

Matters resolved by the Council at its 127th Meeting held on Friday, 27 June 2025

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP	Chairman
Prof Terence CHAN Ho Wah	Deputy Chairman
Ms Imma LING Kit Sum	Treasurer
Mr CHOY Sai Hung, MH	
Dr Henry HO Kin Chung	
Mr KWOK Wing Keung, BBS, MH, JP	
Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung	
Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH	
Dr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin	
Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP	
Ms Winnie NG, JP	
Prof Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP	
Ms Jennifer YEUNG, JP	
Prof Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Dr Verena LAU Wing Yin	
Prof Kevin CHAN Ka Shing	
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung	
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing	
Dr Sarah LEE Hoi Man	
Ms Teresa POON Sin Yi	
Miss Choy Wing Yan	
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

Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho	Vice President (Administration)
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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
Prof Bill YEUNG Chi Ho, Dean of Students
Miss Michelle CHAN Wai Man, Director of Estates
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
Mr Clifton TONG Chun Wai, Acting Director of Alumni Affairs and Development
Ms Betty SO, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager
Ms Melody TANG Pui Ying, Assistant Manager

Observer

Miss LYU Chengao, Research Assistant of Department of Special Education and Counselling

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Miss LYU Chengao, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Miss Gemma STICHON, the former Student Council Member, for her outstanding service and contributions to the University for the past year.

3. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had endorsed / approved / noted via circulation of paper in March to May 2025 and at its meeting held on 25 February 2025 and 2 June 2025 and approved:

- (i) the proposed Medical and Dental Benefits Scheme for 2025/26 and beyond, along with the enhancements;
- (ii) the three-year re-engagement for a Chair Professor who will have surpassed the extended retirement age of 65 either at the start or during the proposed re-engagement contract;
- (iii) the preliminary proposal for PBRs 2025; and
- (iv) the proposed leave enhancements and the alignment of service eligibility for Family-friendly Leave.

4. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council noted the report and approved the re-appointment of Prof Terence CHAN Ho-wah, as a Member of the Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation for another term of three years, retroactively effective from 24 June 2025.

5. Proposed Budget for 2025/26

The Council approved the proposed budget for 2025/26.

6. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the matters that were noted and approved by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 2 June 2025.

7. Report from the Campus Development Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that were noted / discussed / endorsed / approved by the Campus Development Committee at its meeting held on 6 June 2025.

8. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the results of the internal audit reports which had been considered / endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 10 June 2025.

9. Report from The EdUHK Schools Limited

The Council noted the report from The EdUHK Schools Limited.

10. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the report from the Academic Board.

11. Senior Management Report

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

- (i) Overall developments
 - unveils Strategic Plan 2025-2031: 'Education Futures';
 - ranked 530th QS World University Rankings 2026 and 633th in US News Best Global Universities Rankings, excelling in key academic areas;
 - Flag-raising Ceremony held for 10th National Security Education (NSE) Day and a series of NSE activities collaborated with District Offices;
 - signed an MOU with China Foreign Affairs University to establish the Institute for International Relations, enhancing international relations and Chinese foreign affairs education in Hong Kong in March 2025;
 - collaborated with Harvard University and Stanford University for symposium on emerging technologies and future talents;
 - the University and Tsinghua University hosted a forum on AI's impact on future education in June 2025;
 - announced Prof Xu Bing's appointment and launched the 'Where Sky and Earth Meet' programme;
 - hosted the 'Chinese Martial Arts and Culture Symposium', featuring guest speakers and AR Tai Chi experiences for 500 participants; and
 - symposium established educational cooperation between Xinjiang Normal University and Central Asian universities in May 2025;
- (ii) Academic developments
 - updates on admissions for the 2025 entry;
 - Faculty Information Day 2025 successfully attracted 700 participants with additional non-local admissions talks.
 - UGC confirmed the UKPI related to English language competency;
 - collaborated with Qufu Normal University to conduct a seminar on educators' professional ethics, focusing on cultivation on ethical standards and future challenges;
 - symposium on 'Education and Social Development in GBA Area: Policies, Trend, and Challenges' held in April 2025;
 - signed MoU with eleven Mainland schools for collaboration;

- the 3rd AIREA AI and Education Forum was held in May 2025 at Central China Normal University in Wuhan, focusing on AI's impact in education, featuring keynote speeches and a panel discussion with over 300 attendees;
 - The International Conference on Learning and Teaching 2025, hosted by the University in May 2025 in hybrid format, featured over 200 submissions on future readiness, six thematic strands, and five keynote speakers;
 - the University and EdCity held a successful AI Symposium for K-12 education in May 2025, with over 250 attendees;
 - two seminars on Zhuangzi and Confucianism held in April and May 2025, attracting 213 participants; and
 - the Centre for Classical Chinese Education launched a Certificate Programme with 33 students enrolled, expanding collaborations with schools;
- (iii) Research developments
- EduData Summit 2025 held in Singapore focused on AI, data science, skills and innovation in education;
 - the RGC delegation visited the University in June 2025, discussing the University's new Education Futures approach and recent research developments;
 - University-level research centres increasing to a total number of three;
 - seven research projects won nine awards;
 - three venture capital firms meeting the startups of the University in March 2025;
 - the startups attended pre-selection at Guangdong University of Technology, gaining insights; and
 - a CPO-conducted survey identified 28 active EdUHK startups, highlighting key findings regarding their support needs;
- (iv) Student Activities and Support Services
- Hong Kong PHD Fellowship Scheme 2025/26: 23 nominations, 14 fellowships awarded;
 - 62 students joined International Outreach Study Programme, including symposia;
 - students of the University and CUHK participated in an innovation and entrepreneurship tour in Guangzhou;
 - Hong Kong SAR Government initiated Hong Kong Future Talents Scholarship Scheme for Advanced Studies to support local students in strategic study areas for Hong Kong development; and UGC approved 17 EdUHK postgraduate programmes; and
 - Belt & Road Conference on Special Education 2025 gathered nearly 200 scholars and educators from Asia, discussing advancing education, diverse learning approaches, and integrating AI and EdTech in special education;
- (v) Administrative developments
- enhancement in the IT infrastructure and cybersecurity of the University;
 - update on AA&I projects and environmental initiatives;
 - New Campus Access Arrangement, effective March 2025, requires departmental events with external guests to gain endorsements for security;
 - campus sustainability initiatives include the set-up of smart recycling bins, beverage carton collection, and the installation of electric vehicle chargers;
 - transportation service studies for Northwest New Territories are ongoing with KMB service enhancements planned for the new semester; and
 - a new study centre at M+ Building in West Kowloon Cultural District is tentatively scheduled to start operation in first quarter of 2026.

12. Report on the Use of Common Seal

The Council approved the ratification of use of Common Seal stated in the report.

13. Schedule of Meetings for 2025/26

The Council noted the schedule of meetings for 2025/26.

14. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the approval of the appointments of two external candidates for the position of Headship and Professor, and of Professor respectively (both of them will surpass the extended retirement age of 65 during the proposed 3-year employment period) by way of circulation.