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**Subcommittee on  
Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statute 2015**

**Minutes of the meeting  
held on Tuesday, 2 June 2015, at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Hon IP Kin-yuen  
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP  
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

**Attendance by invitation** : Item II

The University of Hong Kong

Professor Stephen ANDREWS  
Dean of the Faculty of Education

Professor Ian C.K. WONG  
Head, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy

Dr Rainbow T.H. HO  
Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and  
Social Administration

Mr Henry WAI  
Registrar

Ms Dora YUE  
Senior Assistant Registrar, Registry

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Polly YEUNG  
Chief Council Secretary (4)4

**Staff in attendance** : Miss Carrie WONG  
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mr KWONG Kam-fai  
Senior Council Secretary (4)4

Ms Sandy HAU  
Legislative Assistant (4)4

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**I. Election of Chairman**

Mr Abraham SHEK, the member present who had the highest precedence, presided at the meeting and called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee. Mr Christopher CHUNG nominated Mr Abraham SHEK and the nomination was seconded by Mr Martin LIAO. Mr Abraham SHEK accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr Abraham SHEK was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

2. Members did not consider it necessary to elect a deputy chairman for the Subcommittee.

Declaration of interests

3. Mr Abraham SHEK and Mr Christopher CHUNG declared interest as the representatives of Legislative Council Members sitting on the Court of the University of Hong Kong ("HKU"). Mr Abraham SHEK and Mr Martin LIAO also declared that they were members of the Council of HKU.

**II. Meeting with the University of Hong Kong/Administration**

*(Issued by the University of Hong Kong in May 2015)* -- Legislative Council Brief

LC Paper No. CB(4)1088/14-15(02) -- Marked-up copy of the Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statute 2015

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| L.N. 99 of 2015         | -- Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statute 2015 |
| LC Paper No. LS66/14-15 | -- Legal Service Division Report )                                  |

4. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Legislative timetable

5. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee had completed scrutiny of the Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statute 2015 ("Amendment Statute") and would not propose any amendment to it. Members noted that the scrutiny period of the Amendment Statute would expire at the Council meeting of 17 June 2015, unless a resolution was passed to extend such period. The Subcommittee agreed that the Chairman would make a verbal report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee to the House Committee ("HC") at its coming meeting on 5 June 2015, to be followed by a written report. The Subcommittee would not move a motion to extend the scrutiny period.

*(Post-meeting note: On behalf of Mr Abraham SHEK, Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr IP Kin-yuen made a verbal report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee to HC on 5 June 2015, followed by the issuance of the written report on 8 June 2015 vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1128/14-15.)*

**III. Any other business**

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:15 am.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the  
Subcommittee on  
Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statute 2015  
on Tuesday, 2 June 2015, at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I - Election of Chairman</i>			
000000 - 000334	Mr Abraham SHEK Mr Christopher CHUNG Mr Martin LIAO	Declaration of interests	
000335 - 000451	Mr Abraham SHEK Mr Christopher CHUNG Mr Martin LIAO	Election of Chairman	
<i>Agenda Item II - Meeting with the University of Hong Kong/Administration</i>			
000452 - 000829	Chairman Mr Henry WAI	Mr WAI's briefing on the Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statute 2015 ("Amendment Statute")	
000830 - 001111	Professor Stephen ANDREWS	Professor ANDREWS' briefing on the Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages ("MA(TESOL)") programme	
001112 - 001333	Professor Ian C.K. WONG	Professor WONG's briefing on the Master of Clinical Pharmacy ("MCLinPharm") programme	
001334 - 001603	Dr Rainbow T.H. HO	Dr HO's briefing on the Master of Expressive Arts Therapy ("MExpArtsTh") programme	
001604 - 001946	Chairman Mr IP Kin-yuen Professor Stephen ANDREWS Professor Ian C.K. WONG Dr Rainbow T.H. HO	<p>Mr IP sought information on the number of students admitted, practicum component, if any, and professional recognition of the three programmes.</p> <p>On MA(TESOL), Professor ANDREWS advised that there were 30 students in the first cohort. The programme was primarily knowledge-based and did not have a practicum component as it would not lead to the award of any professional qualification.</p> <p>Regarding MCLinPharm, Professor WONG said that a total of 19 students had been admitted in the first cohort, followed by about 30 students in the second cohort. Due to the need to arrange ward visits, including visits to The University of Hong Kong ("HKU")-Shenzhen Hospital, the number of students enrolled needed to be maintained at a manageable size. Most of the students were Resident Pharmacists working in the Hospital Authority. A postgraduate qualification was a pre-requisite for these Resident Pharmacists to advance to Pharmacists.</p>	

