

**A list of decisions made by the Council
at its meeting on 16 June 2015**

Review of the Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance

1. The Council resolved to set up a Task Force on Review of the Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance to oversee the review and make recommendations to the Council on whether the HKBU Ordinance is fit for purpose and if not, what revisions would be considered necessary.

2015-16 University recurrent budget and the 2015-16 budgets for the School of Continuing Education, Chaplain's Office and student residences

2. The Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee to approve for implementation the 2015-16 University recurrent budget and the 2015-16 budgets for the School of Continuing Education, Chaplain's Office and student residences.

Revision of rates of housing allowances for eligible staff

3. Following the revision of the rates of housing allowances in the Civil Service with effect from 1 April 2015, the Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee (PC):
 - (a) to adopt the revised rates of Private Tenancy Allowance with retroactive effect from 1 April 2015, for eligible staff who had commenced a new tenancy agreement on or after 1 April 2015; and
 - (b) to adopt the revised rates of Home Financing Allowance with retroactive effect from 1 April 2015, for eligible staff who had commenced to receive the allowance on or after 1 April 2015.

Revision of pay structure for the research staff grade

4. The Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the PC to approve the pay structure for the research staff grade for adoption with retroactive effect from 1 May 2015, and to be applicable to new appointments/reappointments made on or after the effective date.

(HKBU staff may refer to the memorandum on this subject issued by the Personnel Office on 17 June 2015 for details.)

Affixing of the University's common seal to the undertakings pertaining to the compensatory planting required at the site of Baptist University Road Campus Development Phases I and II

5. In connection with Baptist University Road Campus (BURC) Development Phases I and II, the University submitted to the Lands Department of the Government two applications for the felling and removal of trees on the BURC (each including a compensatory planting proposal). The Council resolved to ratify:
 - (a) the affixing of the University's common seal to two undertakings pertaining to the compensatory planting required by the Lands Department for the BURC Development Phases I and II at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6173; and
 - (b) the arrangement for authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the said undertakings.

Appointments/reappointments to the Council and Council committees

6. The Council resolved:
 - (a) to reappoint Dr. Wong Man-kong (Associate Professor of the Department of History) to the Council and the PC, each for another term of two years from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2017, or up to the expiry of his membership term on the Senate, whichever is earlier; and
 - (b) to appoint Dean of Arts, Acting Dean of Science and Dean of Social Sciences to the Honorary Degrees Committee for a term of two years from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2017, or up to the expiry of the deanship/acting deanship.

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

7. The Council resolved to reappoint Prof. Ng Ching-Fai, President of Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (UIC) to the UIC Council for another term from 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016.

Conferment of President Emeritus title

8. The Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Standing Committee under the Council to confer the title of President Emeritus on Prof. Albert S.C. Chan with effect from 1 July 2015, upon his retirement from the presidency of the University.