

**Public Opinion Programme, the University of Hong Kong**  
**Questionnaire on Universal Hall Membership**

(for use at the Pilot Deliberative Poll Session on February 27, 2009)

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Please fill in the following questionnaire and send it back to the Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong by email to [pop.network@hkupop.hku.hk](mailto:pop.network@hkupop.hku.hk). Thank you for your cooperation.

**PART 1 Views of the Current Situation**

1. Are you currently or have been a member of any residential or non-residential halls in HKU?
  - currently a full member of residential hall (go to Q.2)
  - currently an affiliated member of residential hall (go to Q.3)
  - currently a member of non-residential hall (go to Q.4)
  - have been a member of hall (go to Q.5)
  - never a member of any hall (go to Q.6)
  
2. Reasons for being a full member of residential hall. (tick all that apply) (to Q.8)
  - to save traveling time to and from school
  - to make more friends in hall
  - to have an appropriate place to study
  - to experience hall education
  - to participate in inter-hall competitions
  - is attracted to a particular hall
  - I am an exchange student
  - friends / family influence
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Reasons for being an affiliated member of residential hall. (tick all that apply) (to Q.8)
  - to make more friends in hall
  - to experience hall education but could not be a full member
  - to participate in inter-hall competitions
  - is attracted to a particular hall
  - friends / family influence
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Reasons for being a member of non-residential hall. (tick all that apply) (to Q.8)
  - to make more friends in hall
  - to experience hall education but could not be a member of residential halls
  - is attracted to a particular non-residential hall
  - to participate in inter-hall competitions
  - to find a place to stay between classes
  - just want to experience non-residential hall education
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Reasons for the termination of hall membership. (tick all that apply) (to Q.7)
  - quitted hall due to personal reasons
  - quitted hall due to dislike in the hall culture
  - quitted hall due to its negative impact on academic performance
  - quitted hall due to dislike in the lifestyle of hallmates
  - failed to re-admit at the turn of the year
  - quitted hall due to enough experience in hall education
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_

6. Reasons for not being a member of any halls. (tick all that apply) (to Q.7)
- live near to the University
  - do not like the existing hall cultures
  - living in hall involves an expensive expenditure
  - do not feel the need to live in a hall
  - applied but was rejected
  - currently living in students flats or renting mini
  - family not allow
  - enjoy solitude
  - does not like the physical environment of halls
  - negative influence in academic results
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you willing to apply/re-apply for hall membership now?
- yes (go to Q.11)
  - no (to Q.12)
  - not sure (to Q.13)
  - not in HKU anymore next term (to Q.13)
8. Why did you choose a particular hall? (tick all that apply) (to Q.9)
- central allocation
  - the reputation of that hall
  - its excellence in sports field
  - its excellence in cultural field
  - the suitable lifestyle
  - near to the campus
  - family / friends influence
  - due to financial issue
  - an appropriate place to study
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
9. Rate your current satisfaction towards your hall membership in descending order. (to Q.10)
- 5 (very satisfied)
  - 4
  - 3 (half-half)
  - 2
  - 1 (very dissatisfied)
10. Will you renew your hall membership next term?
- yes (to Q.11)
  - no (go to Q.12)
  - not sure (go to Q.13)
  - not in HKU anymore next term (to Q.13)
11. What attract(s) you to want to apply/re-apply for hall membership now? (tick all that apply) (go to Q.13)
- want to save traveling time to and from school
  - want to experience hall education
  - want to make more friends in hall
  - want to have an appropriate place to study
  - want to participate in inter-hall competitions
  - is attracted to a particular hall

- family / friends influence
- I am exchange student
- others : \_\_\_\_\_

12. What repel(s) you from applying/re-applying for hall membership now? (tick all that apply) (go to Q.13)

- do not agree with the living style of hall residents
- cannot study in hall
- family does not allow to live in hall
- due to financial problems
- due to previous rejection
- do not agree with the current hall cultures
- do not feel the need to live in hall
- others : \_\_\_\_\_

13. What do you see as the strength(s) of the current hall education? (tick all that apply) (go to Q.14)

- strong spirit and bonding
- lots of chance to organize and participate in different activities
- train up interpersonal communication skills
- train up time management skills
- learn how to have commitment towards a community
- train up the skills other than academic
- its reputation and image
- help establish personal network
- others : \_\_\_\_\_

14. What would you suggest for improvements of the current hall education? (tick all that apply) (go to Q.15)

- reduce emphasis on sports
- reduce emphasis on community bonding
- respect diversity of personal interests of hall residents
- focus more on academic excellence
- more personal freedom
- improve hall welfare
- others : \_\_\_\_\_

15. Are you satisfied with the current residential halls admission system? (go to Q.16)

- yes
- no
- not familiar with the system

16. Do you think there is enough diversity in hall cultures for students with different interests and needs to choose from? (to Q.17)

- yes
- no
- not sure

17. Do you think you can really be able to choose and get the hall you like? (go to Q.18)

- yes
- no
- not sure

## PART 2 Views on Future Hall Development

18. Do you believe that hall of residence should be a kind of welfare directed to all students in need or should it be a kind of education reserved for those found suitable?
- should be a welfare
  - should be an education
  - should be a bit of both
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do you think the University should develop a “universal residential hall membership” system whereby all students would be assigned to a residential hall upon university admission, with the flexibility that a student can withdraw from such membership upon the provision of good reasons?
- yes
  - no
  - don't know
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
20. Do you think the implementation of a “universal residential hall membership” system would compromise the current hall culture?
- will have a positive impact
  - will have a negative impact
  - will have no impact
  - not sure
21. Do you think the University should develop a “universal hall membership” system whereby all students would be assigned to a residential or non-residential hall upon university admission, with the flexibility that a student can withdraw from such membership upon the provision of good reasons?
- yes
  - no
  - don't know
  - others : \_\_\_\_\_
22. Do you think the implementation of a “universal hall membership” system would compromise the current hall culture?
- will have a positive impact
  - will have a negative impact
  - will have no impact
  - not sure
23. Given the rapid internationalization in HKU, there is increasing number of non-local undergraduate students, and currently there are about an average of 30% non-local students living in all halls. What do you think should be the optimum proportion of local and non-local students living in one residential hall?
- should be below 10% non-local students
  - should be around 10-20% non-local students
  - should be around 20-30% non-local students
  - should be around 30-40% non-local students
  - should be around 40-50% non-local students
  - should be around 50-60% non-local students
  - should be around 60-70% non-local students
  - should be over 70% non-local students

24. Do you think increasing the proportion of non-local students in residential halls will have an impact on the current hall culture?

- will have a positive impact
- will have a negative impact
- will have no impact
- not sure

25. Do you have any other comments on hall education in HKU?

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### PART 3 Personal Particulars

26. Which faculty are you in?

- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Business and Economics
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Social Science

27. Which year are you currently in?

- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- above Year 3

28. Are you a non-local student?

- yes
- no

29. Your gender?

- Male
- Female

30. How long have you been having the hall-membership? (including residential halls, non-residential halls, and affiliated members)

- none
- less than 1 semester
- 1 semester
- 2 semesters
- 3 semesters
- 4 semesters
- 5 semesters
- 6 semesters
- more than 6 semesters

Thank you very much!!!