

**Staff-Student Consultative Committee
Minutes for Meeting No. 2 of 2012/2013**

Date: 21st February, 2013

Time: 16:30

Venue: Rm 518, CYM Physics Building, HKU

Present:

Dr J. J. L. Lim (Chairman, Staff representative)

Dr X. D. Cui (Staff representative)

Dr K. M. Lee (Staff representative)

Dr J. C. S. Pun (Staff representative)

Mr John Einstein Tsz-Lun Wong (First year representative of the 3-year curriculum)

Mr Junhao Li (First year representative of the 4-year curriculum)

Mr Chun-Kit Lau (Third year student representative)

Mr Bosco Hong-Kiu Yung (Postgraduate student representative)

Mr Yiu-Ki Tse (Physics Society representative)

Absent:

Dr F. C. C. Ling (Staff representative)

Mr Kin-Kwan Chiu (Second year representative)

(1) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted with no amendments.

(2) Matters arising from the previous meeting.

Room 522, the department's seminar room, is open to students for the purpose of self or group study, as well as for general discussions. When this room is used for seminars or other purposes, the Committee discussed the possibility of students using the open area immediately outside the Departmental Office as a substitute, and sought input from students through their representatives whether they would be in favor of this idea or not.

- A general concern expressed by the student representatives was that students were worried that their discussions might disturb teachers whose offices overlook this open area.
- The third year student representative asked whether desktop computers could be provided.
- The Physics Society representative expressed the concern that students would not feel secure placing their belongings in an open area.

The Committee recognizes the concern that discussions among students have the potential of disturbing teachers, and suggests that, rather than considering the open area as a direct substitute for the Rm 522, the open area be instead considered a temporary space for use by students when Rm 522 is occupied. Although the open area may not be suitable for group discussions, it should be suitable for self study and discussions involving two or three students.

- Action item: Student representatives should again seek input from their peers as to whether they would like to use the open area outside the Departmental Office when Rm 522 is

occupied. The Representatives should stress that this space is not meant as a direct substitute for Rm 522, but nevertheless is useful for self study or discussions involving two or three students. The Representatives should provide feedback to the postgraduate student representative via email by 8th Mar, 2013.

(3) Comment from the first year student representative of the 3-year curriculum.

There was no comment from the first year student representative of the 3-year curriculum

(4) Comment from the first year student representative of the 4-year curriculum.

There was no comment from the first year student representative of the 4-year curriculum.

(5) Comment from the second year student representative.

The second year student representative was absent.

(6) Comment from the third year student representative.

There was no comment from the third year student representative.

(7) Comment from the postgraduate student representative.

Concern: The postgraduate student representative stated that some students suggested having an award for the best tutor/demonstrator.

Deliberation: Historically, this issue has been raised before, but no action taken because the student themselves were concerned about how the selection process should be set up. To address this concern, the Committee seeks input from the postgraduate students on the judging process. In the meantime, the Committee brings to the attention of the postgraduate students that the Science Faculty has award for the best tutor/demonstrator as advertised through email and the Science Faculty webpage.

Action item: The Postgraduate student representative seek input from his peers on how to select the best tutor/demonstrator.

(8) Comment from the Physics Society representative.

Concern: The Physics Society representative suggested to have a new cupboard for storage, and to replace the broken lock for one of the existing cupboard.

Deliberation: The Committee will look into both possibilities.

Action item: The Chair will inspect the lock and look at the possibility of additional storage.

(9) Comment from staff representatives.

The Committee again stresses that student representatives can always convey their comments on tutors/demonstrators, or any other matter, by email to Committee members, and do not have to wait for a Staff-Student Consultation meeting.

(10) Any other business.

There was no any other business.

(11) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:12
Bosco Hong-Kiu Yung (Secretary and postgraduate student representative)
21st February, 2013