Matters resolved by the Council at its 115th Meeting on 24 June 2022

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP Chairman Dr Terence CHAN Ho Wah Deputy Chairman Ms Imma LING Kit Sum Treasurer Mrs CHAN SIU Suk Fan Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai Kuen, SBS, MH, JP Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH Prof LUI Hon Kwong Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP Ms Winnie NG, JP Mr Kelvin YAU Siu Hung, MH Ms Jennifer YEUNG Yin Chi Prof Ben YOUNG Prof May CHENG May Hung Dr Sammy HUI King Fai Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing Ms Anna HUI Sui Yee Dr Jae Hyung PARK Miss LAM Sing Loi Prof Stephen CHEUNG Yan Leung, SBS, JP President Prof John LEE Chi Kin, JP Vice President (Academic) and Provost Prof Chetwyn CHAN Che Hin Vice President (Research and Development)

Member and Secretary

Ms Sarah WONG Man Yee

Vice President (Administration)

Apologies

Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP

In-Attendance by Electronic Means

Mr Dieter YIH, immediate past Deputy Chairman (for item 2 only)

In Attendance

Dr Simon XU Sheng Lang, Associate Vice President (Global Affairs) Prof Eric YU Kwan Wai, Associate Vice President (Quality Assurance) Prof LI Wai Keung, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Prof John ERNI, Dean, Faculty of Humanities Prof Bruce MACFARLANE, Dean, Faculty of Education and Human Development Mr Perry LOU Yiu Tong, Director of Communications Mr Chaddy WONG Kam Chiu, Director of Finance Ms Angie YEON Yuk Mei, Director of Student Affairs Ms Vivien LIU Wai Yuen, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager Miss Angel TSE Hei Tung, Council Secretarial and Administration Officer Mr CHENG Ka Wing, Information Technology Manager (for item 3 only)

Observer

Mr WU Ming Sum, Computer Operator, Office of the Chief Information Officer

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Dr Terence CHAN, the newly appointed Deputy Chairman of the Council, Mr Armstrong LEE, Mr Willie LUI and Ms Winnie NG, the newly appointed Council Members, to their first Council Meeting and Mr WU Ming Sum, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Review of Breach of Code of Conduct

The Council approved a letter of caution and the amendments to the Guidelines and Code of Conduct / Practice for Council / Committee Members and the Standing Orders.

3. Re-appointment of a Senior Staff Member

The Council approved the re-appointment of Ms Sarah WONG as Vice President (Administration) for another term of three years.

4. **Report from the Staffing Committee**

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had approved / endorsed / noted at its meeting held on 2 June 2022, including:

- (a) endorsement of the proposed Medical and Dental Benefits Scheme for 2022/23 and beyond and the enhancements, and the proposed Performance-based Reward System 2022; and
- (b) approval of the appointment of a Professor;

and approved the proposed Medical and Dental Benefits Scheme for 2022/23 and beyond and the Performance-based Reward System 2022.

5. Conferment of Honorary Degrees for 2022

The Council approved the candidates for conferment of honorary degrees for 2022.

6. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the major issues that had been noted / deliberated / approved by the Academic Board between March 2022 and May 2022.

7. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the appointment of Dr Terence CHAN as a Member of the Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation.

8. Proposed Budget for 2022/23

The Council approved the budget for 2022/23.

9. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that had been noted / endorsed / approved by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 30 May 2022, including:

- (a) noting of tenders approved by Purchase Committee and purchases approved by delegated authorities;
- (b) noting of management report and financial analysis March 2022, and report on approved single tender;
- (c) approval of 5 tender awards and transfer of a contract due to company restructuring of a contractor; and
- (d) approval of the adoption of 'scorecard' evaluation for the provision of cleaning service for student halls.

10. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered / endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 27 May 2022, including the Internal Audit Report 2021/22 – University Level – Personal Data Collection and Handling; and the Internal Audit Report 2021/22 – Student Life Cycle – Scholarships and Bursaries.

11. Senior Management Report

The Council noted the major activities and development of the University since the last Council Meeting, including:

- (a) Overall Developments
 - resumption of normal work arrangements and latest vaccination requirement;
 - Quacquarelli Symonds World and Regional Subject Rankings 2022;
 - launch of teaching materials to promote Basic Law and national security education; and
 - conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding with Hong Kong Jockey Club on provision of university education for home-grown jockeys;
- (b) Academic Developments
 - admission figures for 2022/23;
 - updates to UGC on national security education;
 - affiliate membership of Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization;
 - approval of University Data Strategy;
 - progress of Overall Plan on Teaching Development and Language Enhancement Grant for 2022-25 triennium;

- activities and programmes of the Centre for Chinese Classical Education;
- El Fiesta and other activities to broaden students' horizon;
- UNESCO Chair Online Seminar Series 2021/22: Asian Perspectives on Education for the Future;
- collaboration project with University of Lapland in Finland; and
- online resources to promote physical and mental health;
- (c) Research Developments
 - consideration by independent Assessment Panel on the renewal of University-level research centres;
 - invitation of applications for the Multi-disciplinary Research Capacity Building Scheme and establishment of niche areas of research importance;
 - new partnerships with external parties to widen support for startups;
 - updates on EASE Fund and EASE Fund-GBA Scheme;
 - entrepreneurship awards received by a startup founded by EdD student; and
 - submissions to the Geneva Invention 2022;
- (d) Student Activities and Support Services
 - updates on COVID-19 cases in student halls and special hall withdrawal exercise;
 - support to affiliated societies during overhaul of student governance; and
 - Basic Law training for prospective teachers;
- (e) Administrative Developments
 - updates on new and revamped IT infrastructure and systems, including full implementation of COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Record System;
 - approval of Additions, Repairs and Improvements (AA&I) projects / proposals, and update on the New Academic Building project;
 - updates on confirmed COVID-19 cases reported by staff, students and contractor staff and enhanced anti-pandemic and security measures, including "Vaccine Pass" arrangement; and
 - updates on financial and human resources management.

12. Report from The EdUHK Schools Limited

The Council noted the report from The EdUHK Schools Limited.

13. Schedule of Meetings for 2022/23

The Council noted the schedule of meetings for 2022/23.

14. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the approval of the appointments by way of circulation of Dr Terence CHAN as a Member of the Honorary Awards Committee, Mrs Joanna LI, MH as the Vice Chairperson of the Staff Appeal Sub-committee under the Staffing Committee, Mr Kennedy LIU as a Member of the Staff Appeal Sub-committee under the Staffing Committee, Ms Jennifer YEUNG as the Vice Chairperson of the Superannuation and MPF Schemes Management Sub-committee under the Finance Committee, Mr Willie LUI, JP as a Member of the Finance Committee, Ms Winnie NG, JP as a Member of the Audit Committee and Mr Armstrong LEE as a Member of the Staffing Committee; and the appointment of Miss LAM Sing Loi as the Student Council Member.