

6 June 2008

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Chairman of Panel on Education
c/o Clerk to Panel on Education
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Hong Kong

Dear Mr Tsang,

Member's Bill
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
(Amendment) Bill 2008

Thank you for giving The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) the opportunity to brief Members of the Panel on Education on the above Amendment Bill at the Panel's regular meeting on 8 May 2008.

At the Panel Meeting, we indicated that HKUST was in the process of conducting email polls among full-time students and staff respectively on the method for electing a full-time employee and a full-time student to the HKUST Council, i.e. either by direct election (one person one vote) or indirect election (the Chairman of the Staff Association and the President of the Students' Union to be the *ex-officio* Council Members). We undertook to inform Panel Members of the outcomes of the polls and our follow-up action.

The outcomes of the polls indicate that staff and students both prefer direct election. At the suggestion of the Panel, HKUST has further completed the drafting of University Statutes and Regulations to govern the staff election and student election and these documents have been approved by the HKUST Council. Details of the poll results and the documents concerning the two elections are available in the Legislative Council Brief relating to "The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Amendment) Bill 2008" submitted on 5 June 2008 to the Clerk to Legislative Council.

We sincerely hope that the Bill can be enacted within the current legislative year. If any additional information is needed to facilitate LegCo Members' scrutiny of the Bill, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Catherine Lai, Secretary of the HKUST Council at telephone number 2358 6322, fax number 2358 0545.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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