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Subcommittee on Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No.2) Statutes 2003

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 15 October 2003 at 10:45 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present	: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (Chairman) Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Public Officers attending	: Ms Irene YOUNG Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower (Higher Education)
	Mr Jeff LEUNG Deputy Secretary-General (1) University Grants Committee
	The University of Hong Kong
	Professor TSUI Lap-chee Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Implementation Working Party for the Reform of the University's Governance and Management Structures
	Professor Johannes CHAN Member of the Implementation Working Party for the Reform of the University's Governance and Management Structures and Dean of Law

	Mr Henry WAI Registrar	
	Mr Eric NG Senior Assistant Registrar and Secretary to the Implementation Working Party for the Reform of the University's Governance and Management Structures	
Clerk in attendance	: Miss Flora TAI Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2	
Staff in attendance	: Mr Arthur CHEUNG Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2	
	Ms Joanne MAK Senior Assistant Secretary (2)2	

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Tommy CHEUNG was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

II. Meeting with the Administration and representatives from the University of Hong Kong (LC Papers Nos. CB(2)68/03-04(01)-(04))

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

3. The Subcommittee noted the letter dated 30 September 2003 from the chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Association of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) to the Chairman of the House Committee expressing concern about the proposal to preclude office holders of the Students' Union or Staff Associations from simultaneously serving on the HKU Council. The Subcommittee discussed in detail the concept of "trustee" on the basis of which the above proposal had been devised.

4. In response to some members' concerns about possible problems related to the legality of the Regulations to be made by the HKU Council for implementing the above mentioned proposal, <u>HKU representatives</u> undertook that the Council would take members' concerns into full consideration in the drafting of the Regulations to ensure that the Regulations would not contravene

the relevant principal and subsidiary legislation and other laws (e.g. the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance and the Trade Unions Ordinance).

- 5. The Subcommittee agreed to hold a further meeting to -
 - (a) receive views from representatives of the Academic Staff Association, the Non-Academic Staff Association and the Students' Union of HKU; and
 - (b) discuss further issue(s) to be raised by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong. In this connection, <u>Mr CHEUNG</u> undertook to give the Clerk a note on the following day explaining the issue(s) proposed to be discussed. The Clerk would circulate the note to members and forward it to the Administration and the University.

III. Any other business

6. <u>Members</u> agreed that the next meeting be held at 10:45 am on 20 October 2003.

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:30 pm.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Subcommittee on Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No.2) Statutes 2003 on Wednesday, 15 October 2003 at 10:45 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action
			required
0000 - 0158	Members Clerk	Election of the Chairman.	
0159 - 5949	Representatives from the Administration and the University of Hong Kong (HKU) Mr IP Kwok-him, JP Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Mrs Selina CHOW Chairman	 Background to the Review of University Governance and Management conducted by HKU. The concept of "trustee" on the basis of which the proposal to preclude office holders of the Students' Union or Staff Associations from simultaneously serving on the HKU Council was devised. 	
5950 - 011412	Mrs Selina CHOW Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong HKU representatives	Measures in place in HKU to ensure that its staff members and students were able to express their views and that their views would be thoroughly considered and adopted as appropriate.	
011413 - 012343	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman HKU representatives Mr IP Kwok-him	The letter dated 30 September 2003 from the chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Association of HKU to the Chairman of the House Committee.	

012344 - 013936	Mr IP Kwok-him HKU representatives Dr TANG Siu-tong SALA2 Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Mrs Selina CHOW	 Legality of the Regulations to be made by the HKU Council for implementing the proposal to preclude office holders of the Students' Union or Staff Associations from simultaneously serving on the HKU Council. Whether or not it was possible for the Regulations to contravene laws such as the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (Cap.383) and the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap.332). 	Man-kwong to provide an information note on the points that he wished to raise at the next meeting.
013937 - 014146	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Invitation of deputations to the next meeting.	
014147 - 014434	Chairman Mrs Selina CHOW Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Date of next meeting.	

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