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**Bills Committee on  
City University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2006**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Tuesday, 8 May 2007, at 2:30 pm  
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP (Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B. St.J, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
- Public Officers attending** : Miss Charmaine LEE  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and  
Manpower (Higher Education)
- Miss Joyce LEE  
Assistant Secretary-General (Capital), University Grants  
Committee Secretariat
- Attendance by invitation** : City University of Hong Kong  
Mr CHUNG Shui-ming, GBS, JP  
Chairman of the Council
- Professor Richard HO Yan-ki  
Acting President

Mr Vincent CHOW Wing-shing, BBS, JP  
External Council member

Dr Ellen KO LAW Yin-lan  
Internal Council member

Mr John DOCKERILL  
Secretary to Council

*Resource Person*

Miss Beatrice LEE Yin-ling  
Assistant Secretary to Council

City University Postgraduate Association

Miss Mandi LEUNG Hay-man  
President

City University Provisional Standing Committee of  
Convocation

Mr LEE Chung-wah, Patrick  
Vice-Chairman (Internal Affairs) Provisional Standing  
Committee Convocation

**Clerk in  
attendance** : Miss Odelia LEUNG  
Chief Council Secretary (2)6

**Staff in  
attendance** : Mr Arthur CHEUNG  
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Mr Stanley MA  
Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Miss Carmen HO  
Legislative Assistant (2)6

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Action

**I. Meeting with deputations and the Administration**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1715/06-07(01) and CB(2)1775/06-07(01)]

The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Action

Views of members

2. Members noted with concern about the low attendance of postgraduates at Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and Adjourned AGMs of the City University of Hong Kong Postgraduate Association (CUPA) over the past many years. They questioned the representation and the organization power of CUPA. While agreeing that postgraduates, like undergraduates, should have the chance to participate in the business of the Council of the City University of Hong Kong (the CityU Council), members expressed reservations about the appointment of the President of CUPA as an ex-officio member of the CityU Council. Members noted that under the existing arrangement, the CityU Council was responsible for holding election of staff representatives for appointment to the Council. After discussion, members agreed with the CityU Council that -

- (a) there should be a representative elected from among the postgraduates of CityU in the CityU Council;
- (b) the CityU Council would be responsible for holding the election;
- (c) the responsibility for holding the election would be passed over to CUPA when the CityU Council considered it appropriate; and
- (d) the relevant drafting in the Bill should be along the line of section 10(1)(h) concerning election of staff members for appointment to the CityU Council.

3. Members requested the CityU Council to confirm in writing the agreed arrangements and provide the details of the election procedures, including the definition of postgraduates for the election purpose and the frequency for holding the election. The CityU Council was also requested to provide the updated Committee Stage amendments to the Bill. The CityU Council agreed.

**II. Any other business**

Date of next meeting

4. Members agreed to hold the next meeting on 17 May 2007 at 4:30 pm

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:26 pm.

**Proceedings of the meeting of Bills Committee on  
City University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2006  
on Tuesday, 8 May 2007, at 2:30 pm  
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
000000 - 001624	Chairman Ir Dr Raymond HO	Welcome to representatives of the Administration and the deputations.	
001625 - 002404	Chairman Chairman of the Council of City University of Hong Kong (CityU Council)	Briefing by the Chairman of the CityU Council on its paper for the meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)1715/06-07(01)]. His expression of the CityU Council's wish for the Bill to be enacted in June 2007 and effective in July 2007.	
002405 - 002729	Chairman Chairman of CityU Council Acting President of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU)	The view of Chairman of CityU Council and Acting President of CityU that in the absence of a mechanism for dealing with a vacant cabinet of the City University Postgraduate Association (CUPA), the seat for the President of CUPA in the CityU Council could remain vacant until a new President of CUPA was elected.	
002730 - 003410	Chairman City University Postgraduate Association	President of CUPA's explanation on the sequence of events relating to the amendments to the constitution of CUPA to provide for representation in the CityU Council in the event of a vacant cabinet, and the latest developments of the matter [LC Paper No. CB(2)1775/06-17(01)].	
003411 - 005151	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong City University Postgraduate Association	<p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's expression of disappointment about the development of the matter. He was concerned about the way CUPA dealt with the requirement of a quorum for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Adjourned AGM as described in CUPA's submission. His reservation about the representation and organizational power of CUPA for the purpose of appointing its President as an ex-officio member of the restructured CityU Council.</p> <p>President of CUPA's explanation on the procedures and quorum requirements for holding an AGM, an Adjourned AGM and a General Polling under CUPA's constitution, and provision of</p>	

