Matters resolved by the Council at its 117th Meeting on 9 December 2022

Present

Dr David WONG Yau Kar, GBS, JP Chairman

Dr Terence CHAN Ho Wah Deputy Chairman

Ms Imma LING Kit Sum

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Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai Kuen, SBS, MH, JP

Mr Armstrong LEE Hon Cheung Mrs Joanna LI LAU Lai Hing, MH

Mr Kennedy LIU Tat Yin

Prof LUI Hon Kwong

Mr Willie LUI Pok Shek, JP

Ms Winnie NG, JP

Mr Kelvin YAU Siu Hung, MH

Mr Eric YEUNG Chuen Sing, JP

Ms Jennifer YEUNG Yin Chi

Prof Ben YOUNG

Ms Teresa CHAN Mo Ngan

Prof May CHENG May Hung

Dr Sammy HUI King Fai

Prof Eric TSANG Po Keung

Ms Trudi CHAN Shui Fan

Dr Maxwell HO Chun Sing

Dr Jae Hyung PARK

Miss LAM Sing Loi

Prof Stephen CHEUNG Yan Leung, SBS, JP President

Prof John LEE Chi Kin, JP Vice President (Academic) and Provost Prof Chetwyn CHAN Che Hin Vice President (Research and Development)

Member and Secretary

Ms Sarah WONG Man Yee Vice President (Administration)

In-Attendance by Electronic Means

Dr Simon XU Sheng Lang, Associate Vice President (Global Affairs) Ms Angie YEON Yuk Mei, Director of Student Affairs

In Attendance

Dr Susanna YEUNG Siu Sze, Associate Vice President (Quality Assurance)

Prof LI Wai Keung, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Mr Perry LOU Yiu Tong, Director of Communications

Mr Edmond KUO Hoi, Director of Finance

Ms Vivien LIU Wai Yuen, Council Secretarial and Administration Manager

Miss Angel TSE Hei Tung, Council Secretarial and Administration Officer

Observer

Mr Alan YEUNG Ka Lun, Executive Assistant, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed Ms Teresa CHAN, the newly-appointed Council Member (Public Officer), and Ms Trudi CHAN, the new Elected Staff Council Member, to their first Council Meeting, and Mr Alan YEUNG, the Observer, to the Meeting.

2. Vote of Thanks

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Ms Anna HUI for her outstanding services and contributions to the Council and the University over the past three years.

3. Progress Review of Strategic Plan 2016-2025 – Achievements Highlights 2020-2022

The Council approved the finalised version of the Council Chairman's Foreword, the President's Message and the Achievements Highlights 2020-2022

4. Report from the Staffing Committee

The Council noted the major Human Resources issues that the Staffing Committee had approved / endorsed / noted via circulation of paper and at its meeting held on 23 November 2022, including:

- (a) endorsement of the re-engagement of a Research Chair Professor;
- (b) approval of the appointments of a Chair Professor and a senior administrative staff and the creations of the post of Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement) and a time-limited senior administrative staff post;
- (c) approval of the revision of delegation of authorities for approval of appointments;
- (d) noting of the report on an appeal on procedural grounds found not substantiated by the Staff Appeal Sub-committee and the overall staff profile;

and approved the re-engagement of a Research Chair Professor.

5. Report from The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation

The Council approved the re-appointment of Ms Christina LEE, JP as a Member of the Board of Stewards of The EdUHK Foundation.

6. Appointment of Member and Chairman of the Executive Committee of The EdUHK Schools Limited

The Council approved the appointment of Prof May CHENG as a Member and the Chairman of the Executive Committee of The EdUHK Schools Limited.

7. Report from the Academic Board

The Council noted the major issues that had been deliberated / approved / noted by the Academic Board between September 2022 and November 2022.

8. Report from the Finance Committee

The Council noted the major items / issues that had been approved / endorsed / noted by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 21 November 2022, including:

- (a) breakdown of investment holdings and rates of return as at 31 October 2022;
- (b) review of the financial position;
- (c) approval of two tenders over HK\$2 million and award of contracts; and
- (d) review of purchases approved by delegated authorities.

9. Report from the Audit Committee

The Council noted the major matters that had been considered / endorsed / noted by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 25 November 2022, including Internal Audit Report 2021/22 — Recruitment of Regular Staff, Internal Audit Report — Library Management and Internal Audit Report — Student Counselling.

10. Report from The EdUHK Schools Limited

The Council noted the report from The EdUHK Schools Limited.

11. 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 held on 1 October 2022, with a turnout of 120 participants, together with a flag raising team made up of EdUHK students;
 - ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the New Academic Building; and
 - Thanksgiving Reception for donors' support, and the year-long "Shine Together" Fundraising Campaign in support of students with special educational needs;

(b) Academic Developments

- launch of the EdUHK Chinese History Education Scheme to foster scholarly exchange and create intellectual and pedagogical synergy, with Prof CHEN Suzhen and Prof SUN Hua of Peking University as Visiting Professors;
- updates on Virtual Info Day and increased participants at Admission Talks;
- Faculty / School-based Graduation Ceremony 2022;
- progressive expansion of Taught Postgraduate Programmes;
- receipt of Special Grant to enhance support for SEN students in 2022-25 Triennium and a Consultation Group formed to direct overall strategic plan;
- progress of the QAC Third Audit Cycle and Teachers' Professional Conduct Seminars:
- completion of the first "Education-plus" Internship Programme 2021/22 for

- non-education students and forum on English language education;
- programmes organised by the Centre for Chinese Classical Education, and entrepreneurship and innovation education activities; and
- conclusion of the UNESCO Chair in Regional Education Development and Lifelong Learning: Forum on the Futures of Education;

(c) Research Developments and Student Activities and Support Services

- completion of the first research salon for 2022/23, focusing on big data analytics;
- receipt of award under the Sports Science and Research Funding Scheme to enhance the competitiveness of athletes in major international events;
- showcase of students' innovations at Education and Social Entrepreneurs (EASE) Fund grand ceremony and external recognitions of EASE teams;
- progress of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Student Talent Development (INVESTED) Programme and the Asian Universities Student Entrepreneurship Ideation Challenge;
- awards received at the International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada in August; and
- planning approval of a self-financed Master's programme for implementation from 2023/24 academic year;

(d) Administrative Developments

- infrastructure and software upgrades to minimise cyber risks, improve user experience and efficiency;
- issue of a Personal Data Compliance Manual to foster the culture of personal data protection;
- forthcoming consultation forum on draft Code of Conduct; and
- updates on progress of AA&I projects, latest anti-pandemic measures and Flag Raising Ceremonies.

12. Decisions by Circulation

The Council noted the approval by way of circulation of the membership composition, terms of reference and operation of the Search Committee for the Vice President (Academic) and the appointments to the Search Committee; the appointment of Ms Trudi CHAN as Member of the Finance Committee and Member of the Superannuation and MPF Schemes Management Sub-committee under the Finance Committee.