

## Matters resolved by the Council at its 118<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 24 March 2023

### Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP	Chairman
Dr Terence CHAN Ho Wah	Deputy Chairman
Ms Imma LING Kit Sum	Treasurer
Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai Kuen, SBS, MH, JP	
Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung	
Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH	
Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin	
Prof LUI Hon Kwong	
Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP	
Ms Winnie NG, JP	
Mr Kelvin YAU Siu Hung, MH	
Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP	
Ms Jennifer YEUNG	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Ms Louise SO Yuen Yi	
Prof May CHENG May Hung	
Dr Sammy HUI King Fai	
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung	
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing	
Dr Jae Hyung PARK	
Ms Teresa POON Sin Yi	
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)
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### In Attendance

Dr Simon XU Sheng Lang, Associate Vice President (Global Affairs)  
Dr Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze, 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 Edmond KUO Hoi, 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

## **Observer**

Miss Maisie CHAM Lok Hei, Project Assistant, Department of Special Education and Counselling

### **1. Welcome**

The Council welcomed Ms Louise SO, the newly-appointed Council Member (Public Officer), and Ms Teresa POON, the new Elected Staff Council Member, to their first Council Meeting, and Miss Maisie CHAM, the Observer, to the Meeting.

### **2. Report from the Honorary Awards Committee and Presentation of Honorary Fellowships for 2023**

The Council approved the candidates for honorary fellowships for 2023 and the proposed adjustments to the allowance package for Honorary Degree recipients.

### **3. Report from the Staffing Committee**

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had approved / endorsed / noted via circulation of papers and at its meeting held on 27 February 2023:

- (a) endorsement of the proposed revision of cash allowance provision;
- (b) approval of the re-engagement of three Academic staff and two senior Administrative staff and the appointments of a Professor and a senior Administrative staff; and
- (c) noting of the Management Report on Staffing and the Report on Delegation of Authorities from Staffing Committee to the President.

The Council also approved the increase of the cap of the cash allowance provision for Academic and Teaching staff and the delegation of authority to the President to offer superannuable terms of appointment to Associate Professors irrespective of their length of service.

### **4. Report from the Audit Committee**

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered / endorsed / noted by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 2 March 2023, including Internal Audit Report 2022/23 – Outside Activities and Community Services and the mechanism for shortlisting qualified candidates for provision of Statutory Audit and Internal Audit Services.

### **5. Report from the Finance Committee**

The Council noted the major items / issues that had been approved / endorsed / noted by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 23 February 2023, including:

- (a) Report from the Purchase Committee and Report on Approved Single Tender;
- (b) approval of contract awards;
- (c) adoption of scorecard evaluation for the tender for shuttle bus service;
- (d) blanket approval for reimbursement of remuneration of resident site staff for the New Academic Building;

- (e) Financial Report for The EdUHK School of Continuing and Professional Education Limited – December 2022; Management Report and Financial Analysis – December 2022 and Report from the Superannuation and MPF Schemes Management Sub-committee.

## **6. Report from the Academic Board**

The Council noted the major issues that had been deliberated / approved / noted by the Academic Board between December 2022 and February 2023.

## **7. Senior Management Report**

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

### **(a) Overall Developments**

- Spring Reception on EdUHK's contributions to support educational transformation in Belt and Road countries; and
- EdUHK's overall ranking in Asia in QS World University Rankings 2023;

### **(b) Academic Developments**

- curriculum review of teacher education programmes;
- setting up of a Working Group on National and National Security Education;
- updates on development of new "Six Arts";
- additional PGDE places in 2023/24 and 2024/25 and special admission schemes;
- submission of work plan / proposals for UGC's Whole-person Development Fund;
- progress of the third QAC Audit Cycle;
- renewal of UNESCO Chair Programme;
- seminars on Leaders' Dialogue on New Chapter for Education; and
- the "2023 Student Fair – EdUHK Lunar New Year Fair";

### **(c) Research Developments and Student Activities and Support Services**

- receipt of research funds and matching grants under the Research Grants Council and the Agence Nationale de la Recherche Joint Research Scheme 2022/23 and Research Matching Grant Scheme;
- approval of projects by Innovation and Technology Commission;
- championship in Asian Universities Student Entrepreneurship Ideation Challenge Competition;
- award of Gold and Silver Medals in International Innovation Competitions; and
- recognition of student achievements through President's Commendation Scheme;

### **(d) Administrative Developments**

- infrastructure and software upgrades to improve learning and teaching support and to minimise cyber security risks;
- updates on progress of AA&I projects, green initiatives and relaxed anti-pandemic controls; and
- adoption of the name and address for North Point Study Centre.

## **8. University Accountability Agreement Annual Report 2022-23**

The Council noted the University Accountability Agreement Annual Report 2022-23.

## **9. Decision by Circulation**

The Council noted the approval of the appointment of Ms Teresa POON as Member of the Finance Committee and Member of the Superannuation and MPF Schemes Management Sub-committee under the Finance Committee by way of circulation.

## **10. Vote of Thanks**

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Ms Teresa CHAN and Ms Trudi CHAN, as well as Dr Anissa CHAN, a long-serving Council Member, for their outstanding services and contributions to the Council and the University in the past year and the past 6 years respectively.