Matters resolved by the Council at its 114th Meeting on 25 March 2022

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP Chairman

Mr Dieter YIH, JP Deputy Chairman

Ms Imma LING Kit Sum

Treasurer

Ms Sylvia CHAN May Kuen, MH

Mrs CHAN SIU Suk Fan

Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai Kuen, SBS, MH, JP

Mr Tony CHOI Siu Chow, JP

Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH

Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin

Prof LUI Hon Kwong

Mr Kelvin YAU Siu Hung, MH

Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP

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

Mr Mike YEUNG Yat Ming

Prof Stephen CHEUNG Yan Leung, SBS, JP President

Prof John LEE Chi-Kin, JP Vice President (Academic) and Provost Vice President (Research and Development)

Member and Secretary

Ms Sarah WONG Man Yee Vice President (Administration)

In Attendance through Electronic Means

Prof LO Sing Kai, Associate Vice President (Graduate Studies) and

Associate Vice President (Assessment)

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

In Attendance

Ms Vivien LIU Wai Yuen, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager Miss Angel TSE Hei Tung, Council Secretarial and Administration Officer

Observer

Miss WU Chen, Research Assistant I, Department of Science and Environmental Studies

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Dr Sammy HUI and Dr Maxwell HO, the new Council Members, and Miss WU Chen, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Search Committee for the President

The Council approved the proposed membership composition, terms of reference and operation of the Search Committee for the President (the "Search Committee"), and the appointments of two members of the Search Committee under the membership category of "2 Lay Council Members".

3. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Re-appointment or Otherwise Exercise of the Incumbent President

The Council noted the report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Re-appointment or Otherwise Exercise of the Incumbent President.

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 21 February 2022, including:

- (a) endorsement of the creation of the post of Research Assistant Professor and the re-engagement of a senior professorial staff;
- (b) approval of the appointment of a senior administrative staff; and
- (c) endorsement of the proposed Medical and Dental Benefits Scheme for 2022/23 and beyond and the enhancements to the proposed Scheme;

and approved the creation of the post of Research Assistant Professor and the re-engagement of a senior professorial staff.

5. Report from the Honorary Awards Committee and Presentation of Honorary Fellowships for 2022

The Council approved the presentation of honorary fellowships for 2022.

6. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the acknowledgement of a donation in the form of facility naming, in accordance with the University's prevailing policy.

7. 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 25 February 2022, including the Internal Audit Report 2021/22 – Student Life Cycle – Alumni and Donation; and the Internal Audit Report 2021/22 – Staff Life Cycle – Support for Learning, Teaching and Technology.

8. 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 24 February 2022, including:

- (a) Financial Report for The EdUHK School of Continuing and Professional Education Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2021;
- (b) Management Report and Financial Analysis for the half year ended 31 December 2021;
- (c) Report from the Superannuation and MPF Schemes Management Sub-committee;
- (d) approval of 8 contract awards;
- (e) noting of financial statements of the EdUHK Students' Union (SU)'s Account; and
- (f) a presentation on the investment portfolios.

9. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the major issues that had been noted / deliberated / approved by the Academic Board between December 2021 and February 2022.

10. Senior Management Report

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

(a) Overall Developments

- the University's operation under the 5th wave of COVID-19 pandemic; and
- updates on National Flag Raising Ceremony;

(b) Academic Developments

- admission and learning support for student / elite athletes;
- approval of the proposed refinement of the Putonghua enhancement curriculum;
- introduction of compulsory Experiential Learning course on entrepreneurship and innovation to new/revamped non-Education programmes;
- launch of the "Life and Values Education Animated Series", and soft launch of Hong Kong Museum of Education's exhibition "Beyond the Classroom: Extra-curricular Activities 課堂外的學生歲月"
- updates on artificial intelligence literacy initiatives;
- successful completion of the second International Conference on Learning and Teaching in December 2021;
- 2022 Online Student Fair EdUHK Lunar New Year Fair;
- Teacher's Professional Conduct Seminar; and
- publication of EdUHK Learning and Teaching Newsletter (Issue 7);

(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;
- approved Additions, Repairs and Improvements (AA&I) projects / proposals, and progress of 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.

11. Draft University Accountability Agreement for 2022-25 Triennium

The Council noted the draft University Accountability Agreement for 2022-25 Triennium.

12. Use of EdUHK Common Seal

The Council noted the use of the University's common seal on a Tenancy Agreement.

13. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted that the appointments of Dr Sammy HUI and Dr Maxwell HO as Members of the Staff Appeal Sub-committee under the Staffing Committee, and the setting up of an ad hoc committee to review a case of possible breach of conduct had been approved by the Council by way of circulation.

14. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Dieter YIH, Ms Sylvia CHAN, Mr Tony CHOI and Mr Mike YEUNG for their outstanding services and contributions to the Council and the University.