

PUSA ALERT
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1. Updates on personnel changes and appointments of PUSA EXCO

1.1. In the last AGM held in December 2016, the departmental representatives of 2016 to 2018 were elected. The list is found below. If you notice the department/unit that you belong to has no PUSA departmental representative, please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman (Rodney Chu rodney.chu@polyu.edu.hk) for further details.

Officers

Name	Dept.	Ext	E-mail	Position
CHU, Rodney Wai Chi	APSS	7741	rodney.chu	Chairman
CHAN, Luen Chow	ISE	6634	lc.chan	Vice-Chairman
CHAN, Ming Yin	BSE	5836	ming-yin.chan	Vice-Chairman
CHO, Vincent Wing Sing	MM	6339	vincent.cho	Secretary
YAN, Carman Siu Kum	BRE	6082	carman.law	Treasurer
LEE, Wah Ching	EIE	6237	wah.ching.lee	Assistant Secretary
YEUNG, Christine	BRE	3867	c.yeung	Assistant Secretary
MAN, Nora	AMA	6940	nora.man	Information Officer

Departmental Representatives

Name	Dept.	Ext	E-mail
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CHAN, Luen Chow	ISE	6634	lc.chan
CHAN, Ming Yin	BSE	5836	ming-yin.chan
CHO, Vincent Wing Sing	MM	6339	vincent.cho
WONG, Thomas Kai Nam	EIE	3542	kainamthomas.wong
MA, Cecilia Man Sze	APSS	5724	cecilia.ma
MA, Salina Mei Lin	LIB	3197	salina.ma
LEUNG, Louis Shun Him	AMA	4032	sh-louis.leung
SING, Michael C.P.	BRE	8117	michael.sing

1.2. Mr. David Bernard, who served for two years as PUSA Representative from ELC, has left PolyU in May 2017 and flew back to his home country to pursue a doctorate. He is replaced by Mr. Geoffrey HEATHMAN. We would like to express our deepest thanks to him for working so hard for PUSA during his time of service, and we would like to wish him all the best in his future career and life.

1.3. Our Vice-chair Ming-yin Johnathan CHAN has been re-elected as the Council member this year, and his term of service will be from August 2017 to July 2019. He and our Chairman Rodney CHU will continue to speak for all staff members at the Council level.

2. A PLEAD to participate in the staff forum on 18/19 - 23/24 Strategic Plan

The University is drafting the Strategic Plan for the coming five years. PUSA strongly recommends that staff members of all ranks to try to attend the open forum organized by the Senior Management that will be held on 5th June regarding the first draft. Our Vice Chairman, Ming-yin CHAN has been appointed into the Strategic Task Force to represent staff views, but still it is ***vital that every one of you*** voice out how you hope the University should develop in the next five years. The deadline for registration for this event is 31st May and the link is given directly below. As it is arranged at 1100, PUSA would like to plead the seniors of Departments/Units to allow staff members, especially those non-academic staff members who have fixed office hours, in one way or another, to attend the open forum so that they may try their best to listen to the ideas of the Task Force and share their views.

The link for registration: <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/mysurvey/index.php/192532> .

3. Major areas of Work Concern over the Period

In several formal and informal dialogues with the Senior Management over the past few months, PUSA has been stressing the importance of a few issues for the betterment of staff benefit. These issues are, namely, the extension of retirement age, a more transparent and fair staff appraisal system, and a better job prospect for the teaching track staff. The response from the Senior Management has been most unfavorable to the first issue. PUSA believes the three issues will have long term impact on the work prospects and job stability of staff members. We will continue to pursue these issues and we hope all staff members may back us up on these requests.

4. Appeals on Humanitarian Ground

Over the years, when there were major calamities such as earthquakes, flooding or tsunamis, PUSA would appeal to staff and students of the University to help victims by their donations. This time, we would like to appeal to you for helping a little girl who desperately needs bone marrow transplant to save her life.

Baby Sophie is 18 months old. She was hospitalized for 3 months earlier this year in Queen Mary Hospital as she fought pneumonia which caused respiratory failure. The

poor girl was born with a genetic disorder resulting in her having a deficient immune system. The only treatment is a bone marrow transplant.

Please consider to get registered as a potential bone marrow donor in the local Red Cross to help save someone's life, whether it be Baby Sophie's or else. For details, please visit

<http://www5.ha.org.hk/rcbts/enarticle.asp?bid=85&MenuID=5#.WRcQc8kIFGw>

5. A Change of membership of PUSA as endorsed in the AGM

In the reconvened AGM held in December 2016, it was voted by members present to quit from the Hong Kong Higher Education Staff Associations (FHKHESA) and join into The Confederation of Tertiary Institutes Staff Unions (CTISU). The decision was based on the hope of striving for more long-term benefits and favorable terms of reference within our work environment, and to obtain more commodity and sales discounts from different sources. The process is near completion and is under the supervision of Registry for Trade Unions of the Labor Department of HKSAR Government. All staff will be informed after the completion of the process.

6. Summer Time Arrangement

PUSA Office will be closed in the month of July 2017. The office will resume its operation from 2nd August (Wednesday) onwards. Opening hours are 1300 to 1700 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except public holidays), with our Part-time staff Ms. Irene Tang on duty to handle general matters. In case of any urgency, please do not feel hesitate to write to PUSA and we will reply to you in due course.

PUSA EXCO

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