

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on March 25, 2025.

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms. Wendy K.S. GAN and Mr. Fred T.F. LAM to the Council.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Dr. T. Brian STEVENSON, the recently-retired member, and Dr. Louis Y.L. CHU, who resigned from the Council in mid-March for personal reasons, for their contributions to the Council.
3. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the following:
  - (a) the reopening of the East Gate;
  - (b) the achievement of the University in international ranking exercise;
  - (c) the institutional adoption of AI tools to enhance teaching and learning and administrative operations;
  - (d) the progress of the Pokfield Road Campus Capital Project;
  - (e) the conduct of a full-day annual management retreat on the University's future development;
  - (f) the updates on the HKU Shanghai Centre initiative; and
  - (g) the hosting of the Alumni Day and the second Hong Kong Climate Forum on March 16 and March 24 & 25, 2025 respectively.
4. The Council RECEIVED a paper on the University Accountability Agreement for the 2025-28 Triennium and Vision for 2026-2035.
5. The Council HEARD a presentation on the updates of the Mainland initiatives of the University.
6. The Council APPROVED the establishment of a Task Force to look into the recommendations set out in the proposal for transition to a paperless and smart University prioritizing reform of financial processes.
7. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED the 2024-25 mid-year budget review;

- (b) ENDORSED the revisions to the 2024-25 budget related to the block grant activities; and
  - (c) THANKED the Treasurer, the Finance Committee, and the Director of Finance for apprising the Council of the latest budgetary position of the University.
8. The Council ENDORSED the dual employment arrangement of professoriate and research staff appointment under the Materials Innovation Institute for Life Sciences and Energy.
9. The Council ENDORSED the proposal for Alterations, Additions, Repairs and Improvements Submission for 2026-27 for formalization and submission to the University Grants Committee.
10. The Council APPROVED the adoption of AI-assisted minute-taking at Council meetings.
11. The Council APPROVED the change of Search Committee membership for the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor.
12. The Council RECEIVED an annual report on the outside practice activities of professoriate staff of the University for the year 2023-24.
13. 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
- (a) Bachelor of Arts in Global Creative Industries (文學士(全球創意產業)) and Bachelor of Statistics (統計學學士) in paragraph 1(a) thereof;
  - (b) Master of Digital Urban Management (數字城市管理碩士) in paragraph 1(b) thereof; and
  - (c) Postgraduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership and Management (醫療領袖管理深造證書) in paragraph 2(b) thereof.
14. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the following Endowed Professorships be established in appreciation of a generous donation from The Hong Kong Jockey Club:
- The Hong Kong Jockey Club Professorship in Accounting  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 香港賽馬會基金教授席 (會計學)
  - The Hong Kong Jockey Club Professorship in Economics  
The University of Hong Kong

香港大學 香港賽馬會基金教授席 (經濟學)

- The Hong Kong Jockey Club Professorship in Economics  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 香港賽馬會基金教授席 (經濟學)
- The Hong Kong Jockey Club Professorship in Finance and  
Entrepreneurship  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 香港賽馬會基金教授席 (金融及創業學).

15. The Council RECEIVED a report on the conferment of Emeritus Professor Title approved by the President & Vice-Chancellor on delegated authority from the Council in 2024.

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