

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on November 28, 2023.

1. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the following:
 - (a) the University's rankings in the latest QS Asia University Rankings 2024 and Clarivate list of Highly Cited Researchers in 2023;
 - (b) the proposed collaboration initiatives in Shanghai and Zhengzhou; and
 - (c) celebratory event held at the University Lodge to honour HKU athletes and alumni for their remarkable achievements in the Asian Games and Asian Para Games, as well as the World University Games.
2. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a copy of information with regard to donations received by the University in the past 25 years and the relevant donation policies and guidelines prepared by the Development & Alumni Affairs Office (DAAO);
 - (b) HEARD a presentation by Ms. Isabella Y.S. WONG, Acting Director of DAAO, reporting on the history of, achievements of, and strategies for fund-raising for the University, and NOTED in particular an overview of the portfolios of DAAO, the achievements of DAAO in building extensive networks of alumni, donors and potential donors, and the amount of donations obtained through numerous successful fund-raising campaigns over the past 25 years, the major challenges in fund-raising and the respective strategies to address them, the fund-raising target for 2022-2032, and the major programmes and campaigns launched/to be launched to achieve the target; and
 - (c) THANKED Ms. WONG for the presentation.
3. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a progress report on the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital; and
 - (b) HEARD members commend the Hospital for its achievements and the high-quality services it provided, which served as a successful example of collaboration in the Greater Bay Area; and thank staff of the Hospital for their dedication and hard work, in particular during the COVID pandemic in the past few years.

4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Campus Development and Planning Committee (CDPC) its annual report for the year 2022-23; and
 - (b) THANKED Mr. Abraham L.H. SHEK, Chairman of CDPC, and members of CDPC for their work.
5. The Council RESOLVED that Professor David J. SROLOVITZ, interim Dean of Engineering and Chair Professor of Materials Theory in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, be appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering from December 1, 2023 for a fixed term of five years.
6. The Council RESOLVED that Professor Wallace C.S. LAU, interim Dean of Medicine and Chair Professor of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology in the Department of Medicine of the School of Clinical Medicine, be appointed as the Dean of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine from December 1, 2023 for a fixed term of five years.
7. The Council APPROVED, for submission to the Court, a recommendation of the Senate that Statute III “Degrees and Other Academic Distinctions” be amended by inclusion of the following titles in paragraph 1(b) thereof:
 - (a) Master of Climate Governance and Risk Management [氣候治理與風險管理碩士]; and
 - (b) Master of Family Wealth Management [家族財富管理碩士].
8. The Council APPROVED amendments to the Disciplinary Committee Regulations which took into account changes in the mechanism for appointment of members of the Disciplinary Committee, consequent upon the completion of the negative vetting process by the Legislative Council on the amendments of Statute XXX which had come into effect from October 20, 2023; and the inclusion of fax, email or other electronic means for servicing a notice of complaint to the student.
9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Human Resource Policy Committee, the proposed reinstatement of Practice Professoriate grades and consolidation of Research Professoriate Staff grades which had been endorsed by the Senate.
10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Human Resource Policy Committee, the extended eligibility for the Emeritus Professor title which had been endorsed by the Senate.
11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Human Resource Policy Committee, the framework for determining the eligibility or levels of various types of allowances and reimbursement for staff.

12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Architecture and endorsed by the Senate, that the Centre of Architecture and Urban Design for China and Hong Kong, a sub-division of studies and learning in the Faculty of Architecture, be renamed as the Centre for Chinese Architecture and Urbanism under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.
13. The Council
 - (a) APPROVED the continuation of the membership of Mr. LUO Moxuan, the immediate past elected postgraduate representative on Council, on the Search Committee for the Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance) after the expiry of his Council membership, noting that Miss HU Jiaming, the current postgraduate representative had also agreed to this arrangement; and
 - (b) TOOK NOTE of Mr. Charles LI's withdrawal from the Search Committee upon cessation of his Council membership with effect from November 1, 2023.
14. The Council RECEIVED a report on the conferment of Emeritus Professor Title approved by the President & Vice-Chancellor on delegated authority from the Council for the period April 2022 to July 2023.
15. The Council RECEIVED an annual report on waiver of overhead charges on non-UGC-funded research projects for the year 2022-23.
16. The Council NOTED that the HKU-UCAS Joint Institute of Theoretical and Computational Physics (JITCP), a sub-division of studies and learning established under Section 8(3) of the Ordinance in the Faculty of Science, be disestablished on July 29, 2024 with its ongoing activities and initiatives continued under the Hong Kong Institute of Quantum Science and Technology.

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