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Legislative Council

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

**Minutes of meeting
held on Friday, 10 November 2006, at 8:30 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 LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Member absent** : Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
- Public Officers attending** : Miss Charmaine LEE
Principal Assistant Secretary (Higher Education),
Education and Manpower Bureau
- Miss Joyce LEE
Assistant Secretary General (Capital), University Grants
Committee Secretariat
- Attendance by invitation** : Council of City University of Hong Kong
Mr John LEE
External Council Member

Mr Vincent CHOW
External Council Member

Dr Ellen KO
Internal Council Member

Mr John DOCKERILL
Secretary to Council

Resource Person

Miss Beatrice LEE
Assistant Secretary to Council

City University Postgraduate Association

Miss Mandi LEUNG
President

Mr Vincent TAI
Career Development Leader

City University of Hong Kong Staff Association

Dr TSE Wing-ling
Chairperson

City University Convocation Organizing Committee

Ms Sandy WONG
Member

Mr WONG Ka-shing
Member

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

Ms Katherine YEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2)6

Action

I. Application for late membership

[LC Paper No. CB(2)291/06-07(01)]

The Chairman drew members' attention to Rule 23 (c) of the House Rules concerning application for late membership. Members accepted the application for late membership made by Mr Tommy CHEUNG.

II. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

[LC Paper No. CB(2)296/06-07]

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2006 were confirmed.

III. Meeting with deputations and the Administration

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)291/06-07(02) and (03)]

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

4. Dr Fernando CHEUNG declared that he was a member of the Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

5. Members requested the Council of the City University of Hong Kong (the CityU Council) to -

- (a) consider the requests of the City University of Hong Kong Staff Association for two members elected by staff and of the City University Convocation Organizing Committee for representation of the to-be-formed Convocation in the restructured CityU Council ;
- (b) provide a copy of the confirmed minutes of the CityU Council meeting held on 31 October 2006; and
- (c) provide an update on the establishment of the Court of the City University of Hong Kong.

Action

IV. Any other business

6. Members agreed to decide the date of the next meeting after the CityU Council had considered the requests of the Bills Committee in paragraph 5(a).
7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:28 am.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of Bills Committee on
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Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
000000 - 000322	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Application for late membership	
000323 - 000439	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 1 November 2006	
000440 - 000739	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Discussion on the request of representatives from CityU Convocation Organizing Committee to attend the meeting, and the decision of the CityU Council on 31 October 2006 to maintain the membership as proposed in the Bill.	
000740 - 001632	Chairman Council of City University of Hong Kong	Address by CityU Council Secretary (see speaking note tabled at the meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)356/06-07(01)]).	
001633 - 001948	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Council of City University of Hong Kong Ir Dr Raymond HO	Discussion on how the meeting should proceed.	
001949 - 002422	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Chairman SALA2	Procedure for moving amendments to the Bill and withdrawal of the Bill at resumption of the Second Reading debate and the Third Reading.	
002423 - 002708	City University of Hong Kong Staff Association Chairman	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)317/06-07(02)]	
002709 - 003139	City University Postgraduate Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)291/06-07(05)]	
003140 - 003441	City University Convocation Organizing Committee	Presentation of views. [LC Paper No. CB(2)356/06-07(03)]	

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003442 - 003700	Chairman Ir Dr Raymond HO Council of City University of Hong Kong	Explanation by CityU Council Secretary that the proposals in the Bill were prepared and formulated on the basis of the recommendations in the Report of the Review Committee on University Governance and Management (the Review Committee) which were supported by members of the CityU Council including those elected by staff.	
003701 - 004224	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Council of City University of Hong Kong	View of Mr Tommy CHEUNG that the CityU Council should reconsider the membership of CityU Council after restructuring and include a member from the CityU Convocation to be established on 1 January 2007. Agreement of the CityU Council members to relay the view to the CityU Council for consideration.	
004225 - 004824	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Council of City University of Hong Kong Chairman City University of Hong Kong Staff Association	Recommendations of the Review Committee on the two staff representatives in the CityU Council after restructuring; and Consultation of CityU students and graduates on the election of the two staff representatives in the CityU Council after restructuring.	
004825 - 010545	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Council of City University of Hong Kong City University Postgraduate Association Chairman	Views of Dr Fernando CHEUNG that : - Representatives of the CityU Council and the CityU management should attend the meetings of the Bills Committee. - the Bill had not incorporated fully the views of the deputations on the number and method for election of the staff representatives in the restructured CityU Council. Concern of Dr CHEUNG about the collective responsibility of CityU Council in respect of the corporate decisions made at CityU Council meetings. Clarification by the CityU Council Secretary on the Code of Practices for CityU Council members on the corporate decisions of the CityU Council and their freedom to express views on such decisions outside the	

