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

Further to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006 to the Council Chairman of City University of Hong Kong, I am writing on his behalf to inform you of the result of the discussion by the CityU Council on the proposed Amendment Bill at its meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The Council had a detailed and prolonged discussion on the issue of the proposed composition of the Council. Members focused on a number of major issues relating to its composition including the need to reduce its current size, the need to ensure that there was a clear majority of external and independent members and the need to strike the correct balance of internal members, i.e. the staff representatives, the students, the alumni and members of the University management. The Council also took the opportunity to address the latest requests for representation on Council of which the Committee is aware.

The Council concluded that to meet these requirements, the size of the Council should ideally be 28 members comprising:

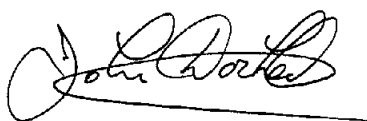
- 17 external members
- The President
- The Deputy President
- One Vice-President and two Deans
- One academic member of the Senate elected by the Senate
- Two staff elected by the full-time staff of the University
- The President of the Students' Union
- The President of the CityU Postgraduate Association
- The Chairman of Convocation

The new composition is in line with the spirit of the recommendations of the Council's Review Committee which addressed the need to provide a structure which

is "fit for the purpose" supporting the governing and monitoring role of the Council. This composition gives a ratio of external to internal members of 1.54 which is considered sufficient to guarantee that the external members will be in the majority at meetings of the Council. The proposal was passed by a clear majority of members present and, following the vote, all members agreed to fully support the proposal.

In response to your request, a copy of the confirmed minutes of meeting of the CityU Council held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 and an update on the establishment of the Court of the University will be forwarded to you shortly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dockerill", written over a horizontal line.

John Dockerill  
Secretary to Council

cc: Chairman of the Council, City University of Hong Kong  
President, City University of Hong Kong  
Ms Charmaine Lee, Principal Assistant Secretary, EMB  
Miss Joyce Lee, Assistant Secretary General (Capital), UGC Secretariat