

Summary of the 135th Council Plenary Session held on 26 June 2023

1. The ensuing items were considered and approved by Council:

Governance

- The proposed revision to the Scope of Responsibilities of the Human Resources Committee, in respect of its authority in approving cases on (extension of) appointment beyond the University's Retirement Age.

Membership Appointments

- The proposed re-appointments of five Members to the Court of the University.
- The appointment and re-appointment of Members to the Council Committees, following the annual review exercise.
- The appointments of the two Deans to the Council, by annual rotation, with effect from 1 July and 1 August 2023 respectively.

Honorary Awards

- Nominations for the awards of Honorary Fellowships and Honorary Doctorates of the University in 2023, as recommended by the Honorary Awards Committee.

Finance

- The proposed consolidated budget plan of the University for 2023/24.

Campus Development

- The award of the Main Contract for the works of the Life and Chemical Sciences and Technologies Building.
- Additional funding for Web Lab Ready Provision in the Martin Ka Shing Lee Innovation Building.
- The Outline Business Case for the New High Performance Computational Facility.

Human Resources

- The proposed establishment of the Research Engineer/Scientist Track.
- The proposed enhancement of Merit Salary Adjustment Framework for Non-academic Staff, for a trial implementation in 2023.

Donation

- The acceptance of donation pledges for the promotion of satellite remote sensing technologies.
- The acceptance of donation pledges for the establishment of Named Professorships and the launch of an initiative to support the University's global faculty recruitment.

Naming Recognitions

- The naming of a research space in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering as ‘PIESAT Center for Remote Sensing Application Research’ (航天宏圖遙感應用研究中心).
- The naming of HKUST’s first satellite as ‘HKUST-FYBB#1’ (香港科大雄彬一號).
- The naming of the Nanosystem Fabrication Facility as ‘Dr Tai-chin Lo Nanosystem Fabrication Facility’ (羅台秦博士納米系統製造實驗中心).

2023 Congregation

- The proposed plan for the 2023 Congregation Event(s).

Others

- The proposed schedule for the 2023 election of a full-time Student Member to the Council.
2. The Council also took note of the design change of the Unit Mix for Remodeling of Tower D as proposed by the Administration.