

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on September 26, 2023.

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Mr. LUO Moxuan, the postgraduate student representative, whose membership would expire on October 15, 2023, for his participation in the work of the Council in the past year.
2. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University, including
 - (a) a plan to establish Materials Innovation Institute for Life Sciences and Energy to conduct frontier research in the field of renewable energy, materials, and biomedicine;
 - (b) the appointment of Professor the Hon. Lap-Chee TSUI as the new Chairman of HKU Foundation to succeed Professor the Hon. Rosie T.T. YOUNG, and his thanks to Professor YOUNG for her decade-long dedication in leading the HKU Foundation;
 - (c) the assumption of duty of Professor Sir Fraser STODDART as Chair Professor in the Department of Chemistry; and
 - (d) the various initiatives of the University as a hub of international scholars and intellectual exchanges.
3. The Council APPROVED the University's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023; and the Letter of Representation in respect of the 2022-23 audit of the University's financial statements.
4. The Council APPROVED the yearly pay adjustment arrangements for 2023-24, as well as the adjustment of the minimum and maximum points of the various University salary ranges, to take retroactive effect from July 1, 2023.
5. The Council RECEIVED a paper on the arrangement relating to the approving authorities for salaries beyond the University's approved salary ranges as agreed by the Human Resource Policy Committee.
6. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report on the academic review of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine; and
 - (b) THANKED all members of the review panel and the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor for undertaking the review and for drawing up the report, noting that the recommendations would be taken forward by the relevant parties of the University.

7. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Finance Committee its annual report for the year 2022-23, which also enclosed the reports of its two sub-committees, the Investments Sub-Committee and the Tenders Board; and
 - (b) THANKED Mrs. LEUNG and members of the Finance Committee and its sub-committees for their work.
8. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Human Resource Policy Committee (the “HRPC”) its annual report for the year 2022-23 and an update on current year’s work; and
 - (b) THANKED Dr. STEVENSON and members of the HRPC for their work.
9. The Council APPROVED the establishment of the Wong How Man Centre for Exploration as a sub-division of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.
10. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that the governance structure of the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS) be revamped.
11. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the proposed amendments to the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy.
12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Human Resource Policy Committee, the adjustment of the salary range for Clinical Professors.
13. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor, that in recognition of a generous gift of \$100 million from Mr. Karson CHOI Ka-Tsan in support of University developments, College 3 at student residences in Wong Chuk Hang be named “Karson Choi College (蔡加讚學院)”.
14. The Council RECEIVED for information the University’s Self-Evaluation Report, a comprehensive and critical self-review to identify the University’s strengths and areas for improvements, submitted to the Quality Assurance Council for the third cycle of the quality audits.