

Minutes for 2000 Staff-Student Consultative Committee Meeting No.6

Date: Wednesday December 6, 2000

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Physics Department Library, 518A Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building

Present:

- [Mr. Terry Boyce](#) (Staff Representative & Chairman)
- [Dr. Francis Ling Chi-chung](#) (Staff Representative)
- [Dr. Wang Jian](#) (Staff Representative)
- [Dr. Xie Mao-hai](#) (Staff Representative)
- [Mr. Andy Leung Hoi Cheung](#) (1st Year Representative)
- Mr. Ma Pui Wai (2nd Year Representative)
- Ms. Michelle Cheung Suet Yee (3rd Year Representative)
- Mr. Stephen Ng Chi Yung (Postgraduate Representative & Secretary)

1. Confirmation of the previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting ([00/05](#)) were confirmed as correct.

2. Matters arising from the previous minutes

- i. In relation to Item 3 i, Mr. Boyce reported that he had raised the suggestion of a Physics Society at the Physics Department staff meeting on November 3, where it was agreed that
 - a. The Department should encourage such activity, but at the same time it might be more appropriate for such a society to be formed under the Student Union.
 - b. The aims and constitution of the proposed Society should be drawn up and students from all years should be involved.
 - c. The Department will consider providing space (and possibly funds) after the aims and constitution of the Society have been suitably established.
- ii. In relation to Item 3 ii (b), Mr. Boyce reported that, after bringing the matter to the attention of the Head of Department, six more chairs were placed in Room 527 on November 29, bringing the total to 20, i.e. one chair per computer.
- iii. In relation to Item 3 iii (b), Mr. Boyce reported that he had raised the matter at the Physics Department staff meeting on November 3, where Prof. Cheng commented that nothing that could be done to alleviate this problem in the current year since the course was taught by someone outside the University who was not available during normal teaching hours. However, he added that the course would be taught by a staff member in the following year so that the problem should not arise in future

3. Comments from student and staff representatives

i. **Comments from the first-year representative**

There were no comments from the first-year representative.

ii. **Comments from the second-year representative**

There were no comments from the second-year representative.

iii. **Comments from the third-year representative**

Ms. Cheung reported that many students were complaining about the noise in Room 527 caused by groups of students holding discussions. Mr. Boyce commented that although Room 527 was intended to be used as solely as a computer laboratory, the situation was likely caused by the fact that the University does not provide space for student study rooms. Mr. Leung asked whether Room 311 could be made available for student study during the examination period and Mr. Boyce replied that this room would probably be made available, as in the previous year.

iv. **Comments from the postgraduate representative**

There were no comments from the postgraduate representative.

v. **Comments from staff representatives**

Mr. Boyce reported that computer equipment had been stolen from Room 527, which posed a serious problem of security. A number of remedies were proposed:

- a. Installation of a video camera.
- b. Installation of an alarm if the door is kept open.
- c. Employ an access-code control lock on the door.

Mr. Boyce agreed to bring these suggestions to the next staff meeting. He added that the problem will probably be solved when the computer laboratory is moved from the 5th to the 4th floor next year, at which time a lock will be installed and students will be able to gain access by the use of student cards and a password.

4. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

5. **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting sometime in early February, 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. T. C. Boyce
Chairman

January 30, 2001