

**A list of decisions made by the Council
at its meeting on 17 March 2015**

Appointments/reappointments to the Council committees

1. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the following appointments/reappointments to the Council committees:

| <u>Appointee</u> | <u>Expiry date of the term of appointment</u> |
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| Audit Committee | |
| Mr. Andrew M.H. Kam | 31.12.2017 |
| Campus Development and Facilities Management Committee | |
| Rev. Dr. Mok Kong-ting | 31.12.2015 |
| Mr. Paul W.Y. Poon | 31.12.2017 |
| Finance Committee | |
| Prof. Adrian Bailey | 31.12.2016 |
| Dr. Simon C.H. Wong | 31.12.2016 |
| Honorary Degrees Committee | |
| Prof. Rick W.K. Wong | 31.12.2016 |
| Personnel Committee | |
| Prof. Patrick W.C. Lau | 31.12.2016 |

Acceptance of donation

2. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to accept the donation of \$62.21 million from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for the University to carry out the community-based interventions project entitled “Career and Life Planning Project for All Youths”.

Affixing of the University’s common seal to the Deed Poll for surrendering a piece of land to the north of the plot of land at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6127 occupied by the Joint Sports Centre

3. The Lands Department of the Government requested all three grantees (Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), City University of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) of the plot of land at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6127 where the Joint Sports Centre (JSC) now stands to prepare a Deed Poll for surrendering a small piece of land to the north of that

plot of land now occupied by the Baptist University Bridge. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve:

- (a) the affixing of the University's common seal to the Deed Poll in connection with the lease modification to the plot of land at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6127 occupied by the JSC; and
- (b) the arrangement for authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the said Deed Poll.

Appointments to the Council and Council committees

4. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to appoint Prof. John Aiken (Director of Academy of Visual Arts) to:
 - (a) the Council and the Personnel Committee, each for a term from 6 March 2015 to 31 August 2016, or up to the expiry of his membership term on the Senate, whichever is earlier; and
 - (b) the Honorary Degrees Committee from 18 February 2015 to 31 August 2016, or up to the expiry of his membership term on the Senate, whichever is earlier.

Tuition and other related fees for non-local students pursuing UGC-funded programmes in 2015-16

5. The Council approved the following recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC):
 - (a) the tuition fees for non-local students pursuing full-time University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded undergraduate and taught postgraduate (TPg) programmes at HKBU be kept unchanged at \$120,000 in 2015-16, and the tuition and other related fees for the part-time UGC-funded TPg programmes for non-local students be unchanged at \$60,000 in 2015-16;
 - (b) the tuition fee for students pursuing the research postgraduate (RPg) programmes admitted within the UGC quota and the over-enrolment cap be kept at \$42,100 in 2015-16; and
 - (c) the tuition fee for students enrolled beyond the over-enrolment cap in the RPg programmes in 2015-16 be raised from \$72,000 to \$84,200, while that for part-time students enrolled beyond the over-enrolment cap be kept at the current level of \$42,100 in 2015-16.

Campus development of the Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College

6. To accommodate its plans to increase undergraduate enrolment and offer taught and research postgraduate programmes, Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (UIC) has decided to construct a new campus by phases on the 300 *mu* of land granted by the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government. The Council approved the recommendation of the FC that UIC be provided financial support by HKBU through partial or full waiver of management fees for 10 years starting from the 2015-16 academic year with full waiver of management fees for the first five years, subject to the provisos that the aforesaid arrangement would be reviewed periodically and HKBU has full discretion over the granting of any waiver of management fees to UIC.

Deed of Variation and Deed of Appointment and Removal of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund

7. The Council has, at its meeting on 16 December 2014, approved the appointment of Bank Consortium Trust Company Limited (BCT) as the corporate trustee cum administrator to the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund (the Fund) to take over the oversight of the Fund from the nine individual trustees of the current Board of Trustees (BOT) of the Fund. Mayer Brown JSM, the legal advisor, has proposed certain amendments to the Trust Deed by way of a Deed of Variation, and prepared a Deed of Appointment and Removal in order to effect the appointment of BCT as the corporate trustee and the removal of the existing individual trustees. The Council approved:
 - (a) the recommendation of the BOT on the Deed of Variation and Deed of Appointment and Removal (the two Deeds) of the Fund;
 - (b) the affixing of the University's common seal to the two Deeds; and
 - (c) the arrangement for authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the two Deeds.

Establishment of the Hong Kong Baptist University – Nanjing University (Huizhou) Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology

8. After the establishment of the Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology (JAS) at HKBU in early 2013, the University has been looking for a suitable site for JAS to carry out various activities for the promotion and enhancement of the studies of sinology, including research and development of the discipline, promotion of general appreciation of Chinese culture, offering of postgraduate programmes in Chinese classical studies, and establishment of a sinology library and database for the academia and the general public. The Council approved the establishment of the Hong Kong Baptist University –

Nanjing University (Huizhou) Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology in collaboration with Nanjing University (NU) and Huizhou Municipal People's Government (HG) under the major terms of the tripartite collaboration agreement among HKBU, NU and HG.

Proposed changes to the Policy Guidelines on Paternity Leave

9. In compliance with the Employment (Amendment) Ordinance 2014 on statutory paternity leave, the Council approved the recommendations of the Personnel Committee (PC) on revisions to the Policy Guidelines on Paternity Leave for implementation with retroactive effect from 27 February 2015.

(HKBU staff may refer to the memorandum on this subject issued by the Personnel Office on 19 March 2015 for details.)

Proposed changes to the alignment of staff under the Hong Kong Baptist University 1998 Superannuation Fund and changes to the terms of appointment in respect of retirement benefits provision for non-teaching staff

10. With a view to maintaining the viability and sustainability of the Fund and enhancing its attractiveness in terms of staff retention, the University has reviewed the Fund, and considered corresponding changes to the terms of appointment for non-teaching staff in respect of retirement benefits provision. The Council approved the following recommendations of the PC for implementation with immediate effect:
 - (a) Alignment of new staff under the Fund;
 - (b) Arrangements for existing full members regarding alignment to different staff categories under the Fund; and
 - (c) Changes to the terms of appointment in respect of retirement benefits provision for non-teaching staff.

(HKBU staff may refer to the memorandum on this subject issued by the Personnel Office on 18 March 2015 for the details.)

Appointment to Campus Development and Facilities Management Committee

11. The Council resolved to appoint Mr. Chan Sze-ho, newly appointed President of HKBU Students' Union, to the Campus Development and Facilities Management Committee for the period from 17 March 2015 to 29 February 2016.

Reappointments to the Council of Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College

12. The Council approved the reappointments of HKBU Council Chairman (Mr. Cheng Yan-kee), Associate Vice-President and Dean of Communication (Prof. Huang Yu), and Dean of Continuing Education (Dr. Simon C.H. Wong) to the Council of UIC for another term of two years from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017, or when the appointees leave their respective offices at HKBU, whichever is earlier.

Candidates for HKBU honorary doctorates in 2015

13. The Council approved the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee the award of HKBU honorary doctorates to a number of distinguished individuals in 2015. The list of candidates for 2015 will be announced by the University Administration in due course.