

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on March 31, 2026.

1. The Council EXTENDED a warm welcome to the new Council members, Ms. Mary W.Y. HUEN and Mr. Brian David M.B. LI.
2. The Council CONGRATULATED The Hon. Ronick C.Y. CHAN and Mr. Fred T.F. LAM, who had been conferred Honorary Fellowships by Lingnan University.
3. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the following:
 - (a) another Nobel Laureate in Physics, Professor Sir Andre GEIM, would be joining the University; along with the recruitment of Professor Ferenc KRAUSZ and Professor NGÔ Báo Châu, the University had welcomed two Nobel Laureates and one Fields Medalist in the academic year 2025-26;
 - (b) in 2025, the University also recruited 114 talents from 18 nationalities, who are leading professors in their respective fields across 40 diverse disciplines, and it aspired to continue supporting Hong Kong to become an international talent hub;
 - (c) the University continued to excel in key disciplines in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject 2026, with Dentistry ranked 2nd, Education & Training ranked 5th, and Data Science and Artificial Intelligence ranked 18th in the world and the highest among all local institutions;
 - (d) the Institute for Climate and Carbon Neutrality of the University was holding the Hong Kong Climate Week 2026, the biggest-ever edition of this annual event, from March 26 to April 1;
 - (e) in late-February 2026, the University held a series of opening events in Shanghai to inaugurate its strategic positioning there and officiated the commencement of the Shanghai Headquarters at Bund No. 22, the Zhangjiang base, the Caohejing base, and the Bund SOHO base;
 - (f) the University hosted the Alumni Day on March 14, 2026, with the participation of over 5,000 alumni, staff, friends, and family members; and
 - (g) the University's Medium Term Note programme to finance capital projects.

4. The Council ENDORSED the proposals for alterations, additions, repairs and improvements submission for 2027-28 for formalization and submission to the University Grants Committee.
5. The Council APPROVED the appointment of Ms. Flora NG as interim Chief Information Officer and University Librarian from May 10, 2026 to December 31, 2026, or until the arrival of a new Chief Information Officer and University Librarian, whichever was earlier.
6. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a paper regarding the report from the Election Complaint Committee (ECC) set up to investigate a complaint concerning the election of one full-time undergraduate student to the Council, and the report of the ECC; and
 - (b) APPROVED the proposed way forward.
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 title “Master of Governance and Policy (治理與政策碩士)” in paragraph 1(b) thereof.
8. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, the disestablishment of the Women’s Studies Research Centre as a sub-division of studies and learning under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance, with effect from May 1, 2026.
9. The Council RESOLVED unanimously the appointment of an authorized representative of the University for handling all matters related to the clinic licence application under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633) and all subsequent matters related to the licence of the clinic.
10. The Council RECEIVED a report on the conferment of Emeritus Professor Title approved by the President & Vice-Chancellor in 2025 on delegated authority from the Council.

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