

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on January 31, 2023.

1. The Council WELCOMED Dr. Wendy W.T. LAM, the elected teacher representative, and Professor W. PAN, the Acting Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), to their first meeting of the Council.
2. The Council CONGRATULATED Professor W. PAN and Mr. K.L. TAM, Director of Estates, on receiving the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) Advocator award and Dr. Louis Y.L. CHU on receiving the Outstanding Project Team Member award in the MiC Achievement Ceremony at the Construction Innovation Expo in December 2022.
3. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. K.L. TAM who would retire from the University after February 2023 for his dedicated services over the past decades.
4. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the esteemed recognitions bestowed on the University's scholars including
 - (i) the US National Academy of Medicine Healthy Longevity Catalyst Awards (Hong Kong) 2022 awarded to six research teams from Engineering, Science and Medicine;
 - (ii) the Xplorer Prize awarded to Professor X. YIN in the Department of Mechanical Engineering for research in unexplored areas of basic sciences and frontier technologies;
 - (iii) the selection of a paper published by Professor K.Y. YUEN in the Department of Microbiology of the School of Clinical Medicine and his team as one of the 34 landmark papers of The Lancet at its 200th anniversary; and
 - (iv) the selection of Professor S. ZHANG in the Department of Physics as a New Cornerstone investigator to be funded by Tencent to undertake exploratory and high-impact research;
 - (b) the setting up of the HKU Entrepreneurship Engine Fund to support and promote innovation; and
 - (c) the University's ranking as the most international university by Times Higher Education for the third year in a row.

5. The Council

- (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor D.J. SROLOVITZ, Dean of Engineering, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
 - (i) an overview of the Faculty including its history, staff and student composition, and organisation structure;
 - (ii) its plan to increase the taught postgraduates (TPg) population in three years and to offer upscale yet of the best value TPg programmes;
 - (iii) the international standings, teaching programmes and research activities of the five departments in the Faculty;
 - (iv) highlights on impactful projects and initiatives undertaken by Faculty members;
 - (v) the prestigious awards bestowed on academics of the Faculty in recognition of their achievements in research and innovation; and
 - (vi) the direction and plans of the Faculty's development in the next few years to bring the Faculty to new heights; and
- (b) THANKED Professor SROLOVITZ for apprising the Council on the strategic directions of development of the Faculty; and EXPRESSED appreciation of the Faculty's achievements under his leadership.

6. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED from the Audit Committee its annual report for the year 2021-22; and
- (b) THANKED members of the Audit Committee for their work.

7. The Council RECEIVED an annual report on the outside practice activities of professoriate staff of the University for the year 2021-22.

8. 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 "Master of Molecular and Diagnostic Pathology [分子及診斷病理學碩士]" in paragraph 1(b) thereof.

9. The Council APPROVED the consequential amendments to the Regulations Governing Outside Practice by Professoriate Staff subsequent to a recent revision of the Terms of Reference of the Faculty Human Resources Committee with a view to streamlining the process and enhancing efficiency.