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

**Minutes of meeting
held on Wednesday, 1 November 2006, at 10:30 am
in Conference Room A 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
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

Member absent : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

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

Staff in attendance : Mr Stanley MA
Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Ms Katherine YEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2)6

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I. Election of Chairman

Ir Dr Raymond HO, the Member who had the highest precedence in the

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Council among those who were present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Bills Committee.

2. Ir Dr Raymond HO invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Bills Committee. Ms Emily LAU was nominated by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and the nomination was seconded by Dr Fernando CHEUNG. Ms Emily LAU accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Ms Emily LAU was elected as Chairman of the Bills Committee.

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

II. Date of next meeting

4. Ir Dr Raymond HO declared that he was a former Chairman of the Council of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU Council). Dr HO pointed out that the CityU Council was considering a proposed amendment to the Bill to the effect that the number of staff representatives in the CityU Council after restructuring would remain at two. He suggested the Bills Committee to hold the next meeting after the CityU Council had made a decision in this regard. Members agreed.

[Post-meeting note : The CityU Council discussed the matter at its meeting on 31 October 2006, and decided to maintain the membership of the CityU Council as proposed in the Bill, i.e., there would be only one staff representative in the CityU Council after restructuring. With the consent of the Chairman, the next meeting was scheduled for Friday, 10 November 2006, at 8:30 am.]

Members' concerns

5. The Chairman drew members' attention to the Public Accounts Committee Report No. 40A dated November 2003 concerning, inter alia, the governance of University Grants Committee-funded institutions. She expressed concerns about the criteria for making nominations and appointing members to the CityU Council as well as the attendance rates of CityU Council members at Council meetings. Dr Raymond HO suggested that the Administration and the CityU Council should be requested to provide a written response to address these concerns.

6. After discussion, members agreed that the Administration should be requested to liaise with the CityU Council to provide the following information -

- (a) the criteria for nominating and appointing members to the CityU

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Council;

- (b) the membership of the CityU Council for the past six years with background information on individual members including their occupations, records of public services, and years of service in the CityU Council;
- (c) the attendance rates of CityU Council members at CityU Council meetings for the past six years; and
- (d) the measures taken to enhance accountability, transparency and openness of the CityU Council since the publication of the Public Accounts Committee Report No. 40A.

Invitation of public views

7. Members agreed to invite the Staff Association of the CityU and the CityU Council member elected by staff who had respectively made a submission to the Legislative Council to attend the next meeting. Members also agreed to invite submissions from members of the public by posting an invitation notice onto the website of the Legislative Council.

III. Any other business

8. There being no other business, meeting ended at 10:50 am.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
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**Proceedings of the meeting of Bills Committee on
City University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2006
on Wednesday, 1 November 2006, at 10:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
000000 - 000219	Ir Dr Raymond HO Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Dr Fernando CHEUNG Ms Emily LAU	Election of Chairman	
000220 - 000244	Chairman	Date of next meeting	
000245 - 000719	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ir Dr Raymond HO Dr YEUNG Sum Chairman	Concern about the number of staff representatives in the CityU Council after the proposed restructuring under the Bill. Agreement that the number should remain at two.	
000720 - 001228	Chairman Ir Dr Raymond HO	Information to be provided by the Administration and the CityU Council for discussion at the next meeting.	See para 6 of the minutes
001229 - 001314	Chairman Ir Dr Raymond HO	Invitation of views at LegCo website and deputations to present views at the next meeting.	See para 7 of the minutes