

**Minutes of Meeting of the
Master of Public Administration Alumni Association (MPAAA)
Executive Committee (EC) (1/06)
held on 26 February 2006 at 9:00 a.m.**

Present

Chan Yiu-wing	Chairperson
Tam Tai-keung	Vice Chairperson
Ms Lau Chi-wai, Edwina	Vice Chairperson
Ms Lee Chi-ching, Kathy	Hon. Treasurer
Ho Kam-tim, William	Hon. Secretary
Miss Chan Suk-yin, Irene	Member
Lui Hok-leung, Michael	Member
Ms Lee Wai-yee, Helen	Member
Lor Hing-hung, Louis	Member

Absent with Apologies

Pang Chung-yin	Member
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Action

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed subject to the following amendment in italics -

Para. 3 line 3 – ‘....the current balance at bank was \$37,897.50, ...’

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

(I) Financial report

3. Ms Kathy Lee reported that since the last meeting, a total of \$547.4 was spent on postage for mailing the Chairman’s message to all MPA alumni. As of 26 February 2006, balance at bank was \$37,350.10. The meeting noted and endorsed the financial report.

(II) Future activities of the MPAAA

4. Members reported the progress of the following activities to be organized in 2006 -

(a) **Talk by visiting scholars** – Mr. Michael Lui reported that with the assistance of Dr. Danny Lam, a luncheon talk by Professor Martin Rein from MIT had been lined up on 1 April 2006. Three 12-person tables had tentatively been reserved at the Senior Staff Club in KK Leung Building from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the event. After some discussions on the details of the talk, Members agreed the following -

- (i) Price - \$120 for MPAAA members and \$150 for MPA alumni/students who are not MPAAA members. In case of over-subscription, priority would be given to MPAAA members;
- (ii) Souvenir to guest speaker - a souvenir would be arranged for Professor Rein; William
- (iii) Publicity – A flyer would be prepared and mailed to invite MPA alumni and students to take part in the event. In connection with the means of sending materials to alumni, Members suggested that the alumni be asked to indicate whether they would like to receive future MPAAA materials by mail or by email on a suitable occasion; and Michael
- (iv) Topic of the talk – Professor Rein specialized in comparative analysis of social policy. His recent research area was a comparative study of pension reform which focused on the interplay between public and private institutional arrangement in the financing and provision of pensions at the last stage of the working career. A topic of the talk would be decided along Professor Rein’s specialty. Michael
Dr. Lam

(b) Familiarization visits

(i) Visit to Macau's Court of Final Appeal

Mr. TK Tam reported that the Macau's courts were open on weekdays only. Members agreed to re-fix the visit on a Friday some time in April. Consideration might also be given to visit the Escola Superior Das Forcas Seguranca De Macau (澳門保安部隊高等學校). TK

(ii) Visit to Fire Services Communication Centre (FSCC)

Mr. TK Tam had arranged the visit to the FSCC on 26 February 2006 at 10 a.m.

(c) Tsinghua visit – A questionnaire was sent to all MPA alumni by email as well as posted on MPAAA website to solicit their views and interest in the proposed study tour to Beijing. Mr. Louis Lor would follow up with PPA Office on the feedback. Louis

(III) Recruitment of New Members

5. Mr. William Ho would arrange with the PPA Office to give a brief account of the MPAAA and its works for the current MPA students in their last workshop class on 1 April 2006 after the luncheon talk. William

6. In connection with the issue of membership, Ms Edwina Lau would work out a standing arrangement with the PPA Office so as to keep the MPAAA membership database updated. Members agreed that a welcome letter should be sent to all newly recruited members to acknowledge their support to the MPAAA. Edwina

OTHER BUSINESS

(I) MPAAA Letterhead

7. The MPAAA had been using the letterhead and envelope of MPA Programme. Members viewed that it would be more desirable Louis

for the MPAAA to have its own logo and letterhead. It was further suggested that the letterhead should include both the HKU and the MPAAA logos. Mr. Louis Lor kindly undertook to prepare some designs of the logo as well as the layout of the letterhead and envelope.

(II) Annual General Meeting (AGM) cum Annual Dinner

8. The meeting agreed at its first meeting to hold the AGM of the MPAAA cum annual dinner in late 2006. Mr. William Ho would liaise with Mr. Sammy Hau, who was co-opted to the EC to assist in the planning and organization of the annual dinner, to start the preparation works.

William
Sammy

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. The date of next meeting would be fixed in due course.

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman : Chan Yiu-wing