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University Statement on Institutional Integration

Prof John Niland, Convener of the Institutional Integration Working Party (IIWP) of the University Grants Committee (UGC), visited HKUST today to meet the Reference Group on Institutional Integration, and members of the University Senate.

During the meetings, members of the Reference Group and the Senate raised serious concerns about the basis on which the proposed institutional integration between HKUST and CUHK was included in the terms of reference of the IIWP, particularly before the four critical issues raised by the HKUST Task Force were fully addressed by the Government.

According to the Task Force Report, the four critical issues that need to be addressed are: the objectives of a merger, the resource implications arising therefrom, the institutional standards to be attained in research, and the organizational culture of any new body.