

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on May 30, 2023.

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks and its appreciation to Ms. J.W.S. TSANG, the Registrar, who would be on pre-retirement leave soon before her retiring from the University after August 31, 2023, at her last meeting of the Council for her contributions to the University and the work of the Council.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor D.B. COLLINS, who would leave his position as Dean after June 30, 2023 and return to his academic position as Chair of History in the School of Humanities while taking up the appointment as Associate Vice-President (Cultural and External Affairs), for his contributions to the University as Dean of the Faculty of Arts.
3. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the following:
  - (a) HKU's assumption of Convenorship of the Heads of Universities Committee, a platform for the eight university presidents to discuss regularly matters of common interest to the UGC sector, from May 1, 2023;
  - (b) international recognitions bestowed on the University's scholars;
  - (c) his attendance at the Universitas 21 annual general meeting in Australia in April, and that the next annual general meeting to be hosted by HKU in 2024;
  - (d) the hosting of the Annual Presidents' Meeting 2023 of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities by the University in June; and
  - (e) his visits to the Mainland, Canada and the U.S., during which he met with alumni and potential donors.
4. The Council
  - (a) HEARD a presentation from Professor T.F. FLEMMIG, Dean of Dentistry, on the development in the Faculty, and NOTED in particular
    - (i) the vision of the Faculty's development to provide world-class teaching and learning experience to a growing number of students over the years, and to train dental providers for Hong Kong which were in shortage of supply;
    - (ii) the objective of the Faculty to make an impact on peoples' lives by improving access to high-quality oral healthcare and enhancing clinical outcomes and lowering costs;

- (iii) an overview of the Faculty's organisation structure, highlighting the different Divisions as well as the Institute for Advanced Dentistry (the "IAD"), providing undergraduate and postgraduate education and conducting research in various dental disciplines;
  - (iv) the increase in number and improvement in admission standard of enrolment for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) curriculum; the facilities required for the clinical education for students; and the efforts in maintaining clinical operations and education during COVID-19 when the facilities had to be shut down for a long period;
  - (v) the different initiatives conducted by the IAD;
  - (vi) the leading ranking of the Faculty amongst world universities and the increase in publications of its professoriate staff;
  - (vii) the efforts of the Faculty to strive for both academic and clinical excellence by strengthening its professional team comprising clinician scientists, scientists, and practitioners; and the challenges encountered in hiring top talents around the world; and
  - (viii) the projects of the Faculty to serve the local community targeting children and the underprivileged; and the interdisciplinary hub for biomedical engineering to promote innovations in translational dentistry; and
- (b) THANKED Professor FLEMMIG for apprising the Council on the strategic directions of development of the Faculty; and EXPRESSED appreciation of the Faculty's achievements.
5. The Council APPROVED the 2023-24 income and expenditure budget on block grant activities.
6. The Council
- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the establishment of an in-house investment office; and
  - (b) APPROVED
    - (i) the start of the process of establishing an in-house investment office; and
    - (ii) the extension of the Chairmanship of Mr. Andrew H.C. FUNG of the Investments Sub-Committee until December 31, 2023.
7. The Council RESOLVED to appoint Professor D.M. POMFRET, Professor in the School of Humanities, as the Interim Dean of Arts from July 1, 2023 until the arrival of the new Dean.

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 Urban Studies and Housing Management (城市及住房管理學碩士)” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
9. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Business and Economics, endorsed by the Senate, that the Centre for Asian Entrepreneurship and Business Values, a sub-division of studies and learning in the Faculty of Business and Economics, be renamed as the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship with effect from as soon as possible, under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.
10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the proposed amendments to Departmental Financial Administration (DFA) and Financial Policies & Procedures (FPP).
11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Special Group on Endowed Professorships, that the following Outstanding Young Professorship be established in accordance with the University’s Policy on the Outstanding Young Professorship Scheme:

Leung Cheuk Tong Outstanding Young Professorship  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 梁卓堂傑出青年教授席

in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Ir. LEUNG Cheuk Tong.

12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Small Group on Lodging Charges of University-administered Student Accommodation endorsed by the Committee on Student Affairs, the proposed lodging charges for various University-administered student accommodation in 2023-24, noting that students should be adequately apprised of the rationale for the increased charges.
13. The Council APPROVED, on the nomination of the HKU Staff Association and supported by the Chairman of the Boards of Trustees, that Professor WANG Junwen be appointed as Trustee for the Boards of Trustees of the Staff Terminal Benefits Scheme (1988) and the Staff Provident Fund, in accordance with Clause 3.04:2 and Clause 3(B)(ii) of the respective Trust Deeds, to replace Ms. Elaine L. CHOW with immediate effect.
14. The Council RECEIVED a report following the academic review of the Centre for Innovation in Construction and Infrastructure Development; and NOTED that recommendations of the review panel were subsequently endorsed by the Senate and would be taken forward by the relevant parties within the University.
15. The Council RECEIVED from the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education its Annual Report and Financial Report for the year 2021-22.