

**A list of decisions made by the Council
at its meeting on 21 June 2016**

Revisions to the membership composition of the Strategic Development Fund Allocation Sub-committee

1. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve:
 - (a) the addition of a new membership category, viz. “A lay Council Member appointed by the Council”, to the Strategic Development Fund Allocation Sub-committee; and
 - (b) the appointment of Dr. Jennifer C.Y. Ng to the said position in par. (a) above from 24 May 2016 to 31 May 2018, or up to the expiry of her membership term on the Council, whichever is earlier.

Membership of Search Committee for Provost and for Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)

2. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the inclusion of an additional membership category, viz. “A Head of Administrative/Teaching and Learning Support Unit, to be elected from among their number”, to the Search Committee for Provost and for Vice-President (Teaching and Learning).

Appointment to the Council

3. In accordance with the result of the Council re-election in early June 2016, the Council resolved to appoint Dr. Roger H.F. Wong (Research Assistant Professor of the Department of Biology) to the Council as an elected staff member from 21 June 2016 to 30 June 2018.

2016-17 recurrent budget and 2016-19 triennium projections for the University, and the 2016-17 budgets for the School of Continuing Education, Chaplain’s Office and student residences

4. The Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) to approve for implementation the 2016-17 University recurrent budget and the 2016-17 budgets for the School of Continuing Education, Chaplain’s Office and student residences respectively.

Recruitment of Research Assistant Professors in 2016-17 funded by Strategic Development Fund

5. The Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the FC to provide \$17,841,600 from the Strategic Development Fund of the University for recruitment of Research Assistant Professors in 2016-17.

Revamp of the financial information system

6. The University Grants Committee (UGC) has promulgated a revised Statement of Recommended Practice for the UGC-funded institutions, i.e. revised guidelines for recording and presenting financial information, and a new set of Cost Allocation Guidelines. To meet the new UGC requirements and the long-term needs of the University, the Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the FC to procure a new financial information system and approve the associated costs and the implementation plan.

Report of the task force for review of strategic issues of Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College

7. Established by the Council in November 2015, the task force for review of strategic issues of UIC (task force) had completed its in-depth review on the various macro issues concerning the Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (UIC), and presented to the Council its findings and recommendations. The Council resolved to endorse the recommendations of the task force on the actions to be taken.

Appointment to the Council of Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College and the Search Committee for the President of UIC

8. The Council resolved to appoint Prof. Ricky N.S. Wong (Associate Vice-President and Chair Professor in Biology) as member to:
 - (a) the Council of UIC from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018; and
 - (b) the Search Committee for President of UIC from 1 July 2016.

Proposed changes to the *HKBU Statutes*

9. The Council resolved to approve the revisions to the *HKBU Statutes*, i.e. the title as well as sections 1(aa), 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) of Statute IX were added/revised to include the degrees (Bachelor of Communication (Honours) (BComm), Master of Acupuncture and Moxibustion (MAM) and Doctor of Education (EdD)) and diplomas.

Affixing of the University's common seal to the deed pertaining to a joint venture with The Tsimshatsui District Kaifong Welfare Association

10. The School of Continuing Education (SCE) of the University has since 1990 been cooperating with The Tsimshatsui District Kaifong Welfare Association (the Association) in operating a continuing education centre, which provides a variety of day-time and evening education programmes. Upon expiry of the last deed pertaining to this joint venture, the SCE and the Association agreed to enter into a new deed. The Council resolved to approve:
 - (a) the affixing of the University's common seal to the deed made by the University and the Association under which the University would continue to cooperate with the Association in operating a continuing education centre on the fourth and fifth floors of the Association's building located at No. 136A, Nathan Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon (on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10753), for a period of one year with retroactive effect from 1 April 2016; and
 - (b) the arrangement for authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the said deed.

Revision of rates of housing allowances for eligible staff

11. Following the revision of the rates of housing allowances in the Civil Service with effect from 1 April 2016, the Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee (PC):
 - (a) to adopt the revised rates of Private Tenancy Allowance with retroactive effect from 1 April 2016, for eligible staff who have commenced a new tenancy agreement on or after 1 April 2016; and
 - (b) to adopt the revised rates of Home Financing Allowance with retroactive effect from 1 April 2016, for eligible staff who have commenced to receive the allowance on or after 1 April 2016.

Review of responsibility/acting allowances

12. As a result of a review of the rates of responsibility/acting allowance, the Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the PC for adoption with effect from 1 July 2016:
 - (a) the proposed principles for determining and adjusting the rates of responsibility/acting allowance;
 - (b) the proposed adjustments to the rates of responsibility/acting allowance; and

- (c) the proposed changes to the guidelines governing the provision of acting allowance.

Report on proposed hostel and academic building complex project

- 13. The University has planned to build a new hostel and academic building complex (HABC) on the 0.75-hectare site reserved for its use by the Government in the northern portion of the former campus of Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Lee Wai Lee), providing a total of 1,700 hostel places and 6,900 sq.m. of academic/sports facilities. Stakeholders' views on and aspirations to the facilities to be included in, and the design of the HABC have been solicited for due consideration in the planning process. The four conceptual design schemes provided by two architectural consultants, as well as the feedback collected from the University community had been considered by the Task Force on Space Management and the Campus Development and Facilities Management Committee (CDFMC) respectively. The Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the CDFMC to select "The Spiral" scheme as the preferred scheme for detailed design development of the HABC.

Report of the University Grants Committee on "Governance in UGC-funded Higher Education Institutions in Hong Kong"

- 14. The UGC released the "Governance in UGC-funded Higher Education Institutions in Hong Kong" report (the Newby Report) on 30 March 2016. Recommendations have been formulated in the Newby Report to enhance standards of institutional governance and provide useful guidance for institutions to reflect on and improve their current practices, as well as to strengthen the effectiveness and transparency of their councils. The Council resolved to approve:
 - (a) the draft response of the University to the UGC on the recommendations of the Newby Report; and
 - (b) the establishment of the task force on implementation of the recommendations of the Newby Report.

Acceptance of donation

- 15. The Council resolved to accept the donation of \$10 million from the Tsang Shiu Tim Charitable Foundation to support the establishment of the Endowed Chair of Chinese Medicine Clinical Studies by the School of Chinese Medicine.