

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on July 25, 2023.

1. The Council RECORDED its deepest condolences on the passing of the following members of the University:
 - Dr. Paul M.Y. CHOW, Acting Treasurer from 2008 to 2011, Treasurer from 2011 to 2013, member of the Court from 2000 to 2013, member of the Council from 2004 to 2013, and Honorary University Fellow; and
 - Dr. the Hon. Sir T.L. YANG, Pro-Chancellor from 1994 to 2001, Chairman of the Council from 1985 to 2001, member of the Court from 1976 to 2001, Life member of the Court from 2001 and Doctor of Letters *honoris causa*.
2. The Council CONGRATULATED Professor C.S. LAU, interim Dean of Medicine, on his election to the membership of the Academia Europaea.
3. The Council CONGRATULATED all members of the University family concerned for their respective awards on the 2023 Honours List of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
4. The Council
 - (a) HEARD a presentation from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the initiatives of the University in the Greater Bay Area (the “GBA”) and other development of the University, and NOTED in particular
 - (i) the vision for the University to be a world leading University and the key to attain the goal;
 - (ii) the achievements of the University in recruitment of top scholars, attaining research excellence, and fund raising, including
 - a. the recruitment of faculty members from prestigious universities *via* HKU Global Professoriate Recruitment Campaign and the Government’s Global STEM Professorship Scheme;
 - b. the increase in the number of world’s highly cited researchers working in the University and in the general research fund obtained; and
 - c. the receipt of donations from various donors to support the initiatives of the University;

- (iii) the Mainland and international outreach of the University;
 - (iv) the Global Innovation Centre project with state-of-the-art research facilities, aiming at attracting world-class scholars to conduct strategic cross-disciplinary research to address global grand challenges;
 - (v) an evaluation of the current position of the University and the reform to tackle the challenges, such as enhancement in capital projects management;
 - (vi) the development plan in respect of recruitment of top talents, building projects to foster an innovative environment for teaching and learning, research, and global collaboration, increasing annual funding by government funding, donation and community support and other new sources; and
 - (vii) current status regarding the HKU Shenzhen campus project; and
- (b) THANKED the President & Vice-Chancellor for the presentation.
5. The Council APPROVED the establishment of a Search Committee to search for the next Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning).
 6. The Council APPROVED the 2024 UGC capital programme for submission to the University Grants Committee.
 7. The Council RESOLVED that Professor S.S.K. TSE be re-appointed as Dean of Student Affairs from September 1, 2023 until June 30, 2025.
 8. The Council RESOLVED that Ms. D.K.M. YUE, currently Senior Assistant Registrar in the General Services of the Registry, be appointed as interim Registrar with effect from September 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024, or until the arrival of the new Registrar, whichever was earlier.
 9. 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 Science in Integrative Marine Ecology and Conservation [理科碩士(綜合海洋生態與保育)]” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.

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