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		<p>information about poor attendance at AGMs and Adjourned AGMs in the past.</p> <p>President of CUPA's emphasis on the legitimacy of the resolutions passed at Adjourned AGMs and the representation of CUPA at various committees of CityU.</p>	
005152 - 010749	<p>Chairman            Ir Dr Raymond HO            City University            Postgraduate Association            Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong            Acting President of CityU            Chairman of CityU Council            Chairman of CityU Council</p>	<p>Ir Raymond HO's concern about the allegations in Appendix II to the CityU's paper and the explanations of the President of CUPA on the allegations.</p> <p>Chairman's enquiry about the membership, fees and audit of the accounts of CUPA.</p> <p>President of CUPA's response that CUPA had a membership of some 5 800 and the membership fee was \$150 per year. The accounts of CUPA were subject to annual audit by qualified external accountant and endorsed at AGM.</p> <p>View of Chairman of CityU and Acting President of CityU that the restructured CityU Council should have a postgraduate representative.</p>	
010750 - 010920	<p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong            Admin</p>	<p>Admin's view that it respected the view of the CityU Council on the need to have postgraduate representation at the restructured CityU Council.</p>	
010921 - 011036	<p>Chairman</p>	<p>Chairman's provision of information on the student representatives in the governing bodies of the UGC-funded institutions.</p>	
011037 - 012206	<p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong            SALA2            Chairman            City University Provisional            Standing Committee of            Convocation            City University            Postgraduate Association            Ir Dr Raymond HO</p>	<p>SALA's response to Mr CHEUNG's enquiry that the provision concerning appointment of a postgraduate representative in the restructured CityU Council could be deferred for commencement until an appropriate time.</p> <p>Mr Patrick LEE's advice that members of CUPA could withdraw at any time and his appreciation of the CityU Council for supporting the appointment of a postgraduate representative in the restructured CityU Council.</p>	

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		<p>President of CUPA's advice that CUPA would conduct a General Polling in accordance with the constitution on 28 May 2007.</p> <p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's view that an open and transparent mechanism for the election of a representative by all eligible postgraduates in the restructured CityU Council was necessary.</p> <p>Ir Raymond HO expressed concern that for the University to conduct the election of a postgraduate representative for appointment to the CityU Council might attract unnecessary criticism.</p>	
012207 - 015357	<p>Chairman City University Postgraduate Association Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ir Dr Raymond HO Chairman of CityU Council Acting President of CityU SALA2 Admin Secretary to CityU Council City University Provisional Standing Committee of Convocation</p>	<p>President of CUPA's seeking of members' view on a method to elect a postgraduate representative that they considered acceptable.</p> <p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's concern about the merits and viability of holding election of a postgraduate representative by the CityU Council.</p> <p>Chairman of CityU Council's view that the CityU Council was currently responsible for holding election of staff representatives in the Council. The election of a representative from postgraduates in the CityU Council could be conducted by the CityU Council alike. His reiteration of the wish for the Bill to be enacted in June 2007.</p> <p>Acting President of CityU's expression of support for the views of Chairman of CityU Council.</p> <p>Ir Raymond HO's concern about the procedures and methods for election of a postgraduate representative to be conducted by the CityU Council, and his request for a proposal on the matter.</p> <p>SALA's remark that sections 10(1)(h) and 10(3B)(a) of the CityU Ordinance provided for the election of staff representatives from among all staff and their terms of office respectively.</p>	<p><b>See para 2 of the minutes</b></p>

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		<p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's request that CityU Council should provide details on the proposed election of a postgraduate representative for appointment to the Council. The CityU Council should consider passing over the responsibility of holding the election to CUPA at an appropriate time.</p> <p>CityU Council Secretary's explanation of the mechanism for election of staff representatives as well as student representative in the Council.</p> <p>President of CUPA's remark that the Executive Committee of CUPA would hold a meeting on 9 May 2007 on the matter, with a view to passing the necessary amendments to CUPA's constitution through a General Polling on 28 May 2007.</p> <p>Mr Patrick LEE's expression of support for the CityU Council to hold an election of a postgraduate representative in the Council, and his view that the President of CUPA might relay the views of the Bills Committee to postgraduates of CityU.</p> <p>Chairman of CityU Council agreed to provide a paper on the matter for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>See para 3 of the minutes</b></p>
015358 - 015540	Chairman Chairman of CityU Council Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Date of next meeting	<b>See para 4 of the minutes</b>