

Matters resolved by the Council at its 119th Meeting on 30 June 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	
Ms Winnie NG, JP	
Mr Kelvin YAU Siu Hung, MH	
Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Ms Louise SO Yuen Yi	
Prof May CHENG May Hung	
Dr Sammy HUI King Fai	
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing	
Dr Jae Hyung PARK	
Ms Teresa POON Sin Yi	
Miss Emily CHEUNG Yu Yi	
Prof Stephen CHEUNG Yan Leung, SBS, JP	President
Prof John LEE Chi Kin, JP	President (Designate) and Vice President (Academic) and Provost
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 Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP
Ms Jennifer YEUNG
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung

In-Attendance by Electronic Means

Prof Bruce MACFARLANE, Dean, Faculty of Education and Human Development

In Attendance

Dr Mark CHOW Man Kong, Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement)
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
Mr Perry LOU Yiu Tong, Director of Communications
Mr Edmond KUO Hoi, 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

Mr Jason YIU Yuk Fung, Project Assistant, Department of English Language Education

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Mr KWOK Wing Keung, the newly appointed Council Member, and Miss Emily CHEUNG, the newly appointed Student Council Member, to their first Council Meeting and Mr Jason YIU, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Miss LAM Sing Loi for her outstanding services and contributions to the University and the Council in the past year.

3. Appointment of Vice President (Academic)

The Council approved the appointment of Prof May CHENG as the next Vice President (Academic) for a term of 3 years with effect from 1 September 2023.

4. 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 5 June 2023, including:

- (a) endorsement of Performance-based Reward System 2023 and the setting up of the Employer Voluntary Contributions to Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (“ERVCMPF”);
 - (b) approval of the re-engagement of a staff beyond retirement age; and
 - (c) approval of the appointments of senior administrative staff;
- and approved the Performance-based Reward System 2023 and the setting up of the ERVCMPF.

5. Conferment of Honorary Degrees for 2023

The Council approved the list of recommended candidates for conferment of honorary degrees for 2023.

6. Proposed Budget for 2023/24

The Council approved the proposed budget for 2023/24.

7. 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 June 2023, including:

- (a) Report from the Purchase Committee and Report on Approved Single Tender, Management Report and Financial Analysis – March 2023, Periodic Reports to the Finance Committee and Report from the Investment Sub-committee;
- (b) approval of contract awards; and
- (c) endorsement of the proposed budget for 2023/24 and the setting up of the ERVCMPPF.

8. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered / discussed / noted by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 2 June 2023, including the Internal Audit Report 2022/23 – Graduation Management.

9. Report from the Academic Board

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

10. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

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11. Report from The EdUHK Schools Limited

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12. Senior Management Report

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

- (a) Overall Developments
 - naming ceremony for Wofoo Foundation Dr Joseph Lee Football Field;
 - delegation visits to Cambodia and Uzbekistan to promote educational transformation; and
 - partnership with Huawei to establish Information and Communications Technology Academy;
- (b) Academic Developments
 - admission figures for 2023/24;
 - enhancement of common core curricula;
 - updates on teaching development-related activities;
 - review of IT competency in education requirement to promote AI literacy;
 - progress of preparation for QAC Third Audit Cycle;
 - Leaders' Dialogue on National Development from the perspective of "Two Sessions"; and
 - Launch of English animation series to cultivate positive values;

- (c) Research Developments and Student Activities and Support Services
 - matching funds of HK\$53 million for 68 projects under Research Matching Grant Scheme;
 - funding support from Health and Medical Fund for two projects;
 - successful appointments under RGC's Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme;
 - UGC's Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2026, internal RAEs for 2022/23 and 2025;
 - updates on patent applications, EASE Fund winning teams and external recognition, receipt of awards at 2023 Geneva's Inventions Expo;
 - partnership programme with Cyberport and Greater Bay Area activities; and
 - overhaul of student governance, New Hall Life Education Framework and the UGC Whole Person Development Fund;
- (d) Administrative Developments
 - launch of pilot website for ChatGPT prototyping;
 - infrastructure and software upgrades to improve learning and teaching support;
 - conclusion of mock phishing email exercise;
 - updates on AA&I projects, NPSC and New Academic Building projects, actions taken to address the new Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work and installation of additional sockets for charging electric vehicles; and
 - tendering results of U Shuttle and staff bus services, and the inevitable increase in bus fares.

13. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the approval by circulation of the appointments of Mr Armstrong LEE as Vice Chairman of Staffing Committee and Chairman of Staff Appeal Sub-committee, Mr Eric YEUNG as Member of Staffing Committee, Mr Kennedy LIU and Mr KWOK Wing Keung as Members of Audit Committee, Mr Willie LUI as Member of Honorary Awards Committee, the cessation of Mr Eric YEUNG as Member of Audit Committee, and the revised membership composition of Audit Committee; transitional arrangements for the President; and the appointment of Miss Emily CHEUNG as Student Council Member.

14. Schedule of Meetings for 2023/24

The Council noted the schedule of meetings for 2023/24.

15. Gratuity-bearing Contract Terms for New Appointees at Senior Positions of Bands A1 and A2

The Council noted the offer of gratuity-bearing contract terms to all new appointees at senior positions of Bands A1 and A2.

16. Vote of Thanks to the President

The Council recorded a vote of thanks for Prof Stephen CHEUNG's valuable contributions to the Council and the University over his decade-long tenure, and welcomed Prof John LEE who would be the next President of the University.