

**Staff-Student Consultative Committee
Minutes for Meeting No. 3 of 2010/2011**

Date: 28th January, 2011

Time: 15:37

Venue: Rm. 518A, CYM Physics Building, HKU

Present:

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

Dr. X. D. Cui (Staff representative)

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

Dr. H. S. Wu (Staff representative)

Mr. Tsz-Kit Chau (Second year student representative)

Mr. Ka-Tat Wong (Third year student representative)

Mr. Bosco Hong-Kiu Yung (Postgraduate student representative)

Mr. Kiu-Chun Cheng (Physics Society representative)

Apologies:

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

Absent:

Ms. Kit-Yin Wong (First year student representative)

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

The previous minutes was confirmed as correct.

(2) Matters arising from the previous meeting.

With regard to the complain about the heavy work load for laboratory demonstrators in the 1st semester, Dr. Lee verified that the working hours were indeed too long. He had conveyed the message to the teacher in charge, and in the 2nd semester more tutors will be assigned to laboratory sessions. The problem is solved. Dr. Lee also reminded that if the graduate students encountered a similar problem in the future, they should report to the teacher in charge.

(3) Comment from the first year student representative.

The first year student representative was absent.

(4) Comment from the second year student representative.

The second year representative worried that they have only received little training in the field of statistical mechanics and thermodynamics. He suggested the department to provide more course in this field. Dr. Lee replied that after the curriculum reform, the department would provide four general physics courses, covering topics of mechanics, electromagnetism and thermodynamics.

The second year representative mentioned that a lot of students would like to learn more about the curriculum reform, and they wished that the department could provide more information on the website. Dr. Lee replied that there have been a lot of constraints from the faculty and the

university. The details were not fixed and therefore not ready to be published on the website yet. Students could consult Dr. Lee directly if they have any question.

The second year student representative inquired whether the students could learn about the statistical details (e.g. maximum score, mean score, etc) of exam papers rather than just the final grades. Dr. Lee replied that the teachers were not allowed to disclose such details to the students. If the students were not satisfied with the results, they should write a letter to the faculty. The faculty would transfer the letter to the department. After receiving the letter, the department would find another lecturer to review the exam paper in question.

(5) Comment from the third year student representative.

The third year student representative mentioned that some students complained about the new SIS system. They had troubles in course selection, e.g. the computer centre set the class size limit for some courses, and students were not allowed to register when the number of registrant reached the limit. Dr. Wu and Dr. Lim suggested the students should tell the teacher in charge directly if they would like to register for the course under this circumstance.

(6) Comment from the postgraduate student representative.

There was no comment from the postgraduate student representative.

(7) Comment from the Physics Society representative.

The Physics Society representative mentioned that the cabinet for the society was almost full and they would like to have a new one. Dr. Lee replied that he would convey the request to the department.

(6) Comment from staff representatives.

Dr. Wu suggested that even during the Chinese New Year period, (undergraduate) mainland students should not go back to China too early. Dr. Lim mentioned that the teachers could arrange tutorial sessions near to the holiday periods, in that case the students would not miss too many lectures even if they had to leave earlier.

(7) Any other business.

There was no any other business.

(8) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled to be held in the last week of February, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:15

Bosco Hong-Kiu Yung (Secretary and postgraduate student representative)

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