

Matters resolved by the Council at its 120th Meeting on 22 September 2023

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP	Chairman
Dr Terence CHAN Ho Wah	Deputy Chairman
Ms Imma LING Kit Sum	Treasurer
Mr KWOK Wing Keung, BBS, MH, JP	
Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung	
Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH	
Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin	
Prof LUI Hon Kwong	
Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP	
Ms Winnie NG, JP	
Mr Kelvin YAU Siu Hung, MH	
Ms Jennifer YEUNG	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Dr Sammy HUI King Fai	
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung	
Dr Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze	
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing	
Dr Jae Hyung PARK	
Ms Teresa POON Sin Yi	
Miss Emily CHEUNG Yu Yi	
Prof John LEE Chi Kin, JP	President
Prof May CHENG May Hung	Vice President (Academic)
Prof Chetwyn CHAN Che Hin	Vice President (Research and Development)

Member and Secretary

Ms Sarah WONG Man Yee	Vice President (Administration)
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Apologies

Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP
Ms Louise SO Yuen Yi

In Attendance

Dr Mark CHOW Man Kong, Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement)
Prof LI Wai Keung, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Prof Bruce MACFARLANE, Dean, Faculty of Education and Human Development
Prof John ERNI, Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Prof Michelle GU Ming Yue, Dean, Graduate School
Mr Perry LOU Yiu Tong, Director of Communications
Mr Edmond KUO Hoi, Director of Finance
Ms Vivien LIU Wai Yuen, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager
Miss Angel TSE Hei Tung, Council Secretarial and Administration Officer

Observer by Electronic Means

Ms LEE Wai Ping, Principal Assistant Secretary (Professional Development & Training),
Education Bureau

Observer

Miss Chloe CHAN Suet Sum, Executive Assistant, Student Affairs Office

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Prof John LEE and Prof May CHENG for joining the Meeting in their new roles; Dr Susanna YEUNG, the Academic Board-Nominated Staff Council Member, and Ms LEE Wai Ping from the Education Bureau and Miss Chloe CHAN, the Observers, to the Meeting.

2. Re-appointment of a Senior Staff Member

The Council approved the re-appointment of Prof Chetwyn CHAN as Vice President (Research and Development) for another term of three years.

3. Search Committee for Vice President (Administration)

The Council approved the membership composition and the terms of reference of the Search Committee for the Vice President (Administration) (Search Committee), and the appointments of Members of the Search Committee under the membership category of “2 Lay Council Members”.

4. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

The Council approved the audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Governance Report and the Treasurer’s Report for the University for 2022/23.

5. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that had been noted / endorsed / approved by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 1 September 2023, including:

- (a) approval of contract award;
- (b) approval of the adoption of “Scorecard” Evaluation Approach for the Provision of Statutory Audit Service and the Provision of Internal Audit Service; and
- (c) endorsement on working with Hang Seng Bank to explore using its online banking services;

and approved the allocation of HK\$81 million for the University-wide Strategic Initiatives in 2023/24.

6. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had noted / endorsed / approved at its meeting held on 31 August 2023, including:

- (a) endorsement of the re-engagement of an Academic Staff;
- (b) approval of the re-engagement of three staff members beyond retirement age, the appointments of two Professors, the revision of rates of Responsibility Allowances, and early release on the afternoon of the University's 30th Anniversary on 25 April 2024 and that of future Anniversary dates for every decade if such dates fall on weekdays; and
- (c) noting of the Management Report on Staffing and the overall staff profile; and approved the re-engagement of an Academic Staff.

7. Annual Report for 2022-23

The Council approved the text of the Annual Report 2022-23 and the delegation of the authority to the President to make editorial changes and refinements as necessary.

8. Senior Management Report

The Council noted the major activities and development of the University since the last Council Meeting, including:

- (a) Overall Developments
 - Academic Year Inauguration cum Flag Raising Ceremony on 4 September 2023;
 - establishment of the Academy for Educational Development and Innovation and the Academy for Applied Policy Studies and Education Futures;
 - update on 30th anniversary celebrations; and
 - signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Qufu Normal University;
- (b) Academic Developments
 - updates on admissions figures;
 - increase of intake quotas for Taught Postgraduate programmes;
 - additional exit requirements for teachers' professional conduct and ethics;
 - new curriculum emphasis on entrepreneurship and innovation, digital competency, legal knowledge and national / national security education;
 - mapping of curriculum framework for full-time BEd primary and secondary programmes;
 - visits to mainland China and Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the Pilot Scheme on Field Experience in GBA; and
 - updates on the QAC Third Audit Cycle;
- (c) Research Developments
 - receipt of 37 grants with a total award of HK\$27.93 million under General Research Fund (GRF) and Early Career Scheme (ECS);
 - receipt of first-ever award of Conference Grant from National Natural Science Foundation of China / Research Grants Council Joint Research Scheme 2023/24;
 - award under the Hong Kong Sports Institute Sports Science and Research Funding Scheme;
 - updates on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Student Talent Development (INVESTED) Programme; and
 - receipt of award of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund – Belt and Road Scholarship (research postgraduate);
- (d) Student Activities and Support Services
 - 2021 FISU World University Games in Chengdu;

- (e) Administrative Developments
- infrastructure and software readiness for the opening of the North Point Study Centre;
 - launch of Personal Data Collection Inventory System; and
 - updates on progress of AA&I projects;

and noted the report on alleged sexual harassment and assault incidents occurred in July and August 2023 respectively involving EdUHK students, and the actions recommended by the Investigation Panel and the Task Force to minimise the risk of recurrence.

9. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the major issues that had been noted / deliberated / approved by the Academic Board between June 2023 and August 2023.

10. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 6 September 2023, including Internal Audit Report 2022/23 – Management Reporting, Communication Protocols and Compliance; Internal Audit Report 2022/23 – Staff Life Cycle – Staff Performance Appraisal; Internal Audit Report 2022/23 – IT & Business Administration – Program Change Management, Computer Operation and System Development.

11. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council noted the report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation.

12. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the approval of the following by way of circulation:

- (a) the formation of the Anniversary Celebration and Branding Steering Committee (Steering Committee), the theme and tagline of the anniversary celebrations, and the membership composition, terms of reference and appointments of Members of the Steering Committee;
- (b) the formation of the Campus Development Committee, the membership composition, terms of reference and appointments of Members of the Campus Development Committee, and the amendments to the Guidelines and Code of Conduct / Practice for Council / Committee Members;
- (c) the appointment of Dr David WONG as the Authorised Representative of the University in place of Prof John LEE for the Election Committee subsector election; and
- (d) the appointment of Dr Susanna YEUNG as a Staff Council Member nominated by the Academic Board, a Member of the Finance Committee and a Member of the Superannuation and MPF Schemes Management Sub-committee under the Finance Committee.