Convocation Mission and Structure

At a Convocation Standing Committee meeting on January 25, 2002, a mission of Convocation was adopted. It will serve as a fundamental principle for charting future direction of Convocation.

Mission of Convocation
Convocation of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) is a statutory body comprising graduates and teaching staff of the University.

With HKU's well-being and excellence as our paramount concerns, Convocation is dedicated at networking HKU graduates, at offering our help and ideas to HKU, and at bringing HKU and the community closer together.

In order to reflect the mission of Convocation, a new structure of Convocation committees was also adopted:

New Structure of Convocation

Convocation Standing Committee

- Networking Sub-Committee
  - It aims at:
    - Promoting fellowship among members;
    - Networking new graduates and alumni groups, local, mainland & overseas, etc.

- University Affairs Sub-Committee
  - It aims at suggesting ideas and making recommendations to HKU in relation to its development. Existing projects include a Convocation Poll.

- Community Affairs Sub-Committee
  - It aims at promoting relationships between HKU and the wider community including Hong Kong, the mainland and other parts of the world.
  - Existing projects include Educational Media Production Project on Children's Literature (兒童文學圈與計畫) and Visiting Scholarships for mainland academics.

- Internal Affairs Sub-Committee
  - It takes care of the operation and management of regular items such as:
    - Budget
    - Election
    - Newsletter
    - Members' Benefits, etc.

As a member of Convocation, you are invited to share your ideas and opinions with us. Your participation in the above sub-committees is most welcome. Please contact the Convocation Secretariat c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office at tel: 2859 2608 or by email: convocat@www.hku.hk.

Your every support counts!

Wendy Gan
Chairman of Convocation
Election Notice

Deputy Chairman of Convocation
Nominations are hereby invited for the election of the Deputy Chairman of Convocation at the coming Ordinary General Meeting of Convocation on May 24, 2002 to fill a vacancy resulting from the expiry of the term of office in May 2002 of the incumbent, Mr Henry H Y Lo.

Convocation Constitution Clause 15 stipulates that “No person shall be elected Deputy Chairman unless he has at any time been a member of Convocation for not less than three years.” According to Clause 13, the term of office is three years and the retiring Deputy Chairman is eligible for re-election.

Clerk of Convocation
Nominations are hereby invited for the election of the Clerk of Convocation at the coming Ordinary General Meeting of Convocation on May 24, 2002 to fill a casual vacancy arising from Ms Wendy Gan’s election to the Chairmanship of Convocation on May 8, 2001.

Convocation Constitution Clause 24 stipulates that “Any casual vacancy in the office of Clerk shall be filled at the next following Ordinary General Meeting by election by Convocation but the person so elected shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become Clerk on the day on which the Clerk in whose place he is elected was last elected as Clerk.” Since the remaining term vacated by Ms Wendy Gan will expire by the Ordinary General Meeting to be held in May 2003, the term of office of the elected Clerk will expire by the Ordinary General Meeting to be held in May 2003.

According to Clause 23, no person shall be elected Clerk unless he has at any time been a member of Convocation for not less than three years.

Members to the Standing Committee
The terms of office of the following members of the Standing Committee of Convocation will expire by August 31, 2002:

Mr Felix F Y Cheung, Mr Anthony S Y Chiang, Miss Sandy Y S Fok, Mr Bryan L K Lee, Mr Tong Chun-Wan, Miss Bernadette W S Tsui and Mr Frederick C L Wai.

Nominations are hereby invited for the election of seven members to the Standing Committee at the coming Ordinary General Meeting on May 24, 2002 to fill the vacancies arising therefrom, to serve on the Committee for a term of three years until August 31, 2005.

According to Clauses 29 and 31 of the Convocation Constitution, a person is eligible if he/she has been a member of Convocation for two years and a retiring member is eligible for re-election.

Nomination
Convocation Rule 40 requires that a candidate must be nominated in writing by at least ten members entitled to vote and all nominations shall be accompanied by a statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to stand.

According to Convocation Rule 41, the list of all candidates who have been duly nominated and a list of nominators of each candidate will be included in the notice of the Ordinary General Meeting at which the election will take place.

The closing time of nomination is 5 p.m., March 26, 2002. Nominations should be directed to the Acting Clerk of Convocation, c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Further information: www.hku.hk/convocat; Enquiries: Tel No. 2859 2603.

Wendy Gan
Chairman of Convocation

February 28, 2002

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