and CAS appreciated the good atmosphere of the meeting session.
- Huang expressed his gratitude to the Council, and hoped the Union reconsider sending a representative to the Review Panel.
- Fung understood the feeling of the students, and felt regretful if there was no representative from the



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Union to the Review Panel.

- Cheung sent his re-invitation to the Union.
- Chan said that everyone shall learn a lesson for the future.
- CC expressed his gratitude to the Review Panel, and thought the meeting session was constructive.

The meeting was suspended right after the meeting session with members of Review Panel.

5. To discuss the arrangement of Annual Debate

- CC reminded Council members that the deadline for written submission would be 22 October 2011 (Saturday) 23:59.
- The Council agreed that the English translation for the motion "連續長時間的各類型諮詢大會對候選幹事及其屬會利多於弊" shall be "Various prolonged campaign meetings cause more benefits than harms to candidate and sub-organization".
- SKYLHR suggested PS to prepare posters for promotion of Annual Debate.

6. To discuss the re-composition of Union Council Standing Committees

- A preliminary discussion was held regarding the re-composition of the Council Standing Committees.
- Further discussion was expected in the upcoming Council meeting(s).

7. To discuss the follow-ups of the Union in response to the meeting session with the Panel

- The Council remained the resolution in ECM1 that no official observer from the Union would be sent to the Review Panel as the confidentiality agreement had prevailed.
- WLHR and SKYLHR thought that the Council shall come up with a further explanation on its rationale for not sending any representative to the Panel.
- WLHR appreciated the effort of Panel and was willing to provide assistance in the future.
- IVP urged that the Panel shall proactively collect opinions from the student and staff members, and make regular reports.
- CAS expected that a consultation session open to all student and staff members would be held as soon as possible.
- CC concluded that the Panel had taken the suggestions of Council members into consideration and intended to maintain communication with the Union. The Panel would continue to look forward to facts and views on the following three aspects:
 - ✧ Security arrangement on 18 August
 - ✧ Protocol and arrangement of the Centenary Ceremony
 - ✧ Post-818 response from the University

8. To discuss the progress of Union Council restructuring

- WLHR had no specific opinion regarding the number of seats of hall SA representatives in the Council in the restructuring proposal. He put his focus on the proposed mechanism to select a certain number of hall SA representatives into the Council.

9. To discuss the naming of MTR station of Western Island Line



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- IVP gave an introduction to the issue of naming of new MTR Station near the University.
- A show of preference had been conducted. 28 out of 31 Council members preferred that the element of the University shall be included in the Station naming.
- 22 out of 25 Councilors preferred that the Station shall be named as "The University of Hong Kong" in English and "香港大學" in Chinese.

Motion 5

The MTR Station near the University of Hong Kong shall be named as "The University of Hong Kong" in English and "香港大學" in Chinese.

Proposer: LI Tsz Shu

Seconder: MA Ho Yin Michael

Time received: 01:30

Resolution: There was no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 01:30

The meeting lasted for 6 hours and 54 minutes, and ended at 01:43 on 19th October 2011.

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