

**A list of decisions made by the Council  
at its meeting on 15 December 2015**

**Task force for review of strategic issues of Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College**

1. The University Administration considers that after ten years of operation of the Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (UIC), it is an opportune time to conduct an in-depth review on the various macro issues concerning the UIC. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the establishment of a task force for review of strategic issues of UIC, and its terms of reference and membership composition.

**Disposal of the existing campus of Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College**

2. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the disposal of the existing campus of UIC under the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed between UIC and Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai (BNUZ), and the subsequent execution of the MOU and other legal document(s), if any, pertaining to the transfer, between UIC and BNUZ.

**Trustee's report and audited financial statements of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund for the 2014-15 financial year**

3. The Council resolved to receive the audited financial statements of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund (the Fund) and the Trustee's report on the operation of the Fund for the 2014-15 financial year.

**Funding support for Incentive Award Scheme 2015-16**

4. The Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC) on the allocation of \$10,734,936 from the Strategic Development Fund of the University to support the Incentive Award Scheme in 2015-16.

**Tuition and other related fees for non-local students pursuing University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded programmes in 2016-17**

5. The Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the FC that the tuition and other related fees for non-local students pursuing UGC-funded undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes, and for students pursuing research postgraduate programmes, be all kept unchanged in 2016-17.

## **Candidates for Honorary University Fellowship in 2016**

6. The Council resolved to approve the award of Honorary University Fellowship (HUF) in 2016 to the candidates recommended by the Honorary University Fellowship Committee (HUFC). The candidates are being approached for their consent to accept the award, and the list of HUF candidates for 2016 will be announced in due course.
7. The Council also approved a set of guidelines recommended by the HUFC for the University Administration to follow in case the candidate(s) approved by the Council for the HUF awards cannot attend the conferment ceremony in person.

## **Candidates for HKBU honorary doctorates in 2016**

8. The Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee (HDC) to award HKBU honorary doctorates to a number of distinguished individuals in 2016. The list of candidates for 2016 will be announced by the University Administration in due course.
9. The Council also approved a set of guidelines recommended by the HDC for the University Administration to follow in case the candidate(s) approved by the Council for the honorary doctorate awards cannot attend the conferment ceremony in person.

## **Search Committee for Provost and for Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)**

10. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the terms of reference and membership composition of the Search Committee for Deputy President and Provost and for Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) (Search Committee), and the search arrangements, noting the post title of “Deputy President and Provost” has been changed to “Provost” subsequently.
11. When approving the said membership composition, the Council considered that the membership of the Search Committee should remain the same until the conclusion of the search process despite any changes in the positions held by the respective members. The appointment of the members is on an ad personam basis.
12. Noting the practical difficulty of the HKBU Students’ Union (SU) in complying with the rule of continuity, the Council approved that:
  - (a) the rule of continuity (as referred to in par. 11 above) will not apply to the student members nominated by the SU and HKBU Postgraduate Association, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) there should be proper handover between the incoming and outgoing student members nominated by the SU; and
  - (ii) the incoming student member should abide by the decisions already made by the Search Committee and the confidentiality undertaking to be signed; and
- (b) the membership composition of the Search Committee with respect to student representatives be revised as follows:
- (i) President of the SU or a student nominated by the SU; and
  - (ii) President of the HKBU Postgraduate Association or a student nominated by the HKBU Postgraduate Association.

### **Appointment to the Council**

13. After deliberation on the concerns and views expressed by some staff and students on the definition of “eligible staff” in the “Rules governing the election of staff members for appointment to the Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University”, the Council resolved to withhold the appointment of the staff member who has been duly elected recently for appointment to the Council as an elected staff member, and endorsed the recommendation to conduct a review on the definition of “eligible staff” in the election rules, taking into consideration the views of the staff community and the legal advice sought in the review process. The Council will make a decision on the eligibility issue and the aforesaid appointment after the review is completed.