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Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Ms Wai,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 40)**

**Chapter 8: University Grants Committee funded institutions –
Governance, strategic planning and financial and performance reporting**

Thank you for your letters dated 27 June and 10 July 2003.

As requested, the attendance rates of the external and internal members at HKUST' Council meetings are attached. One can see that on no occasion did the number of internal members present exceed the number of external members present. The figures provided are based on head counts.

The HKUST Ordinance provides for a ratio of 18 external members to 11 internal members on the Council. Experience shows that the number of external members present at Council meetings consistently constitutes a majority. When important decisions are made at Council meetings, e.g. in the appointment of senior officers at the rank of Vice-Presidents and above, the Ordinance even reserves the right to only the external members.

I trust the above addresses the concern of the Public Accounts Committee. If additional information is needed, please let me know.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

P A Bolton
Acting President

c.c. Secretary-General, University Grants Committee

Name of institution: The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Attendance rates of external and internal members at Council meetings

Date of meeting	Total no. of Council members	External member		Internal member		
		No. of external members present at the meeting	$\frac{\text{No. of external members present at the meeting}}{\text{No. of Council members present at the meeting}} \times 100\%$	No. of internal members present at the meeting	$\frac{\text{No. of internal members present at the meeting}}{\text{No. of Council members present at the meeting}} \times 100\%$	
2000-01 (July 2000 to June 2001)						
(1)	10 Nov 2000	29	11	50%	11	50%
(2)	22 Feb 2001	28	13	61.90%	8	38.10%
(3)	29 Jun 2001	28	13	59.09%	9	40.91%
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						
2001-02 (July 2001 to June 2002)						
(1)	9 Nov 2001	28	12	57.14%	9	42.86%
(2)	27 Mar 2002	28	13	61.90%	8	38.10%
(3)	12 Jun 2002	28	10	55.56%	8	44.44%
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						
2002-03 (July to November 2002)						
(1)	8 Nov 2002	28	12	54.55%	10	45.45%
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						

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