

Matters resolved by the Council at its 121st Meeting on 14 December 2023

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP	Chairman
Dr Terence CHAN Ho Wah	Deputy Chairman
Ms Imma LING Kit Sum	Treasurer
Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH	
Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin	
Ms Winnie NG, JP	
Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP	
Ms Jennifer YEUNG	
Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung	
Prof LUI Hon Kwong	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Mr KWOK Wing Keung, BBS, MH, JP	
Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP	
Mr Kelvin YAU Siu Hung, MH	
Ms Louise SO Yuen Yi	
Dr Sammy HUI King Fai	
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung	
Dr Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze	
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing	
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

Dr Jae Hyung PARK

In Attendance

Prof Ken YUNG Kin Lam, Associate Vice President (Research)
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 LAU Wai Tat, Director of Estates
Mr Edmond KUO Hoi, Director of Finance
Ms Cindy CHEUNG Yuen Lai, Acting Director of Human Resources
Ms Vivien LIU Wai Yuen, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager
Miss Angel TSE Hei Tung, Council Secretarial and Administration Officer

In Attendance by Electronic Means

Dr Mark CHOW Man Kong, Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement)

Observer

Ms Zuei WONG Ho Yin, Clerk, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Ms Zuei WONG to join the Meeting as Observer.

2. Appointments to District Councils

The Chairman congratulated Mr Armstrong LEE and Mr Kelvin YAU on their respective appointments to the Tai Po and Sai Kung District Councils.

3. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had approved / endorsed / noted at its meeting held on 22 November 2023, including:

- (a) endorsement of the measure in handling compliance issue of non-local staff with work visa;
- (b) approval of the appointments of a Professor and a Senior Administrative Staff; and
- (c) noting of the Management Report on Staffing, the latest HR initiatives, staff training and development activities; and approved the measure in handling compliance issue of non-local staff with work visa.

4. 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 21 November 2023, including:

- (a) Report from the Purchase Committee, Report on Approved Single Tender and Annual Report on Purchases Approved in the Financial Year 2022/23; and Management Report and Financial Analysis – September 2023 and Periodic Reports to the Finance Committee;
- (b) approval of the proposed amendments to the Purchasing Policy and Procedures (PPP) and split of PPP into the Purchasing Policy and the Purchasing Procedures;
- (c) approval of the adoption of “Scorecard” Evaluation Approach for the Provision of Cleaning Service and the Provision of Landscaping Service;
- (d) endorsement of the re-tendering arrangement for the Statutory Audit Service and the proposed funding support for the closure of ECLC in 2025/26; and
- (e) endorsement of the re-selection and appointment of Fund Managers; and approved the appointment of Morgan Stanley as a new fund manager of the University and inclusion of Morgan Stanley in the list of approved banks.

5. Appointment of Academic Board Members to Honorary Awards Committee (HAC) and Proposed Term of Office

The Council approved the appointment of Dr Andy CHIN, Prof Keith HO and Dr Andy TSE as HAC Members and that members under the membership category of “*up to three Academic Board Members (elected by the Academic Board and appointed by the Council)*” be subject to a term of office of 2 years and a maximum length of service of 4 years.

6. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the re-appointment of Mr Eric CHOW and Mr Irons SZE as Members of the Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation for another term of three years.

7. Progress Updates of the Development of Strategic Plan for 2025-2031

The Council noted the progress updates of the development of Strategic Plan for 2025-2031.

8. Performance Measure 5.1 Submission and Key Performance Indicators Report of University Accountability Agreement Annual Report 2023-24

The Council noted the submission of PM 5.1 and Key Performance Indicators report to the UGC.

9. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the major issues that were noted / deliberated / approved by the Academic Board between September 2023 and November 2023.

10. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been noted / considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 29 November 2023, including Internal Audit Report 2023/24 – Student Life Cycle – Student Community Services and re-tendering of contract for provision of statutory audit service.

11. Report from the Campus Development Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that were noted / discussed / endorsed / approved by the Campus Development Committee at its first meeting held on 21 November 2023, including:

- (a) noting of the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Campus Development Committee;
- (b) updates on reprovisioning of EdUHK Pak Shek Kok Sports Centre, the construction of the New Academic Building, and the progress of AA&I projects; and
- (c) approval of the award of contracts.

12. Report from The EdUHK Schools Limited

The Council noted the report from The EdUHK Schools Limited.

13. Senior Management Report

The Council noted the major activities and development of the University including:

- (a) Overall Developments
 - 30th Anniversary Launch Ceremony, installation of the President and conferment of Honorary Doctorates;
 - first talk on the National People’s Congress and the Chinese People’s Political Consultation Conference by the Hon Starry LEE Wai King;
 - recognition of the Asian Games and Asian Para Games athletes;
 - receipt of donation from Mr LI Ka Shing to promote AI literacy;
 - introduction of new curriculum elements in national security and legal education, and internship / field experience courses in Mainland China; 2023 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Integrated Education Forum and joint forum with South China Normal University on professional ethics for teachers;
 - opening of the North Point Study Centre;
 - signing of the MOU with Jinan University; and
 - introduction of a new category of Distinguished Honorary Professors;
- (b) Academic Developments
 - admissions figures for 2023/24 and updates on admission planning for 2024/25;
 - updates on the QAC Third Audit Cycle;
 - setting-up of the Working Group on National and National Security Education;
 - renaming of the Information Technology Competency in Education graduation requirement as “Digital Competency Requirement”;
 - field experience and experiential learning elective courses in Mainland China; and
 - EdUHK 30th Anniversary Student Fair planned for February 2024;
- (c) Research Developments
 - submission of 172 applications for General Research Fund and Early Career Scheme 2024/25;
 - receipt of 20 invention awards at international competitions in Germany and Canada;
 - signing of licensing agreement with Beijing Super Vision Technology Co., Ltd;
 - submission of 7 applications to Innovation and Technology Support Programme 2023;
- (d) Student Activities and Support Services
 - Government Career Experience Days;
 - activities fostering civil awareness and sense of national identity; and
 - Legislative Council meeting on student-led activities;
- (e) Administrative Developments
 - actions to enhance cyber security and upgrade of the Storage Area Network;
 - revamp of the Research Information Core Hub; and
 - updates on progress of AA&I projects and sustainable campus initiatives.

14. Use of EdUHK Common Seal

The Council noted the use of the University’s common seal on a contract.