

Matters resolved by the Council at its 116th Meeting on 23 September 2022

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP	Chairman
Dr Terence CHAN Ho Wah	Deputy Chairman
Ms Imma LING Kit Sum	Treasurer
Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai Kuen, SBS, 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	
Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP	
Ms Jennifer YEUNG Yin Chi	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Prof May CHENG May Hung	Acting Vice President (Academic) & Provost
Dr Sammy HUI King Fai	
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung	
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing	
Ms Anna HUI Sui Yee	
Dr Jae Hyung PARK	
Miss LAM Sing Loi	
Prof Stephen CHEUNG Yan Leung, SBS, JP	President
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

Mrs CHAN SIU Suk Fan

In-Attendance by Electronic Means

Prof John LEE Chi Kin, JP, Vice President (Academic) and Provost
Dr Simon XU Sheng Lang, Associate Vice President (Global Affairs)
Dr Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze, Associate Vice President (Quality Assurance)
Prof LI Wai Keung, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Prof John ERNI, Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Prof Bruce MACFARLANE, Dean, Faculty of Education and Human Development

In Attendance

Mr Perry LOU Yiu Tong, Director of Communications
Mr Chaddy WONG Kam Chiu, Director of Finance
Ms Angie YEON Yuk Mei, Director of Student Affairs
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

Observers

Mr Edmond KUO Hoi, Director of Finance (Designate)
Miss Eva HUANG Hua, Research Assistant, Department of Psychology

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Ms LEE Wai Ping, Mr Edmond KUO and Miss Eva HUANG to join the Meeting as Observers.

2. Appointment of the President

The Council approved the appointment of Prof John LEE as the next President for a term of 5 years.

3. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The Council approved the audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Governance Report and the Treasurer's Report for the University for 2021/22.

4. Annual Report for 2021-22

The Council approved the text of the Annual Report 2021-22 and the delegation of the authority to the President to make editorial changes and refinements as necessary.

5. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the major issues that had been noted / deliberated / approved by the Academic Board between June 2022 and August 2022.

6. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the term of Dr Terence CHAN as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation.

7. Progress Review of Strategic Plan 2016-2025

The Council noted the report on the Progress Review of the Strategic Plan 2016-2025.

8. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered / endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 2 September 2022, including Internal Audit Report 2021/22 – Information Technology General Controls and Internal Audit Report – Campus Planning and Projects Management.

9. 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 2022, including:

- (a) the approval of four tenders over HK\$2 million and award of contracts; and
- (b) the support for the proposed establishment of a Mainland Office and endorsement of a work plan and budget for
 - (i) setting up a wholly foreign owned enterprise (外商獨資企業);
 - (ii) setting up a Public Institution (事業單位); and
 - (iii) applying for Supporting Institution Status (依托單位) with National Funding Bodies.

10. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had endorsed / noted via circulation of papers in August and September 2022, including:

- (a) endorsement of the appointment of a Research Chair Professor for Global STEM Professorship Scheme for the Council's approval;
- (b) noting of the Management Report on Staffing and the overall staff profile.

11. 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 5 September, with a turnout of 350 staff and students;
 - a campus visit arranged for 3 Legislative Council Members who are alumni of the University; and
 - update on the presentation of the President's Awards;
- (b) Academic Developments
 - updates on admissions figures;
 - introduction of cross-faculty core course, with lectures on topics relating to Basic Law / National Security and visit opportunities to GBA; and new GBA activities;
 - EdUHK's participation in the National Chinese Association of Physical Education and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with East China Normal University to mark a 3-year partnership in physical education;

- Home Economics and Nutritional Health Webinar and new programmes on Home Economics;
 - inter-institutional collaborative activities under the Teaching Development and Language Enhancement Grant;
 - updates on the QAC Third Audit Cycle;
 - Seminar on National Treasures in the Palace Museum and EdU Autumn Mini Fair at the Central Market;
 - International Conference on Chinese Language Education; and
 - publication of the 5th book *Education under the Trees: The Story of Hong Kong Schools in the New Territories and Outlying Islands* by HKME;
- (c) Research Developments
- 1st ranking in Education in terms of number of projects awarded and total funding in General Research Fund and Early Career Scheme
 - EdUHK's submissions to Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme had secured funding from the RGC;
 - receipt of first-ever fellowship grant in RGC Senior Research Fellow Scheme;
 - niche area research programmes supported by Multi-disciplinary Research Capacity Building Scheme;
 - launch of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Student Talent Development (INVESTED) Programme website;
 - updates on external recognition of EdUHK start-ups and progress in patent applications;
- (d) Student Activities and Support Services
- updates on Graduate Employment Survey 2021 and student governance;
- (e) Administrative Developments
- infrastructure and software upgrades to support and facilitate smooth learning and teaching activities and to minimise cyber risks associated with Internet traffic;
 - revamp of University Portal, roll-out of Part-time Appointment System and migration of Academic Management Information System; and
 - updates on progress of AA&I projects and latest anti-pandemic measures.

12. Use of EdUHK Common Seal

The Council noted the use of the University's common seal on a Novation Agreement.

13. Decision by Circulation

The Council noted the approval of the appointment of a Research Chair Professor for Global STEM Professorship Scheme by way of circulation.

14. Search for Vice President (Academic)

The Council supported the Chairman's proposal to kickstart the global search of the Vice President (Academic).

15. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Mrs CHAN Siu Suk Fan and Mr Chaddy WONG for their outstanding services and contributions to the Council and the University in the past 2.5 years and 9 years respectively.