

**A list of decisions made by the Council
at its meeting on 12 December 2017**

Proposed leasing of the Primary School of Riviera Gardens, No. 2-12 Yi Lok Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories

1. The University Administration proposed a space plan which set out the University's space needs and the options for providing space to support its strategic directions from the interim to the long term. It was proposed that a site in Tsuen Wan be leased as an interim arrangement for addressing the University's shortage of academic space and enhancing the facilities on campus.
2. The Council confirmed the decisions made through the circulation of a paper to approve the leasing of the Primary School of Riviera Gardens at No. 2-12 Yi Lok Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories (the former campus of Chu Hai College of Higher Education in Tsuen Wan) and relevant arrangements, the affixing of the University's common seal to the lease made between the University and the landlord and other relevant documents, and arrangements for authenticating the affixing of the University's common seal.

Trustee's report and audited financial statements of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund for the 2016-17 financial year

3. The Council resolved to receive the audited financial statements of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund and the Trustee's report on the operations of the Fund for the 2016-17 financial year.

Tuition and other related fees for non-local students pursuing University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded programmes in 2018-19

4. The Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee 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 kept unchanged in 2018-19.

Appointments/reappointments to the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Baptist University Foundation

5. The Council resolved to approve the appointments/reappointments to the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Baptist University Foundation, each for a term of three years from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.

Delegation of authority for approval of “Professor Emeritus” title

6. The Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Honorary Degrees Committee on the revision to its terms of reference and delegation of authority to the University Administration for approving the conferment of the title of “Professor Emeritus” on retired academic staff.

Review of the terms of reference of Council committees and board

7. On the recommendation of the University’s Task Force on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Newby Report, the Council committees and board reviewed their terms of reference. The Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Council committees on changes to their terms of reference.

Candidates for Honorary University Fellowship in 2018

8. The Council resolved to approve the award of an Honorary University Fellowship in 2018 to each of the candidates recommended by the Honorary University Fellowship Committee. The list of awardees will be announced in due course.

Candidates for HKBU honorary doctorates in 2018

9. The Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee to award HKBU honorary doctorates to several distinguished individuals in 2018. The list of recipients will be announced in due course.

Review of policy on appointment, promotion and substantiation for academic staff

10. With a view to developing a more holistic and effective quality assurance process in managing the performance of academic staff, the University Administration undertook a review of the policy on appointment, promotion and substantiation for academic staff. The review also enabled the policy to be more conducive to the recruiting, retaining and motivating of academic staff in pursuit of the University’s vision and mission as specified in its Institutional Strategic Plan 2018-28, and aligned the University’s practices with those of the other UGC-funded institutions and the best practices internationally. The Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee on the changes to the policy.