

Staff Student Consultative Committee Meeting
Minutes for Meeting No.3 of 2009/2010

Date: 25th January, 2010

Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Rm518A, CYM Physics Building, HKU

Present:

Dr. K.M. Lee (Chairman, Staff Representative)

Dr. X.D. Cui (Staff Representative)

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

Dr. H.S. Wu (Staff Representative)

Mr. Mok Yi Yun (First Year Student Representative)

Mr. Chan Chi Chung (Third Year Student Representative)

Ms. Anna Chen Yuk Nga (Postgraduate Student Representative)

Ms. Li Wing Yi (Physics Society Representative)

Apologies:

Prof. J. Wang (Staff Representative)

Mr. Chan Tsz Man (Second Year Student Representative)

Absent:

(1) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The previous minutes was confirmed as correct.

(2) Matters arising from the previous meeting

Nil.

(3) Comments from the first year student representative.

There was no comment from the first year student representative.

(4) Comments from the second year student representative.

The second year student representative was absent.

(5) Comments from the third year student representative.

The third year student representative had concerns about the cost of printing lecture notes and suggested for the lecturer to print out the notes for the students instead.

Dr. Wu replied that some lecturers did print out notes for students. Regarding the cost issue, he suggested that printing out one copy and then made further copies by photocopier might be a cheaper option. Dr. Lee added that this method was also more environmental friendly.

(6) Comments from the postgraduate student representative.

The postgraduate student representative mentioned there were problems with the printer in Rm525. Dr. Lee replied that he would contact Mr. Yip about the possibility of fixing the printer or replacing it with a new one.

The postgraduate student representative asked if there were funding for buying books in the departmental library as some students had suggested the variety of books in the library were limited.

Dr. Lee replied that there was not and that most of those books were bought using professor's own research funding.

Dr. Wu mentioned if students needed certain books they could report to their supervisors about buying the books.

The postgraduate student representative reported that the students had some concerns over the safety issue of the recently renovated Rm417. With the book shelves place in between the row of tables, the corridor was too narrow.

Dr. Ling replied that he had asked the students in Rm417 about their opinions on the placement of the book shelves. He mentioned he offered two solutions,

(1) the current situation and (2) a 3-leveled book shelf to be placed on top of the desk, for the students to choose, and they had chosen the former.

He also mentioned that it was inevitable that the space for each student would be reduced to accommodate the increasing amount of postgraduate students' intake in the coming years. He hoped that the students could understand.

The postgraduate student representative would ask the students about their preference and any recommendation for the design of the room, and report to Dr. Lee before Friday so that he could report this issue during the staff meeting.

(7) Comments from the Physics Society representative

The Physics Society representative raised the fact that for some courses the lecture notes were not available for download on the course web sites, and that some courses did not have course web sites had caused students inconvenience. She mentioned it would be for the best if the lecturers could update the web sites more frequently.

Dr. Lee mentioned that he would remind the lecturers about this during the staff meeting.

(8) Comments from the staff representatives

Dr. Wu asked about how the students could get hold of the lecture notes if they were not posted on the web site. The Physics Society replied that lecture notes were distributed in class instead. She added that it would be more convenient if the lecturer could do both, i.e. distribute the lecture notes in class and at the same time upload them on the web site.

(9) A.O.B.

There was no A.O.B.

(10) Date of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held in late February before the Staff meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Anna Yuk Nga Chen (Secretary & Postgraduate Student Representative)

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