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		<p>Council.</p> <p>Request for provision of a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the CityU Council on 31 October 2006.</p>	<p>See para 5(a) of the minutes</p>
010546 - 012019	<p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Council of City University of Hong Kong Chairman</p>	<p>Information on the membership of other universities after restructuring and request for CityU Council to consider the views of deputations to enhance collaboration among stakeholders in the management and the development of CityU.</p> <p>Explanation by CityU Council members that the CityU Council considered it more appropriate to maintain the proposals in the Bill as it was prepared on the basis of the report of the Review Committee and endorsed by the CityU Council. Should the Bill be withdrawn, the CityU Council would continue to review its governance structure to enhance effectiveness and transparency of the management.</p> <p>Explanation on the procedures for proposing amendments to the Bill.</p>	
012020 - 012509	<p>Ir Dr Raymond HO Chairman Admin Dr Fernando CHEUNG</p>	<p>View of Ir Dr Raymond HO that members would consider the provisions of the Bill in the interests of the stakeholders and the community as a whole. Withdrawal of the Bill would delay restructuring of the CityU Council.</p> <p>The Administration's view that the Administration and the University Grants Committee (UGC) had been following up on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and the Report on Higher Education in Hong Kong to enhance governance and transparency of UGC-funded institutions.</p>	
012510 - 012606	<p>Dr Fernando CHEUNG City University Postgraduate Association Chairman</p>	<p>Consideration of members' view on the retention of two staff representatives in the restructures CityU Council.</p>	

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012607 - 013034	Council of City University of Hong Kong Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr CHEUNG Man-kwon	Recommendation of the Review Committee on the election of the two staff representatives in the CityU Council.	
013035 - 014236	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Chairman Council of City University of Hong Kong City University of Hong Kong Staff Association Mr Tommy CHEUNG City University Postgraduate Association	<p>Discussion on paragraph 59 of the report of the Review Committee which stated that the Review Committee was impressed by the argument of the CityU Staff Association that there should be strong representation of elected staff in the CityU Council. Members' view that from this perspective, CityU Convocation should be represented in the CityU Council.</p> <p>Clarification by the CityU Council Secretary that the inclusion of a staff representative from the Senate in the CityU Council was suggested by the Chairman of the Review Committee and discussed by the CityU Council.</p> <p>View of the CityU Staff Association that most staff and students were not aware of the proposals in the Bill. CityU Council should consult staff and students on the Bill in a more extensive manner.</p> <p>View of Mr Tommy CHEUNG and Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong that CityU Council should consult the deputations, and propose appropriate amendments to the Bill to address their concern.</p>	
014237 - 014439	City University Convocation Organizing Committee	Expression of request for the CityU Council to re-consider the number of staff and graduate representatives in the CityU Council and consult the CityU Convocation Organizing Committee which had started its work since October 2005.	
014440 - 014544	Chairman	<p>Reference to section 10(1)(i) of the City University of Hong Kong Ordinance which stipulated that the CityU Council should include the Chairman of the Convocation.</p> <p>Expression of concern that CityU should establish the Court and the Convocation in accordance with sections 8 and 17(B) of the Ordinance.</p>	

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014545 - 015129	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Council of City University of Hong Kong Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Members' view that CityU Council should consult the deputations extensively on the proposals in the Bill. Briefing by the CityU Council Secretary on the progress on the establishment of the Court of CityU, and his undertaking to provide a paper on the matter.	See para 5(c) of the minutes
015130 - 015214	Chairman Council of City University of Hong Kong	Undertaking of the CityU Council members to relay the views of members and deputations to the CityU Council for consideration.	See para 5(a) of the minutes
015215 - 015341	Chairman Council of City University of Hong Kong Admin	Date of next meeting Confirmation by the Administration that the Government would follow the "6-6 rule" in appointing university council members, i.e. a person would not be appointed to more than six committees and would not sit on a committee for more than six years. .	

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