

Matters resolved by the Council at its 124th Meeting held on 27 September 2024

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	
Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH	
Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin	
Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP	
Prof Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP	
Ms Jennifer YEUNG, JP	
Prof Ben YOUNG	
Ms Louise SO Yuen Yi	
Dr Kevin CHAN Ka Shing	
Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung	
Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing	
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

Mr Tom FONG Wing Ho	Vice President (Administration)
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Apologies

Ms Winnie NG, JP
Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung
Mr KWOK Wing Keung, BBS, MH, JP
Prof Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze
Dr Sarah LEE Hoi Man

In Attendance

Dr Mark CHOW Man Kong, JP, Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement)
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 John ERNI, Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Prof Michelle GU Ming Yue, Dean, Graduate School
Dr Bill YEUNG Chi Ho, Dean of Students
Ms KUNG Shuk Mei, Director of Alumni Affairs and Development

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

Mr Raymond HO Lai Man, Associate Director of Estates

Observer

Dr Aysuhan Tuba SARAL, Senior Research Assistant, Department of International Education

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Dr Tom FONG to his first meeting as Vice President (Administration), Dr Kevin CHAN, the new Academic Board-Nominated Council Member, and Dr Aysuhan Tuba SARAL, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Dr Sammy HUI for his outstanding service and contributions to the University and the Council over the past two years.

3. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 6 September 2024, including:

- (a) Internal Audit Report 2023/24 – IT & Business Administration – Campus Planning and Projects Management (New Academic Building);
- (b) Internal Audit Report 2023/24 – IT & Business Administration – Cyber Security Posture;
- (c) extension of the contract for the provision of IA service between Ernst & Young and the University for six months;
- (d) proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2024-25 and the indicative Internal Audit Plans for 2025-27;
- (e) the review of the audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, the Risk Refresh Summary and the Governance Report of the University;

and approved the extension of the contract for the provision of internal audit service between Ernst & Young and the University for six months and the Governance Report of the University for 2023/24.

4. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Council approved the draft audited Consolidated Financial Statements and the Treasurer's Report of the University for 2023/24.

5. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that had been noted / endorsed / approved by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 3 September 2024, including:

- (a) Report from the Purchase Committee, Report on Approved Single Tender and Report from the Campus Development Committee;
- (b) approval of contract awards;
- (c) noting of the draft 2023/24 annual financial statements and 2024/25 full year budget for The EdUHK School of Continuing and Professional Education Limited; Periodic Reports to the Finance Committee, Report from the Investment Sub-committee, Management Report and Financial Analysis – June 2024 and report on Use of Internet Banking; and
- (d) noting of the progress report on University-wide Strategic Initiative and endorsement of the request for utilisation of unspent staffing budget in 2024/25.

6. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the term of office of Mr Wilson PONG as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation; and the appointment of Dr Daniel CHAN, Dr Margaret CHOI, Dr LAM Ho-yi, Mr Dominic PANG and Ms Alvina WONG as Members of the Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation for a term of three years.

7. Annual Report for 2023-24

The Council approved the text of the Annual Report 2023-24 and the delegation of the authority to the President to make editorial changes and refinements as necessary.

8. Principles on Use of EdUHK Common Seal

The Council approved the adoption of the proposed changes to the principles on the use of the common seal of the University.

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 10 September 2024, including:

- (a) update on the reprovisioning of EdUHK Pak Shek Kok Sports Centre, the progress of the New Academic Building project and AA&I projects;
- (b) approval of two minor works requests and award of contracts; and
- (c) endorsement of the proposed design of the President's Lodge.

10. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had noted / endorsed / approved via circulation of paper in August 2024 and at its meeting held on 6 September 2024, including:

- (a) approval of the appointments of a Senior Administrative Staff and 5 serving Associate Professors to the rank of Professors; and
- (b) noting of the management report on staffing, the conclusion of the annual conversion to superannuable terms of appointment exercise for 2023/24, the report of two Equal Opportunities Complaints cases and the Equal Opportunities Complaint Committee's term of reference to decide on the investigation result of the complaint case.

11. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the major issues that had been noted / deliberated / approved by the Academic Board between June 2024 and August 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
 - National Flag Raising Ceremony on HKSAR Establishment Day and Academic Year Inauguration cum Flag Raising Ceremony;
 - 30th anniversary celebratory events;
 - partnership with Luohu District Education Bureau; and
 - visit by Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry;
- (b) Academic Developments
 - updates on admission figures and QAC Third Audit Cycle;
 - enhanced language proficiency requirements;
 - students' participation in a one-week camp in Qufu Normal University;
 - collaboration with GBA schools; and
 - half-day joint webinar on GenAI in learning, teaching and assessment;
- (c) Research Developments
 - receipt of 44 grants with record-high funding of HK\$31 million under GRF and ECS schemes, as well as continuous top ranking in Education in terms of projects awarded and total funding amount;
 - Prof Yan Zi was awarded one of the ten grants under RGC Senior Research Fellow Scheme 2024/25;
 - establishment of Strategic Research Clusters;
 - EdUHK innovations' receipt of 7 medals at Silicon Valley International Invention Festival 2024; and
 - inauguration of University Research Facilities;
- (d) Student Activities and Support Services
 - receipt of HSBC scholarships in 2023/24 by six students;
 - updates on support initiatives for new students, counselling cases and management of student-led activities; and
 - setting up of a tailored wellness hub, 'Me Space';

(e) Administrative Developments

- updates on information security measures, as well as infrastructure, system / software and peripheral upgrades; and
- updates on AA&I projects, progress of the New Academic Building project, environmental initiatives and transport services.

13. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the approval of the appointment of Dr Kevin CHAN as Staff Council Member nominated by the Academic Board and a Member of the Staff Appeal Sub-committee by way of circulation.