# A list of decisions made by the Council at its meeting on 18 October 2012

### General adjustment under the New Pay and Reward Structure in 2012

1. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to implement a general adjustment for all full-time eligible staff of the University under the New Pay and Reward Structure with effect from 1 July 2012. (HKBU staff may refer to the memorandum on this subject issued by the Personnel Office on 17 July 2012 for the details.)

## **Appointment as Deputy Chairman of Personnel Committee**

2. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the appointment of Ms. Winnie W.C. Tam as the Deputy Chairman of the Personnel Committee from 1 August 2012 to 31 December 2013.

### Additional candidate for HKBU honorary doctorate in 2012

3. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to accept the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee to award the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, to Prof. the Honourable Jao Tsung-I in 2012.

# Appointment and removal/retirement of Trustees of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund

- 4. To ensure full compliance with the provisions of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance and to enable the Board of Trustees (BOT) to function as a full team at all times, the Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to accept the following recommendations of BOT of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund:
  - (a) that any outgoing Trustee of the Fund would continue to serve on the BOT until the approval of the replacement Trustee was granted by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA); and
  - (b) that the Deeds of the Fund be revised as follows:
    - (i) any retiring Trustee of the Fund (including Council Members, staff representatives and non-employer Trustee) shall continue to serve as a Trustee of the Fund until such time when the appointment of the replacement Trustee is approved by the MPFA; and

(ii) for newly appointed Trustees (including Council Members, staff representatives and non-employer Trustee), their terms of appointment will commence on the date when the MPFA approves their appointments.

# Appointment to Campus Development and Facilities Management Committee

5. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the appointment of Prof. Douglas Robinson to the Campus Development and Facilities Management Committee from 1 September 2012 to 31 December 2013.

### Reappointment to the HKBU Court

6. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve the reappointment of Mr. Billy Hung Hing-chuen to the HKBU Court for another three-year term from 1 November 2012 to 31 October 2015.

# Affixing of the common seal to the tenancy agreements pertaining to the Ex-Royal Air Force Station (Kai Tak) and the Lee Wai Lee Campus

- 7. To meet the space requirements arising from the four-year undergraduate curriculum, the University has renewed the lease of the Ex-Royal Air Force Station (Kai Tak) at 51 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon, and submitted an application to the HKSAR Government to use the Lee Wai Lee Campus at 30 Renfrew Road (which is the former campus of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Lee Wai Lee)). The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to ratify:
  - (a) the affixing of the University's common seal to the tenancy agreement, under which the University will continue to rent from the HKSAR Government the Ex-Royal Air Force Station (Kai Tak) for the period from 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013;
  - (b) the affixing of the University's common seal to the tenancy agreement, under which the University and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University will rent from the HKSAR Government the Lee Wai Lee Campus from 7 September 2012 to 31 December 2013; and
  - (c) the arrangement for authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the said agreements.

### Financial report of HKBU for the 2011-12 financial year

8. The Council resolved to approve the audited accounts and receive the Auditor's Report contained in the <u>financial report of HKBU for 2011-12</u>.

### Deed of Variation of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund

- 9. After a review of the Trust Deed (including all related Deeds of Variation), the legal advisor had advised that further variation was required to address the stipulation in the Deed that the chairman of the Finance Committee (FC) shall be the Chairman of the BOT, and to allow the immediate preceding chairman of the FC to continue serving as the BOT Chairman until the appointment of the new FC chairman as BOT Chairman. The Council resolved to:
  - (a) approve the Deed of Variation of the HKBU 1998 Superannuation Fund; and
  - (b) approve the affixing of the University's common seal to the said Deed of Variation and the arrangement for authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the said Deed.

### Additional funding for campus development

10. The Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the FC to approve total additional funding of \$127.7 million to complete the Campus Master Plan from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

### Funding requirement for scholarships in 2012-13

11. In light of the growing magnitude of the scholarship schemes, which was introduced to attract quality students from the mainland as well as to support outgoing student exchange programmes, and the need to address the growing funding need, the Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the FC to approve an allocation of \$15.34 million in 2012-13 to support the scholarship schemes.

#### Appointment/reappointment of honorary members of HKBU Court

12. The Council resolved to appoint/reappoint a number of persons as honorary members of the HKBU Court, each for a five-year term from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017. The University Administration will announce the list of honorary Court members after securing their consent to accept the appointment.

### **Proposed changes to the HKBU Statutes**

13. Following the Senate's decision, the Council approved a few revisions to the membership composition of the Senate set out in paragraph 1 of Statute IV of the HKBU Statutes. The Council also approved the addition of the Master of Accountancy (MAcc) to the list of degrees which may be conferred by the University as stipulated in paragraph 1 of Statute IX of the HKBU Statutes.