

Matters resolved by the Council at its 131st Meeting held on Friday, 26 June 2026

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	
Hon Carmen KAN Wai Mun, JP	
Mr KWOK Wing Keung, BBS, MH, JP	
Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung	
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	
Ms Teresa POON Sin Yi	
Mr WONG Ka Ho	
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)

Secretary

Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho	Vice President (Administration)
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In Attendance

Prof Ken YUNG Kin Lam, Associate Vice President (Knowledge Transfer and Sustainability)
Ms Helen GAI Hui Xia, Associate Vice President (Mainland Engagement and Development) cum
Director of Communications and Engagement
Prof Ferrante NERI, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Prof CHEN Junjun, Dean, Graduate School
Prof Pamela LEUNG Pui Wan, Acting Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Prof Kevin CHAN Ka Shing, Acting Dean, Faculty of Education and Human Development
Ms Cindy CHEUNG Yuen Lai, Assistant Vice President (Talent and Culture) cum
Director of Human Resources
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 Cherry WONG, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager

Ms Melody TANG Pui Ying, Assistant Manager

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

Dr LIU Chi To, Research Assistant I of Department of Cultural and Creative Arts

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Dr LIU Chi To, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the Human Resources matters that the Staffing Committee had approved /endorsed/noted via circulation of papers from February to April 2026 and at its meeting on 26 May 2026.

The Council also approved the proposal for the PBRs 2026 and noted the estimated budget for PBRs 2026, the enhancement measures to the performance appraisal process, and the views of the staff associations.

3. Changes in Memberships of Council Committees / Sub-committee

The Council approved the proposed changes in memberships of the Committees / Sub-committee under the Council.

4. Use of EdUHK Common Seal

The Council approved the ratification of the authorisation given to Dr David Wong Yau-Kar, Council Chairman and Prof John Lee Chi-Kin, President for the execution of the lease of Unit GF-05 on Ground Floor, Xiqu Centre, West Kowloon Cultural District, Kowloon, Hong Kong (“Lease”) and the affixing of the common seal of the University to the Lease.

5. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the appointment of Mr Paul Mak as a new Member of the BoS of The EdUHK Foundation for a term of three years with effect from 26 June 2026.

6. Proposed Budget for 2026/27

The Council approved the proposed budget for 2026/27 and noted the financial projections for 2027/28 and 2028/29 as well as the projected Reserves.

7. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the matters that were noted and discussed by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 2 June 2026.

8. 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 2 June 2026.

9. 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 4 June 2026.

10. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the report from the Academic Board.

11. Senior Management Report

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

(i) Overall developments

- University was ranked 406th in the QS World University Rankings 2026, representing an improvement of 124 places — the largest advancement among Hong Kong universities this year;
- University was ranked 7th worldwide in Education and 2nd in Asia in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026;
- University secured 37th place in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2026;

(ii) Academic developments

- Strong demand for self-financed Taught Postgraduate programmes for 2026/27, with over 41,000 applications received and a substantial increase in accepted offers compared with the previous year;
- 83 students participated in semester-long exchanges under SEP 2025/26, with confirmed applications received for SEP 2026/27;
- 121 inbound semester-long exchange students were welcomed in 2025/26 and 254 applications were received for Summer School 2026 from 49 partner institutions;
- Learning and Teaching @ EdUHK Festival 2026 was successfully held, comprising 30 activities under the theme “Transforming Teacher Education and Teaching: Embracing Change and Innovation”;
- The University collaborated with district offices and school heads associations to organise National Security Education promotion activities across districts; and
- The Patriotic Education Forum was held on 6 and 7 May 2026, providing a platform for sharing school-based implementation experiences;

(iii) Research developments

- Funding was secured under the Health and Medical Research Fund;
- Six out of eight nominations were successful under the Research Grants Council Overseas Research Fellowship Scheme;
- The University achieved its best-ever results at the 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva, securing 11 awards including international Special Prizes and Gold Medals; and
- 14 awardees were admitted under the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme for 2026/27, reflecting continued growth in research talent recruitment;

(iv) Student Activities and Support Services

- The EdUHK Tea-and-Meet Employers' Networking Gathering was held on 27 April 2026, bringing together over 60 employers, executives and alumni to strengthen industry engagement;
- A Special Education Exchange in Kazakhstan was organised in April 2026, involving 14 students including eight with Special Educational Needs to enhance global inclusion;
- The "Little Flag-raiser Training Programme" was conducted in March 2026 across four kindergartens to promote civic awareness; and
- The EdUHK 3x3 Basketball Competition 2026 was held on 5 and 6 March 2026 with over 150 participants;

(v) Administrative developments

IT and Management Information

- Continued digital transformation initiatives led by OCIO, including enhancements to SmartTranscribe and development of AI-powered tools to support compliance and operational efficiency;
- Integration of new AI models into the EdUHK GenAI platform and further development of digitalisation and workflow automation projects;

Campus Facilities

- Progress of the New Academic Building with phased handover commenced and full operation targeted by September 2026;
- Expansion of the West Kowloon Study Centre (Austin Road) following the lease of additional premises at the Xiqu Centre; and
- Progress of the establishment of the EdUHK Research Institute and Educational Development Centre in Shenzhen.

12. Schedule of Meetings for 2026/27

The Council noted the schedule of meetings for 2026/27.

13. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the following matters had been approved by Council by way of circulation:

- (i) the establishment, membership and Terms of Reference of the Task Force on Revamp of Performance-based Reward System (PBRs) framework for 2027 and beyond; and
- (ii) the appointment of Student Council Member.