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Hon. Cyd S.L. Ho Chairman Bills Committee Legislative Council



Dear Ms. Ho,

University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2010

Regarding the captioned bill, the Academic Staff Association of The University of Hong Kong and the University of Hong Kong Employees Union have the following views.

- (1) Section 2 Court, Council and Senate, their constitution, powers and duties
 The Court, as its name implies, must be the "supreme governing body" and the Council is the
 "governing body." The Court should therefore have the power to overturn decisions of the
 Council. Consequently, it is not appropriate to change its role to merely "advisory."
- (2) Section 3 Officers and teachers, their appointment, power, duties and emoluments We are concerned that under Section 3, the teacher status of staff using the original titles of "Professors, Readers, Lecturers" would be removed. This unilateral removal of teacher status is unacceptable.

We suggest that academic titles of "Chairs", "Professors", "Associate Professors" and "Assistant Professors" be added to the original titles of "Professors, Readers, Lecturers". Since we have staff using both the original and the added titles, the definition of teachers should include all of the aforementioned ones. If the definition is so amended, then Section 5(2) is no longer necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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