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		<p>In respect of MExpArtsTh, Dr HO said that each year, 23 students were admitted to the first year of the programme. In addition to academic coursework, students were required to accumulate practicum experience of 500 to 750 hours in prescribed work. Graduates of this programme were eligible to seek qualification as registered Expressive Arts Therapists with the International Expressive Arts Therapy Association.</p>	
001947 - 002049	<p>Chairman Mr IP Kin-yuen Mr Henry WAI</p>	<p>In response to the Chairman's enquiry, Mr WAI said that the format of the Amendment Statute had been revised on the advice of the Law Draftsman.</p>	
002050 - 002253	<p>Chairman Mr IP Kin-yuen Professor Ian C.K. WONG</p>	<p>Mr IP enquired whether postgraduate programmes in pharmacy were also offered by other post-secondary institutions to enable practising pharmacists to obtain the requisite qualification for the Pharmacist post in the Hospital Authority.</p> <p>Professor WONG advised that –</p> <p>(a) Currently, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education also offered masters degree programmes on clinical pharmacy. The MClinPharm programme was different from these programmes due to its heavy emphasis on practice-based and case-based approaches.</p> <p>(b) In Hong Kong, completion of the undergraduate programme in pharmacy would lead to a bachelor degree. In the United Kingdom, students who had successfully completed programmes in pharmacy were awarded a master's degree. In the United States and Canada, a doctor's degree was conferred on students upon successful completion of university programmes on pharmacy. The MClinPharm programme would meet the need for professional advancement of registered pharmacists in Hong Kong.</p>	
002254 - 002737	<p>Mr Alan LEONG Professor Stephen ANDREWS Chairman Mr Henry WAI</p>	<p>Noting that the MA(TESOL) programme targeted at students from outside Hong Kong, Mr LEONG sought further information on the admission of students.</p> <p>In this regard, Professor ANDREWS advised that all the students admitted in the first cohort came from the Mainland. Since a higher tuition fee was charged for this taught masters degree programme which was run on a self-financed basis, scholarships would be available to make the programme more accessible to students in the region.</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his concern about the integration of local students and non-local students.</p>	

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		<p>Professor ANDREWS said that there were about 400 students, including local and non-local students, pursuing a wide variety of masters degree programmes in the Faculty of Education. They formed an integrated community of postgraduate students.</p> <p>The Chairman enquired about the admission of non-local students through over-enrolment outside the approved University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded student number targets, capped at a level equivalent to 20% of such targets.</p> <p>Mr WAI confirmed that this 20% upper limit did not apply to the admission of non-local students to self-financing taught postgraduate programmes. He also stressed that there was no cross-subsidy between publicly-funded and self-financing programmes offered by HKU.</p>	
002738 - 003224	Mr Alan LEONG Professor Stephen ANDREWS Chairman	<p>Mr LEONG and the Chairman sought clarification on whether the MA(TESOL) programme was exclusively for non-local students and whether applications for admission to this programme from local students with a keen interest in the programme would be considered.</p> <p>Professor ANDREWS explained that the MA(TESOL) programme would complement existing taught masters degree programmes, including the Master of Education in English Language Education, Master of Education in English Language Studies and Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics, which catered more to local needs. Usually, local applicants would be advised to apply for these programmes. However, HKU would not rule out the possibility of considering applications for admission to the MA(TESOL) programme from local students.</p>	
003225 - 003753	Dr Helena WONG Chairman Mr Henry WAI	<p>Dr WONG sought information on the funding and admission policy of the research postgraduate ("RPg") programmes offered by HKU.</p> <p>Mr WAI advised that most of the RPg places currently in HKU were UGC-funded. Nowadays, not too many local graduates were keen on pursuing RPg programmes locally for various reasons. HKU had already stepped up efforts to attract more local students and students from Asian countries to pursue RPg programmes.</p> <p>Dr WONG reiterated her concern about the existing policy on subsidizing local and non-local students pursuing UGC-funded postgraduate programmes.</p> <p>The Chairman remarked that the Panel on Education, instead of this Subcommittee, would be a more appropriate platform to discuss Dr WONG's concern</p>	

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		on policy issues.	
003754 - 004018	Mr IP Kin-yuen Chairman	Mr IP remarked that applications for admission to the MA(TESOL) programme from local candidates who aspired to teach English in places outside Hong Kong should be considered.  The Chairman opined that local students who were interested in the MA(TESOL) programme should not be deprived of the opportunity to be considered for admission.	
004019 - 004348	Chairman Dr Helena WONG	<u>Clause-by-clause examination of the Amendment Statute</u>  Members raised no query.  Completion of clause-by-clause examination of the Amendment Statute.	
004349 - 004650	Chairman Dr Helena WONG ALA4	(a) The Chairman's remark that the Subcommittee had completed the scrutiny of the Amendment Statute.  (b) The legislative timetable.	The Chairman would make a verbal report to the House Committee on 5 June 2015.
<i>Agenda Item III – Any other business</i>			
004651- 004728	Chairman	Closing remarks	