

**Staff-Student Consultative Committee
Minutes for Meeting No. 1 of 2010/2011**

Date: 26th October, 2010

Time: 16:30

Venue: Rm 514, Ming Wah Complex, HKU

Present:

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

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

Dr. F. C. C. Ling (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)

Absent:

Dr. X. D. Cui (Staff representative)

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

(1) Comment from the first year student representative.

The first year student representative was absent.

(2) Comment from the second year student representative.

The second year student representative stated that many core courses have been offered in the first semester, and the second year students found it very difficult to take all of them at the same time (e.g. PHYS2626, PHYS2323 and PHYS2322 were all scheduled in the first semester, only was PHYS2321 scheduled in the second semester).

Dr. Ling replied that not all the aforementioned courses were core courses.

Dr. Wu added that students could take these courses in the third year. However, the second year student representative reminded that if they were to take them in the third year, they would not be able to take some advanced courses which might require the above courses as prerequisites.

Dr. Lim suggested if some of the courses could swap with those in the second semester, but

Dr. Lee pointed out that it would be difficult for some lecturers.

Dr. Lee said that they would convey this problem to the Curriculum Development and Management Committee.

(3) Comment from the third year student representative.

The third year student representative suggested to include more computational courses, like some basic programming courses besides PHYS3231 and PHYS3987.

Dr. Ling said that the basic programming courses were provided by the Faculty of Engineering, and our students could take them.

The third year student representative replied that they were required to declare minor in Computer Science in order to take these programming courses. Dr. Lee and Dr. Ling suggested that students could declare minor for the purpose, and drop it afterwards. Dr. Lee added that

they would convey their opinion on providing more computational courses to the Curriculum Development and Management Committee.

The third year student representative concerned about whether they were allowed to use Rm 518A, the Departmental Library.

Dr. Lee and Dr. Ling replied that undergraduate students were allowed to enter the Departmental Library without bringing their bags along, but they have no rights to borrow the library books.

The third year student representative inquired whether the department could purchase more copies of the textbooks and put them in the Main Library.

Dr. Lee said that due to the lack of space, the Main Library would not accept the idea of placing more copies of textbooks there, and it was the responsibility of the students to buy their own textbooks.

The third year student representative requested to have two duplex printers for students.

Dr. Ling and Dr. Lee replied that if the current printers were still functional, it was not a good idea to simply discharge them, but they could check with the department office with regard to this idea.

The third year student representative inquired whether it would be possible to schedule some public sessions for the Departmental Library such that the undergraduate students could use it, just like the policy for Rm 522. Dr. Lee replied that the Departmental Library has been mainly used for meetings and presentations, the schedule would be irregular. Therefore it would be difficult to arrange public sessions.

(4) Comment from the postgraduate student representative.

The postgraduate student representative inquired whether it would be possible to renew the printers in the demonstrator rooms (e.g. Rm 417, 418 and 525).

Dr. Ling replied that the department did not provide printers for the postgraduate students, as there were cases of printer being abused in the past. However they could raise this idea in the departmental meeting.

The postgraduate student representative further inquired why only Powerpoint format was supported for poster printing, but not the more general PDF.

Dr. Lee said that they would consult Mr. Yip for this matter.

(5) Comment from the Physics Society representative.

The Physics Society representative would like to know why they could not have a room for the society.

Dr. Ling replied that the department did not have enough space for a society room, but they could provide more cabinets to the Physics Society for storage purpose.

(6) Comment from staff representatives.

There was no comment from the staff representatives.

(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 third week of November.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:37

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

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