

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of non-restricted matters discussed at the Council meeting held on September 28, 2021.

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor the Hon. Rosie T.T. YOUNG, whose membership would expire on September 29, 2021, for her valuable contributions to the Council in the past six years; and Mr. ZHANG Runzhi, the elected postgraduate representative whose membership would expire on October 15, 2021, for his participation in the work of the Council in the past year.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (a) the additional First-Year-First-Degree and Senior Year places gained in the 2022-25 Triennium in the UGC's 2022-25 Triennium Planning Exercise;
 - (b) the award of professorships to the University in the first round of the Government's Global STEM Professorship Scheme;
 - (c) the University's rankings in the latest 2022 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings and QS World University Rankings;
 - (d) the prestigious awards, including 2021 Future Science Prize, 2021 Xplorer Prize and Outstanding Young Scientists Awards, given to researchers of the University in recognition of their achievements and contributions to the global future; and
 - (e) the various development in the Mainland, including the HKU-Shenzhen campus.
3. The Council APPROVED the University's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021.
4. The Council APPROVED the Letter of Representation in respect of the 2020-21 audit of the University's financial statements.
5. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Campus Development and Planning Committee (the "CDPC") its annual report for the year 2020-21, which also enclosed the report of its sub-committee, the Accommodation Committee; and
 - (b) THANKED Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN, Chairman of the CDPC, and members of the CDPC and its sub-committee for their work.

6. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Finance Committee its annual report for the year 2020-21, which also enclosed the reports of its two sub-committees, the Investments Sub-Committee and the Tenders Board; and
 - (b) THANKED Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, and members of the Finance Committee and its sub-committees for their work.
7. The Council, after consultation with the Senate, RESOLVED unanimously that Professor Xiang ZHANG be re-appointed as the President & Vice-Chancellor for a further term of five years from July 2023.
8. The Council APPROVED, as endorsed by the Senate, the disestablishment of the six Research Divisions in the Faculty of Science as soon as possible within 3 months under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance.
9. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor, that in recognition of a generous gift of \$150 million from Musketeers Education and Culture Charitable Foundation in support of University developments, the Institute of Data Science be named “Musketeers Foundation Institute of Data Science (同心基金數據科學研究院)”.

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