

Matters resolved by the Council at its 130th Meeting held on Wednesday, 1 April 2026

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP
Prof Terence CHAN Ho Wah
Ms Imma LING Kit Sum
Mr CHOY Sai Hung, MH
Dr Henry HO Kin Chung
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 Ben YOUNG
Dr Verena LAU Wing Yin
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung
Prof Bill YEUNG Chi Ho
Prof Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing
Dr Sarah LEE Hoi Man
Miss Choy Wing Yan
Prof John LEE Chi Kin, JP
Prof May CHENG May Hung
Prof Chetwyn CHAN Che Hin

Chairman
Deputy Chairman
Treasurer

President
Vice President (Academic)
Vice President (Research and Development)

Secretary

Ms Cindy CHEUNG Yuen Lai

Acting Vice President (Administration) and
Secretary to Council

Apologies

Mr KWOK Wing Keung, BBS, MH, JP
Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho
Ms Teresa POON Sin Yi

In Attendance

Prof Ken YUNG Kin Lam, Associate Vice President (Knowledge Transfer and Sustainability)
Prof LI Wai Keung, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Prof CHEN Junjun, Dean, Graduate School
Prof Pamela LEUNG Pui Wan, Acting Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Ms Helen GAI Hui Xia, Associate Vice President (Mainland Engagement and Development) cum
Director of Communications and Engagement
Mr Edmond KUO Hoi, Assistant Vice President (Institutional Effectiveness) cum
Director of Finance
Miss Michelle CHAN Wai Man, Director of Estates
Ms Judy KONG Ka Wai, Director of Alumni Affairs and Development

Ms Melody TANG Pui Ying, Assistant Manager

For Agenda Item “Report from the Staffing Committee” only

Miss Olivia AU-YEUNG Wai Ying, Senior Human Resources Manager (Workplace Harmony)
Davis LIU, Senior Consultant, Mercer, external consultant for the Performance-based Reward System (PBRs) review
Gary CHIN, Head of Rewards, Mercer, external consultant for the PBRs review

For Agenda Item “Report from Audit Committee” only

Ms Bernadette LO, Assistant Director (Institutional Effectiveness) and Executive Head of the Efficiency Audit and Enhancement Section

Observer

Miss Yvonne WANG, Executive Assistant of Academy for Educational Development and Innovation

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Miss Yvonne WANG, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Report from the Honorary Awards Committee

The Council approved the list of recommended candidates for presentation of honorary fellowships and conferment of honorary degrees for 2026 and delegated the authority to the Senior Management of the University to decide whether to approach the respective reserve candidates for their acceptance of the award should any primary candidates for Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellowships decline the award.

3. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the Human Resources matters that the Staffing Committee had approved / noted via circulation of papers from November 2025 to January 2026 and at its meeting on 26 February 2026 and approved the appointments of two staff members who either would exceed or had exceeded the extended retirement age of 65 at the commencement of, or during, their respective appointments.

The Council also supported in principle the PBRs framework for 2027 and beyond, and the establishment of a taskforce to be led by the Chairman of the Staffing Committee and comprising Member(s) from the Finance Committee, to take forward the exercise.

4. Renting Off-Campus Premises

The Council approved the recommendations.

5. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the matters that were noted and discussed by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 17 March 2026.

6. 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 20 March 2026.

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 17 March 2026.

8. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council noted the report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation.

9. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the report from the Academic Board.

10. Senior Management Report

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

(i) Overall developments

- University appointed Prof Justin Yifu LIN and Dr Michael Evan MANN as Honorary Professors effective from 1 September 2025, and Prof Anthony Bing Leung CHEUNG as Honorary Professor effective from 1 March 2026;
- New Year's National Flag Raising Ceremony was held on 1 January 2026;
- University held an opening ceremony for New Academic Building at Tai Po campus on 10 February 2026, marking a key milestone for the University's 10th retitling anniversary;
- University hosted the "Caring Together Walkathon" and the Hong Kong Marathon 2026 EdUHK Running Team Kick-off Ceremony at Pak Shek Kok Sports Centre on 10 January 2026 with over 500 participants;
- University held a commendation to honour all student athletes and alumni participated in the 15th National Games on 26 February 2026 with around 100 guests; and
- University and Yan'an University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 24 December 2025 to strengthen collaboration in areas such as ideological and political education, pedagogy, and physical and arts education;

(ii) Academic developments

- The EdUHK Honours College has been established in December 2025 to nurture high-calibre students with diverse academic and non-academic talents;
- University signed MoUs with two schools under the Zhongshan Whampoa Education Group in January 2026 to strengthen communication and collaboration with Chinese Mainland based schools and to meet the growing demand for Field Experience (FE) activities in the Chinese Mainland;

- Five scholars from the University took part in the 7th Greater Bay Area (GBA) Symposium on Teachers' Ethics and Conduct, sharing insights in teacher ethics education and nurture a new generation of educators who embody the spirit and professionalism of exemplary teachers;
- University formulated "AI and Digital Competency Strategy" for 2025-2028 and beyond, and approved by the Academic Board in January 2026; and
- Centre for Learning, Teaching and Technology (LTTC) organised the 2nd AIREA International Competition on AI in Education 2026, inviting global participation to share innovative solutions featuring three streams: Generative AI, Tailored AI Agents and Embodied AI;

(iii) Research developments

- The Research Grants Council funded a total of 13 projects out of 195 proposals received in the Research Impact Fund 2025/26 exercise;
- University and Cyberport formalised a strategic partnership via MoU signed at the Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2025 on 6 November 2025;
- University won a Special Prize, two Gold Medals and one Silver Medal in EdUHK Innovations Shined at Asia Exhibition of Innovations and Inventions in December 2025; and
- The Board of Graduate Studies has granted planning approval for 13 self-financed postgraduate programmes to be implemented from the 2026/27 academic year;

(iv) Student Activities and Support Services

- Delivered the Overseas Learning Experience Programme (OLEP) 2025/26 with five partner universities, engaging 158 students, with additional MEd cohorts scheduled for Canada and South Korea in May 2026; and
- University hosted an Employer Networking Luncheon on 7 November 2025 connecting nearly 100 employers, executives, alumni and students, achieving a 98% satisfaction rate;

(v) Administrative developments

IT and Management Information

- OCIO advanced digital transformation through AI and automation, including an AI-powered translation and auto-summary tool used in multiple events since June 2025; and
- Enhanced secure AI note-taking by rolling out encrypted SmartTranscribe pilot-released in December 2025 and available to all staff in February 2026;

Campus Facilities

- Completed all four UGC-approved Alterations, Additions, Repairs and Improvement projects for 2023/24, with 2024/25 site works progressing and 2025/26 tender preparation underway; and
- The WKSC (Museum Drive), the second study centre located at the M+ Building has commenced operation since 5 January 2026;

Food Festivals

- Organised a series of food festivals to enhance campus life and community engagement, including Pizza Day (October 2025), Korean Street Food Fest

(November 2025) and the Hong Kong Street Food Festival (January 2026), attracting strong participation from staff and students.

11. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the appointment of Academic Board Member to the Council and Council Sub-committee had been approved by Council by way of circulation.

12. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Mrs Joanna LI and Prof Kevin CHAN, the former Council Member, for their outstanding service and contributions to the University and the Council.