**THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS**

## COUNCIL MEETING

**Action Minutes of the 5th Meeting of Session 2021/2022 held on Thursday, 17 March 2022 at 5:30pm at the HKIE Headquarters**

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| Present | : | Ir Edwin CHUNG Kwok Fai | President |
| | | Ir Aaron BOK Kwok Ming | Senior Vice President |
| | | Ir Dr Barry LEE Chi Hong | Vice President |
| | | Ir Eric MA Siu Cheung | Vice President |
| | | Ir Leo CHAN Hei Yim | |
| | | Ir Edward CHAN Sai Cheong | |
| | | Ir Ambrose CHEN Hao Ting | |
| | | Ir Francis CHENG Cho Ying | |
| | | Ir Norman CHENG Chun Ping | |
| | | Ir Kenneth CHEUNG Kwan Wing | |
| | | Ir Prof Joseph CHI Wuh Jian | |
| | | Ir Alice CHOW Kin Tak | |
| | | Ir Alexis LEE Chi Chuen | |
| | | Ir Horace LEE Chi Ho | |
| | | Ir Chris LEE Tsz Leung | |
| | | Ir Ben LEUNG Chi Hung | |
| | | Ir Rupert LEUNG Kwok Yiu | |
| | | Ir Mandy LEUNG Man Yee | |
| | | Ir LIU Sing Pang | |
| | | Ir Victor LO King Yin | |
| | | Ir Kelvin LO Kwok Wah | |
| | | Ir MAK Ka Wai | |
| | | Ir Eagle MO Cheung Ying | |
| | | Ir Bobby NG Mang Tung | |
| | | Ir TAM Chun Kit | |
| | | Ir Kelvin TANG Sher Kin | |
| | | Ir TANG Whai Tak | |
| | | Ir Ken WONG Hei Long | |
| | | Mr Daniel YIP Toa Sun | |
| | | Ir Ringo YU Shek Man | Honorary Member |
| | | Ir Dr the Hon LO Wai Kwok | Observer, Legislative Councillor (Engineering) |
| | | Ir HON Chi Keung | Chief Executive and Secretary |
| In attendance | : | Mr Davis WONG | Director |
| | | Mr Wilbur PANG | Associate Director - Professional Standards & Services |
| | | Ms Christina SUN | Minuting secretary |
| By invitation | : | Mr Ackle SHAM | President's Protégé |

Apologies : Ir Prof Thomas CHAN Kwok Cheung
Ir Dorothy CHAN Ying Ying
Ir CHAN Yiu Hon
Ir Albert CHENG Ting Ning
Ir CHEUK Kim Tang
Ir Thomas CHUNG Chit Chun
Ir Ian CHUNG Siu Ping
Ir Dennis HUI King Wai
Ir Prof Patrick LEE Po Cheung
Ir LEUNG Chun Sing
Ir LEUNG Yiu Hong
Ir Dr Eric LIU Sai Lok
Ir Prof Richard SO Hau Yue
Ir Michelle TANG Ming Sum
Ir Gilbert TSANG Hing Cheung
Ir Dr TSANG Kim Fung
Ir Raymond WAN Wai Man
Ir Prof YUEN Pak Leung

**Action**

**5.1 To note the vacant position for Session 2022/2023 and to approve the proposed number of EOM positions for election**

The Meeting noted the status report of EOMs as at the end of Session 2021/2022 as set out in Appendix I to the Paper and approved that the number of EOM positions for election would be five for Session 2022/2023.

**5.2 To approve the proposal on the arrangement of the 47th AGM**

The Meeting considered and agreed to the recommendation of the Executive to postpone the 47th AGM to 24 August 2022.

Arising from the AGM postponement, the Meeting also agreed that the start date for EOMs nomination would be deferred by two months; the Council Meeting (Special) would be rescheduled to 21 June 2022; and an additional Council Meeting for Session 2021/2022 would be held on 14 July 2022.

As regards the VP nomination period, the President relayed an observation by the Immediate Past President (before the nomination closing date) for the Council's consideration that this should also be accordingly prolonged in order to suit the deferral of the AGM and to avoid challenges.

The Meeting noted as a fact that the VP nomination period had started on 1 February 2022 and already ended on 11 March 2022, pursuant to the decision of the Council made at the last meeting held on 20 January 2022.

The Meeting also noted that notwithstanding the usual practice of linking the nomination period to the AGM date, the Council should not be bound by such practice and possessed the authority to determine the specific dates in question as it would see fit to suit the prevailing circumstances.

Given the VP nomination period had now been closed, Members then discussed whether it should be reopened as a result of the AGM deferral. Views were expressed on the general knowledge on the nomination period; lack of request for prolonging the period by prospective nominees; fairness to all concerned as there might exist candidates who could become eligible for VP nomination as a result of the AGM postponement etc. After discussion, the Meeting moved the following motion:

**"Having considered all the views expressed, the Council decides that the VP nomination period shall not be re-opened."**

The motion was put to vote and Members supported the motion unanimously. Ir Alice CHOW Kin Tak abstained from the voting.

It was declared that the VP nomination period shall not be re-opened.

The Meeting also approved to set up a task force led by VP Ir Eric MA Siu Cheung to study various matters for taking forward virtual or hybrid meetings and e-voting.

**5.3 Setting up HKIE Student Chapters at School of Professional and Executive Development (SPEED) of the PolyU and Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) (Tuen Mun)**

The Meeting noted the concerns raised by Members on setting up HKIE Student Chapters in the following areas:

- Need for long-term strategic planning for setting up HKIE Student Chapters at tertiary institutions.
- Some Student Chapters becoming inactive.
- Possibility of grouping the proposed Student Chapter at SPEED under the PolyU Student Chapter.
- Necessity for expanding the network of Student Members.

The Meeting suggested to refer the concerns from Members back to the LSB for further study.

After consideration, the Meeting approved the increase in funding allocation to Student Chapters from HK$200,000 (for ten Student Chapters) to $240,000 (for twelve Student Chapters).

**5.4 Revised Composition and Terms of Reference of HKIE Student Chapters**

The Meeting approved the revised Composition and Terms of Reference of HKIE Student Chapters as set out in Appendix I to the Paper.

**5.5 Revised Composition and Terms of Reference of HKIE Overseas Chapters**

The Meeting approved the revised Composition and Terms of Reference of HKIE Overseas Chapters as set out in Appendix II to the Paper.

**5.6 Renewal of Agreement of Co-operation with the Institution of Engineers (India)**

The Meeting approved the renewal of Agreement of Co-operation with the Institution of Engineers (India) as set out in Appendix to the Paper as presented.

**5.7 Nomination for election of Vice President (VP) for Session 2022/2023**

The Meeting noted that one nomination had been received by the closing date of the nomination period for election of VP for Session 2022/2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7:26pm.