

Summary of the 136th Council Plenary Session held on 22 September 2023

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

Memberships

- The proposed appointment of a Member to the University Court.
- The proposed appointment of a number of Members to the Council Committees, further to the annual membership review exercise conducted in June 2023.

Finance

- The establishment of a New InnoHK Research Center under the InnoHK initiative of the HKSAR Government.

Campus Development

- The Outline Business Case for the New Academic and Research Building: Teaching & Learning Facilities.

Human Resources

With retrospective effect from 1 April 2023,

- the application of the proposed general pay adjustment (“GPA”) rates to the salaries of non-academic staff;
- the application of the proposed GPA rates to the salaries of substantiation-track faculty, teaching-track faculty, research faculty ranks, teaching support staff and legacy instructor grade staff in accordance with the established Merit Salary Review System for Faculty, with adjustments of the starting salaries and salary ranges;
- the application of the proposed GPA rates to the salaries of research support staff, with adjustments of the respective starting salary and salary ranges; and

With retrospective effect from 26 June 2023,

- the proposed revisions of the respective salary minimums of the newly established research engineer/scientist track.

Donation

- The acceptance of donation pledges from Kerry Group Limited in support of University’s talent recruitment initiative.

Academic Matter

- The proposed design and layout of degree diploma for graduates of HKUST(GZ).
- Senate’s decision on two misconduct cases.

2. The Council noted the list of non-UGC funded research projects with waiver of overhead charges approved by the Administration for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.