

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on January 27, 2026.

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor S.K.Y. MA, Interim Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), to her first meeting.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor Frank F. CHAN and Mr. Vincent S.S. CHEUNG, both of whom would step down from the Council, for their contributions to the Council.
3. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the following:
 - (a) the University had recruited two top scholars, one Nobel laureate in Physics and one Fields Medalist, and would announce their joining in the near future;
 - (b) the University had co-hosted “The Nobel Heroes Forum: Shaping Science and Future”, with six Nobel laureates sharing their experience and insights at the event;
 - (c) the University had partnered with the South China University of Technology to establish the Hong Kong Base of the State Key Laboratory of Subtropical Building and Urban Science, which was a recognition of the University’s strengths in architecture and urban science;
 - (d) the University’s teaching, learning and research base in Zhangjiang had commenced operation in January 2026 and would receive the first batch of students from the School of Computing and Data Science; and
 - (e) in late-February 2026, the University would hold an opening ceremony for the Zhangjiang base, its new headquarters at Bund No. 22, and a new base in Caohejing.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) its report of work for the period June to December 2025; and
 - (b) THANKED SPC for the report and its work during the period.
5. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED the 2025-26 mid-year budget review; and

- (b) ENDORSED the revisions to the 2025-26 budget related to block grant activities.
6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the amendments to Departmental Financial Administration No. 19 “Policies and Guidelines on Donations”.
 7. The Council APPROVED that Mr. T.T.S. LO be reappointed as the Director of Finance for five years from September 15, 2026.
 8. The Council APPROVED the proposed full membership of the Search Committee for the Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global).
 9. The Council RECEIVED an annual report on the outside practice activities of professoriate staff of the University for the year 2024-25.
 10. The Council APPROVED the proposed appointments to the Election Complaint Committee set up to investigate a complaint concerning the election of one full-time undergraduate student to the Council.
 11. 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 title “Master of China Development Studies (中國發展研究碩士)” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
 12. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the proposal of the Steering Committee of the School of Governance and Policy that the Asia Global Institute (AGI), an independent sub-division of studies and learning established under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance, be allocated to the School of Governance and Policy with immediate effect, and that the existing governance structure of AGI be concomitantly dissolved to follow that of the School.
 13. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor, that in recognition of a generous pledge from The James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation in support of University developments, the Centre, jointly managed by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Business and Economics, shall bear the name “James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre on Socio-Economic Inequality in Asia 香港大學亞洲社會經濟不平等研究中心”.
 14. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the President & Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that

- (a) the following Endowed Professorship be established:

Philip K H Wong Foundation Professorship in Clinical Dentistry
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學 黃乾亨基金教授席 (臨床牙醫學)

in appreciation of a generous donation from the Philip K H Wong Foundation; and

- (b) the following Endowed Professorship be renamed, as agreed by the Faculty and the donor, to reflect the change in the donor's name:

From: Modern Dental Laboratory Professorship in Clinical Dental
Science

現代牙科基金教授席 (臨床牙醫科學)

To: Modern Dental Group Professorship in Clinical Dental Science

現代牙科基金教授席 (臨床牙醫科學)

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