

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**Summary Report of the 3rd (2023) Council Meeting
(17th April, 2023)**

1. The Council RE-ELECTED Mr. Roger K.H. Luk, as a Member of the Council for a further period of three years with retroactive effect from 2nd March, 2023, as endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Council.
2. The Council ELECTED Dr. Norman T.L. Chan as Vice-Chairman of the Council for a period of two years with effect from 18th April, 2023, as endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Council.
3. The Council RECEIVED a report from Chairman of the Council on his attendance at the meeting of the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council on 16th December, 2022 about the “Proposed Members’ Bill to amend The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1109)”.
4. The Council ENDORSED the Report from the Taskforce for the Review of the Size and Composition of the CUHK Council (Taskforce). The Taskforce agreed to abide by the principle that CUHK, being a publicly-funded educational institution, had to demonstrate public accountability and ensure appropriate checks and balance for the University management in the running of the University through the governing body, the Council. The Taskforce believed that a downsizing of the Council was long overdue, and the total number of members between 25 and 34 would be a reasonable target for the downsized Council, and that the ratio of internal to external members between 1:1.64 and 1:2.13 would be a reasonable mix for good governance purposes and in line with the majority of other UGC-funded universities. The Taskforce considered it appropriate for the Chancellor to continue to appoint some Council members, as well as key positions on the Council, including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, and it was also appropriate to require between two-thirds and three-quarters majority of Council members when approving the appointments of the Vice-Chancellor and of the Provost. In regard to the current three seats for LegCo members on the Council, the Taskforce suggested that the current number should be reviewed in the interest of achieving more optimal downsizing of the Council, and that there should be one Council seat for a representative elected by the Convocation and that at least one of the four members appointed by the Council should be a CUHK alumnus/alumna as recommended in the 2016 Proposals. The Taskforce also agreed that there should be one seat each for representatives elected by undergraduate students and postgraduate students respectively.

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