

香港大學的信頭  
**Letterhead of THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

September 22, 1998

The Hon Andrew Wong  
Chairman  
Sub-Committee on Statutes of the  
University of Hong Kong (Amendment) 1998  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Wong,

Proposed Amendment to Statutes of the University

On behalf of the University, I write to thank the Sub-Committee for meeting us on September 11, 1998 and for providing us with an opportunity to explain the University's proposals for amendments to its statutes.

2. I have circulated to the Senate, Council and Court of the University your suggestion for an amendment to the new Statute IX(a)(1) which the University has proposed, and all these three governing bodies of the University have not expressed any objection to the amendment proposed by you since it reflects properly the original intention of the University. We therefore are prepared to revise the new Statute IX(a)(1) to read as follows:

“Subject to the decision of the Council, on the recommendation of the Senate and the Board of Faculty concerned, the Dean of each Faculty shall either

- (a) be elected, for a period of three years, by the members of the Board of the Faculty, from among the teachers in the Faculty; or
- (b) shall be appointed by the Council, for such period as the Council shall determine.

A Dean shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.“

(*i.e.* the addition of the words underlined).

3. We however understand that since the University's original proposals have already been gazetted, we are not allowed by the procedure to make further changes to the statutes concerned. Instead, it is necessary for the University to initiate action afresh and to submit formally a new proposal for the change required through its Chancellor in accordance with the normal procedures. We will initiate such an action if there are no further comments from members of the Legislative Council, but it would not be possible for us to complete such a process before the expiry of the period for "negative vetting".

4. We should be grateful if you would keep us informed of any further discussion of the matter among the Legislative Council members to enable us to take the necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. The Hon. Tung Chee Hwa, Chairman, Court  
The Hon. Ti-liang Yang, Chairman, Council  
Vice-Chancellor, Chairman, Senate  
Mr. Nigel French, UGC  
Miss Angelina Fung, Education and Manpower Bureau

**Alternative amendments proposed by Hon Andrew WONG, Wang-fat, JP**

**Statutes IX(a)(1):**

*(Alternative A)*

"The Dean of each Faculty shall:

- (a) be elected, for a period of three years, by members of the Board of the Faculty, from among the teachers in the Faculty, or
- (b) subject to the decision of the Council, on the recommendation of the Board of Faculty concerned and endorsed by the Senate, be appointed by the Council, for such period as the Council shall determine.

A Dean shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment."

*(Alternative B)*

"Subject to the decision of the Council, on the recommendation of the Board of Faculty concerned and endorsed by the Senate, the Dean of each Faculty shall either

- (a) be elected, for a period of three years, by the members of the Board of the Faculty, from among the teachers in the Faculty; or
- (b) be appointed by the Council, for such period as the Council shall determine.

A Dean shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment."