

Staff-Student Consultative Committee
Minutes for Meeting No. 4 of 2010/2011

Date: 3rd March, 2011

Time: 16:04

Venue: Rm. 518A, 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)

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. Sui-Chun Ngan (Physics Society representative)

Apologies:

Dr. J. J. L. Lim (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.

With regard to the request of a new cabinet by the Physics Society representative, Dr. Lee replied that there is currently no place for a new one, so the students should try to squeeze out more space from the old cabinet.

(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.

The second year student representative suggested the lecturers to give out exam reports (or comments), so the students could know what kind of mistakes they have committed in the final examination. They could then learn from the mistakes.

Dr. Wu worried that after the examination, most of the students would not have to come back to school, so even if such reports were prepared, it would be difficult to have them delivered to the students. On the other hand, the “comments” about the students' performance should have been included in the discussions on assignments and tests. That should be enough.

Dr. Ling replied that giving out such examination reports might give wrong ideas of learning, as students might mis-intrepret that only points discussed in the report were important. This idea might be sensitive as well, because students might use this as an argument for grades and honours.

Dr. Lee said he would convey the suggestion to the chief examiner, Dr. Pun, and to see what the department could do.

The second year representative also suggested the lecturers to upload the lecture notes before classes, or deliver the printed version during classes.

Dr. Lee replied that it has to be decided by the lecturers. They have discussed this issue in the staff meeting, and would recommend the lecturers to do so. However, some lecturers might prefer students to write their own notes during classes.

(5) Comment from the third year student representative.

The third year student representative inquired whether students could discuss about the Final Year Project (FYP) or Directed Studies with the lecturers which were not on the given list of choices.

Dr. Lee replied that the students were allowed to do so. They were not restricted to the listed topics or lecturers. In fact, in all cases students should discuss with the potential adviser(s) before making a decision.

Dr. Wu and Dr. Ling also added it was necessary for the students to discuss with the advisers, they suggested such a reminder should be added in the relevant webpages.

Dr. Lee said he would talk with the course coordinator with regard to the above suggestion.

The third year student representative consulted why there were no career statistics about the physics graduates in recent two years.

Dr. Ling and Dr. Lee replied that the survey on the career would normally be conducted during in the period of October to December, but it was not done by the department. If the number of students replied was lower than a certain number, no statistics would be given (note: this fact was confirmed by Ms. Anna Wong from the Departmental Office).

Dr. Lee added that the department webpage will be revised later, and more information would be given by then.

(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 inquired how to deal with the surplus souvenirs from the department.

Dr. Lee said he would collect those souvenirs and gave them back to the department.

(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 suggested to be held in the last week of March 2011, or the beginning of April 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:36

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

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