

**Staff-Student Consultative Committee
Minutes for Meeting No. 2 of 2010/2011**

Date: 22nd November, 2010

Time: 16:40

Venue: Rm. 105, 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. F. C. C. Ling (Staff representative)

Ms. Kit-Yin Wong (First year student 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. H. S. Wu (Staff representative)

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

The previous minutes was confirmed as correct.

(2) Matters arising from the previous meeting.

Dr. Lee has conveyed the problem about course selection to the Curriculum Development and Management Committee.

The clerical staffs of the departmental office assured that the duplex printer is almost always working.

Mr. Yip mentioned that other than PPT, the posters in PDF and JPEG formats are also supported and printable as long as the document width is 36 inches. The Microsoft DOC format is not supported.

(3) Comment from the first year student representative.

There was no comment from the first year student representative.

(4) Comment from the second year student representative.

There was no comment from the second year student representative.

(5) Comment from the third year student representative.

The third year representative would like to know whether the deadline of internship programme application for the positions in Science Museum and Space Museum could be shifted to an earlier time, comparing to the one for the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), in that case they would have one more chance to apply even if they failed the first application.

Dr. Ling replied that the results for the overseas internship would always come first, if the

students accepted the offer, they would not be considered for the local internship. Dr. Lee added that having the same deadline for all the local internship applications would be fair.

The third year representative inquired whether there would be any allowance for students who attended the internship programme, besides the one for the HKO.

Dr. Ling replied that this is not decided by the department, as the allowance (if any) would be provided by the responsible organization, except for the overseas internship. The nature of the internship programme offered here is similar to a normal teaching course.

The third year representative further inquired whether the first year students were eligible to apply for the internship programme or not, as they have not declared their major subject yet. Dr. Ling said that this would be judged case by case, but normally the senior students would have a higher priority. Nonetheless they would not decline all the applications from first year students immediately.

(6) Comment from the postgraduate student representative.

The postgraduate student representative reflected that the rubbish bin in Rm. 417 was too small and therefore often filled. A number of students were troubled.

Dr. Ling said he could give out one of the rubbish bin from his laboratory for temporal usage.

The postgraduate student representative mentioned that some graduate students could not come to a consensus about when to turn on the air conditioners in the demonstrator rooms.

Dr. Lee replied that the occupants of the room should discuss about the criteria for using the air conditioners by themselves. However if there were any conflicts the students should talk to Dr. Lee.

(7) Comment from the Physics Society representative.

There was no comment from the physics society representative.

(6) Comment from staff representatives.

Dr. Cui reflected that some graduate students concerned about the heavy workload of the demonstrator duty with regard to the second year laboratory sessions.

Dr. Lee suggested that the students should first talk with the teacher in charge about the duty arrangement, but for this case only, he would investigate the problem and discuss with the teacher in charge.

(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 January, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:08

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

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