

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on July 27, 2021:

1. The Council CONGRATULATED Mrs. Ayesha M. LAU, Mr. Daryl W.K. NG, Ms. Priscilla P.S. WONG and all other members of the University family concerned for their respective awards on the 2021 Honours List of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor M.R. EVANS who would retire from his Deanship of Science on July 31, 2021 for his contributions to the University.
3. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Ms. S.S.M. LO, Director of Finance, who would retire in September 2021 and take up the position as Senior Advisor to the Executive Vice-President, for her contributions to the University.
4. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) the return to face-to-face teaching as the basic principle for Semester 1 of the 2021-22 academic year;
  - (b) the Vaccination Day held by the University on campus for its students and staff on July 21;
  - (c) the good results of the University in the latest round of Research Grants Council competitive peer-reviewed research funding schemes;
  - (d) the submission of nominations to the Government's Global STEM Professorship Scheme in the first-round; and
  - (e) the consequential actions taken by the University upon its decision of not recognizing the current role of the HKUSU (as an independent registered association) on campus and the setting up of a Co-Curricula Support Office as a transitory arrangement to support student services.
5. The Council APPROVED the 2022 UGC capital programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.
6. The Council APPROVED a recommendation, supported by the Senate, that the Institute of Data Science be established as a sub-division of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance for an initial period of five years.

7. The Council

- (a) ACCEPTED the resignation of Professor C.Y.H. CHAO from the Deanship of Engineering with effect from September 1, 2021; and RECORDED a vote of thanks to him for his contributions to the University; and
- (b) RESOLVED to appoint Professor D.J. SROLOVITZ, who would take up the position of Chair Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, as the Interim Dean of Engineering with effect from September 1, 2021 until further notice.

8. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering, supported by the Senate, that the Emerging Technologies Institute, a sub-division of studies and learning in the Faculty of Engineering, be disestablished with immediate effect under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.

9. The Council RECEIVED reports of the academic reviews of the following Centres in the Faculty of Social Sciences:

- (a) Centre on Behavioral Health;
- (b) Centre for Civil Society and Governance; and
- (c) International Centre for China Development Studies;

and NOTED that recommendations of the respective review panels had been subsequently endorsed by the Senate and would be taken forward by the relevant parties within the University.

10. The Council APPROVED, for submission to the Court, a recommendation of the Senate that Statute III “Degrees and Other Academic Distinctions” be amended by the inclusion of the title “Bachelor of Business Administration (Business Analytics) [工商管理學學士(商業分析)]” in paragraph 1(a) thereof.

11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee,

- (a) that the following be appointed as members of the Campus Development and Planning Committee under the category “2 teachers appointed by the Council on the nomination of the President & Vice-Chancellor” for a period of three years from August 1, 2021:

Professor Alfonso H.W. NGAN; and  
Professor Vivian W.W. YAM (re-appointment); and

- (b) that Dr. Gillian H.M. LEE be re-appointed as a member of the Grievances Panel for Students under the category “One member from each Faculty appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Board of the Faculty concerned from among its members” for the period ending June 30, 2023.

12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor, that Ms. F.L.K. NG, Chief Information Officer and University Librarian, be appointed as the University's representative in the Joint Universities Computer Centre Limited under the category "One member of the Senate, appointed by the Council" for a period of three years from as soon as possible.
13. The Council NOTED that Mr. SIN Chung Kai had tendered notice of resignation from the trusteeship of the Staff Provident Fund, Staff Terminal Benefits Scheme (1988) and the Terms of Service III Staff Retirement Scheme, with effect from July 14, 2021.

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