

Matters resolved by the Council at its 123rd Meeting held on 28 June 2024

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP	Chairman
Dr Terence CHAN Ho Wah	Deputy Chairman
Ms Imma LING Kit Sum	Treasurer
Mr CHOY Sai Hung	
Dr Henry HO Kin Chung	
Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung	
Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH	
Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin	
Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP	
Ms Winnie NG, JP	
Ms Jennifer YEUNG	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Ms Louise SO Yuen Yi	
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung	
Prof Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze	
Dr Jae Hyung PARK	
Ms Teresa POON Sin Yi	
Ms Gemma Cunanan SITCHON	
Prof John LEE Chi Kin, JP	President
Prof May CHENG May Hung	Vice President (Academic)
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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Apologies

Mr KWOK Wing Keung, BBS, MH, JP
Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP
Dr Sammy HUI King Fai
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing

In Attendance

Prof Ken YUNG Kin Lam, Associate Vice President (Research)
Prof LI Wai Keung, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Prof Bruce MACFARLANE, Dean, Faculty of Education and Human Development
Prof Michelle GU Ming Yue, Dean, Graduate School
Ms Cindy CHEUNG Yuen Lai, Director of Human Resources
Ms Helen GAI Hui Xia, Director of Communications and Engagement
Mr Edmond KUO Hoi, Director of Finance
Ms Joey NG Kit Ping, Acting Director of Estates

Mr Armen LAU Kit Man, Adviser to the President (Quality Assurance and Risk Management)
Ms Vivien LIU Wai Yuen, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager
Ms Angel TSE Hei Tung, Council Secretarial and Administration Officer

In Attendance by Electronic Means

Dr Mark CHOW Man Kong, Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement)
Prof LO Sing Kai, Associate Vice President (Internationalisation)
Mr Raymond HO Lai Man, Associate Director of Estates

Observers

Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho, Vice President (Administration) (Designate)
Miss Joan WAN Chi Man, Clerk, Faculty of Humanities

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Dr Tom FONG and Miss Joan WAN, the Observers, to the Meeting.

2. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Prof LUI Hon Kwong, Mr YAU Siu Hung and Miss Emily CHEUNG for their outstanding service and contributions to the University and the Council over the past six, three and one years respectively.

3. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that Staffing Committee had approved / endorsed / noted at its meeting held on 4 June 2024, including:

- (a) endorsement of Performance-based Reward System 2024 and Refined Guidelines for Application / Reporting of Outside Activities and Community Services; and
- (b) approval of the maintenance of the same rates of Leave Passage Allowance to align with those of the Civil Service effective from 1 April 2024;

and approved the Performance-based Reward System 2024, the delegation of approving authority to the Council Officers on the provision of Special Component C (if any) to the President and the Vice Presidents, the refined guidelines for staff members' application / reporting of Outside Activities (OA) Category B Activities, the revised income threshold of OA Category B Activities for income-sharing and the annual reporting / declaration requirements for staff members taking up public offices.

4. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the re-appointment of Mr Wilson PONG as Member of Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation for another term of three years.

5. Report from The EdUHK Schools Limited

The Council approved the appointment of Dr Sylvia CHAN as Member of Executive Committee of The EdUHK Schools Limited for a term of three years.

6. Proposed Budget for 2024/25

The Council approved the proposed budget for 2024/25.

7. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that had been noted / endorsed / approved by Finance Committee at its meeting held on 31 May 2024, including:

- (a) endorsement of the proposed budget for 2024/25 and the strategic budget allocation of an additional \$100 million in 2024/25;
 - (b) noting of the progress report on the University-wide strategic budget allocation of \$81 million in 2023/24; Report from the Purchase Committee and Report on Approved Single Tender, Report from the Campus Development Committee, Periodic Reports to the Finance Committee, Report from the Investment Sub-committee, Management Report and Financial Analysis – March 2024 and Report on Financial Status of The Education University of Hong Kong Early Childhood Learning Centre;
 - (c) approval of contract awards;
 - (d) endorsement of the adoption of EdUHK's Term Contracts for the implementation of two urgent minor works on Tai Po Campus and proposed maximum funding support for the closure of EdUHK Early Childhood Learning Centre in 2025/26; and
 - (e) noting of next steps and timeline to follow up on the two reports prepared by Senior Manager (Special Projects);
- and approved the strategic budget allocation of an additional \$100 million in 2024/25.

