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校董會及顧問委員會秘書
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Alexander Tzang

Dear Miss Leung

I refer to the motion passed by the Panel on Education at its meeting on 17 July 2008 urging the councils and administrative arms of all University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions to enhance transparency of their governance by, inter alia, making public the minutes and papers of their meetings as well as establishing an elected independent inter-institutional complaints committee, and your letter of 16 October 2008 to our Council Chairman the Hon. Victor Lo Chung-wing on "grievance and complaint mechanism of UGC-funded institutions".

The decisions of the PolyU Council on the above motion are as follows:

With regard to the Panel's suggestion of making public the minutes and papers of meetings, Council resolved to continue its practice since January 2006 of uploading major decisions at Council meetings, other than those classified as confidential, onto the University's intranet.

The Council supported Management's disagreement to the establishment of an elected independent inter-institutional complaints committee and concurred with its view that such an establishment will infringe on the autonomy of institutions as all eight UGC-funded institutions already have their own respective review and appeal mechanisms for handling staff and student grievance and complaints and their councils are vested with the powers to deal with appeals. It also took note of the Heads of Universities Committee's common stand of not supporting the establishment of an inter-institutional complaints committee.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours

Alexander Tzang
Secretary to Council

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