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Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Chairman, Bills Committee on
City University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2006
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Madam Chairman

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

Follow-up to meeting on 13 December 2006

I am writing on the above topic to inform you of the Council's decision with respect to the composition of the University Council.

A proposal to recommend a composition of 23 members was circulated to members of the Council on the 20th December 2006. The proposed 23 members comprised:

15 External members, (8 appointed by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Council and 7 appointed directly be the Chief Executive)

President

Deputy President

2 staff elected by the staff of the University

1 staff elected by the Senate

President of the Students' Union

President of the City University Postgraduate Association (CUPA)

Chairman of the Convocation

The proposal was supported by the majority of Council members. However, a number of members requested that the Council should meet to confirm the resolution passed by circulation. In accordance with the rules and procedures of the Council, an Extraordinary meeting of the Council was held on the 4th January 2007 to confirm, or otherwise, the decision reached by circulation. I am pleased to report that the decision reached by circulation was confirmed on the 4th January and I would be grateful if the Bills Committee could be informed of the Council's decision and the progress of the Bill be based on this decision of Council.

I would like to point out that, in the original Bill, the student member was to be elected by the whole student body, since membership of the Students' Union is restricted to undergraduate students. Since we have now proposed to add the President of CUPA, the postgraduate association, as an additional member, we wish to change the student appointments to the respective Presidents of the two bodies.

Let me offer my best wishes for the New Year and for the Year of the Pig which I trust will bring you good health and prosperity.

Yours sincerely

John Dockerill Secretary to Council

cc: Chairman of the Council

President

Ir Dr Hon Raymond Ho
Clerk to the Bills Committee
Miss Charmaine Lee, EMB
Miss Joyce Lee, UGC