8. Report from the Anniversary Celebration and Branding Steering Committee

The Council noted the Report from the Anniversary Celebration and Branding Steering Committee.

9. Report from the Campus Development Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that were noted / discussed / endorsed / approved by Campus Development Committee at its meeting held on 6 June 2024, including:

- (a) update on the construction of New Academic Building and the progress of AA&I projects; and
- (b) approval of one minor works request and the award of contracts; and
- (c) status of proposed renovation of President's Lodge and proposed catering facilities at North Point Study Centre.

10. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered / discussed / noted by Audit Committee at its meeting held on 5 June 2024, including the Internal Audit Report

11. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted that the final draft of the Planning Exercise Proposal for 2025-28 triennium had been approved by Academic Board and Council Officers before submission to University Grants Committee in May 2024.

12. Senior Management Report

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

(a) Overall Developments

- Honorary Fellowships 2024;
- Honorary Professorship appointment of Professor SHEN Jinkang and signing of memorandum of understanding with the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited;
- establishment of Centre for Guangdong-HongKong-Macao Development Research with Sun Yat-Sen University; and
- National Glory - Exhibition on the Spirit of the China Women's Volleyball Team;

(b) Academic Developments

- International Congress on Educational Futures 2024;
- Learning and Teaching @ EdUHK Festival 2024;
- updates on QAC Third Audit Cycle;
- Teaching Development Grant projects;
- curriculum review for HD Early Childhood Education and PGD Education programmes; and
- non-local students' field experience in Greater Bay Area;

(c) Research Developments

- preparation for Research Assessment Exercise 2026;
- winning of seven medals at International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva in Switzerland; and
- EASE Fund - inaugural partnership with Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited;

(d) Student Activities and Support Services

- recognition of students' non-academic achievements through the President's Commendation Scheme;
- EdUHK Career Fair 2024 Employer Exhibition; and
- Greater Bay Area Career Visits;

(e) Administrative Developments

- upgrade / launch of IT infrastructure and systems, including ChatGPT service and DALL·E;
- pilot use of Microsoft 365 Copilot; and
- initiatives to further enhance IT security and protection.

13. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the approval of the following matters by circulation:

- (a) the appointments of Mr Kennedy LIU as Chairman of Audit Committee, Dr Henry HO as Member of Audit Committee, Staff Appeal Sub-committee and Anniversary Celebration and Branding Steering Committee, Mr CHOY Sai Hung as Member of Campus Development Committee, Finance Committee and Executive Committee of The EdUHK Schools Limited, the cessation of Ms Winnie NG as Member of Audit Committee, the revised membership composition of the Board of The EdUHK School of Continuing and Professional Education Limited (SCPE) and the appointment of Ms Winnie NG as Deputy Chairman of the SCPE Board;
- (b) the delegation of authority to Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer of the Council to approve the Planning Exercise Proposal for 2025-28 Triennium for submission to University Grants Committee by 21 May 2024; and
- (c) the appointment of Ms Gemma Cunanan SITCHON as Student Council Member.

14. Schedule of Meetings for 2024/25

The Council noted the schedule of meetings for 2024/25.

15. New Elected Staff Council Member and Appointment to Council Committees

The Council approved the appointments of Dr Sarah LEE as Member of Staffing Committee and Prof Philip LI as Member of Honorary Awards Committee; and recorded a vote of thanks to Dr Jae PARK for his contribution and outstanding service to the Council and the University over the past three years.

16. Outgoing and Incoming Vice Presidents (Administration)

The Council recorded a vote of thanks for Ms Sarah WONG's contributions and outstanding service to the University and the Council in the past decade, and welcomed Dr Tom FONG who would be the next Vice President (Administration).