

Council

Powers and Duties

The Council of the University shall have, by section 7 of the *Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance*, the power to do all such things as are necessary for, or incidental or conducive to, or connected with, the furtherance of the University's functions. In particular, it may

- (a) acquire, take on lease, purchase, hold and enjoy property of any description and sell, let or otherwise dispose of or deal with the same in such manner and to such extent as the law would allow if the property were held by a natural person in the same interest;
- (b) enter into any contract;
- (c) erect, provide, equip, maintain, alter, remove, demolish, replace, enlarge, improve, keep in repair and regulate its buildings, premises, furniture and equipment and other property;
- (d) set terms of remuneration and conditions of service for staff;
- (e) engage persons on a part-time basis;
- (f) provide appropriate amenities (including residential accommodation, facilities for social activities and physical recreation) for its students and persons in its employment;
- (g) receive and expend funds;
- (h) invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it thinks necessary or expedient;
- (i) borrow money in such manner and on such securities or terms as it thinks expedient;
- (j) apply for and receive any grant in aid for its functions on such conditions as it thinks fit;
- (k) engage any professional or expert person to advise it on any matter;
- (l) fix and collect fees and charges for courses of study, facilities and other services provided by it and specify conditions for the use of such facilities and services;

- (m) reduce, waive or refund fees and charges so fixed generally or in any particular case or class of case;
- (n) receive and solicit gifts, whether on trust or otherwise, on its behalf and act as trustee of moneys or other property vested in it on trust;
- (o) confer degrees and academic awards including honorary degrees and honorary awards;
- (p) acquire, hold and dispose of interests in other corporate bodies and form or take part in forming corporate bodies;
- (q) provide for profit or otherwise advisory, consultancy, research and other related services;
- (r) print, produce, or publish any manuscript, book, play, music, script, programme or other materials, including video and audio material and computer software as the University thinks appropriate or expedient.

The Council shall have the power to appoint a President and Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Presidents; and may appoint teachers, administrators and other employees of the University as the Council thinks fit.

The Council may also make and execute any document in the performance or exercise of its functions or powers or in connection with any matter reasonably incidental to or consequential upon the performance or exercise of the same. The Council is authorised to affix the University's common seal to such documents.

The Council shall fix a period to be the financial year for the University, appoint auditors to audit the statements of accounts and receive the auditors' report.

The Council shall have the power to constitute faculties and schools on the recommendation of the Senate.

The Council shall have the power to make statutes for the better carrying out of the provisions of the *Ordinance*. In particular, these statutes may provide for –

- (aa) the membership and regulation of the proceedings of the Court;
- (a) the regulation of the proceedings of the Senate and of any committee appointed under section 18;
- (b) the membership and quorum of the Senate and of any committee appointed under section 18;

- (c) the powers and duties of the Senate and the powers and duties of any committee appointed under section 18;
- (ca) the membership, powers, and regulation of the proceedings of the boards of the faculties and schools of the University;
- (d) the discipline of persons in the employment of the University;
- (e) the regulation of the conduct and discipline of students of the University;
- (f) the conferring of degrees and academic awards including honorary degrees and honorary awards;
- (g) the holding and conduct of elections for the purpose of electing members of the eligible staff for appointment to the Council under section 15(1)(d) and to the Court in accordance with the statutes.

The Council may create and appoint committees for any general or special purposes as it thinks fit.