Minutes for 2000 Staff-Student Consultative Committee Meeting No.4

Date: Wednesday September 27, 2000 **Time:** 4:00 p.m. **Place:** Physics Department Library, Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building

Present:

- <u>Mr. Terry Boyce</u> (Staff Representative & Chairman)
- Dr. Wang Jian (Staff Representative)
- Dr. Xie Mao-hai (Staff Representative)
- Dr. Francis Ling Chi-chung (Staff Representative)
- Mr. Andy Leung Hoi Cheung (1st Year Representative)
- Mr. Nelson Tam (Acting 2nd Year Representative)
- Mr. Stephen Ng Chi Yung(Postgraduate Representative & Secretary)

Absent:

• Ms. Michelle Cheung Suet Yee (3rd Year Representative)

1. Confirmation of the previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (00/03) were confirmed as correct.

2. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

3. Comments from student and staff representatives

i. Comments from the first-year representative

- a. Mr. Leung reported that some students had expressed an interest in helpingwith the Physics Department Open Day on October 14. Dr. Ling replied that a committee will be set up to organise the Open Day and that undergraduate help was welcome. Also, it was agreed that an E-mail message will be sent to all students asking for volunteer helpers.
- b. Mr. Leung asked whether the Physics Department would be granting leave to students who wanted to participate in the Government Census to be conducted from March 15 to March 27 next year. Mr. Boyce replied that The University had not informed the Department about this, but that he would enquire about the situation at the next Physics Department Staff Meeting.

[Post-Meeting Note: At the Physics Department staff meeting on September 29, the Head of Department, Prof. Cheng, said that the University had made no special provision for students to take leave during the Census period, but that he would consider student requests to participate on a one-by-one basis.]

ii. Comments from the second-year representative

There were no comments from the second-year representative.

iii. Comments from the third-year representative

No representative from the third-year was present at the meeting.

iv. Comments from the postgraduate representative

Mr. Ng reported that some postgraduates were worried about the heavy workload involved with the Physics Department Open Day. Dr. Ling replied that undergraduate involvement would help to spread the workload and that mainland Chinese postgraduates would also be helping with preparation for the Open Day. Dr. Boyce agreed to raise the matter at the next Physics Department Staff Meeting.

[Post-Meeting Note: The matter was raised at the Physics Department staff meeting on September 29 and it was generally felt that the involvement of undergraduates would help to alleviate the workload of postgraduate students.]

v. Comments from staff representatives

There were no comments from the staff representatives.

4. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. T. C. Boyce Chairman

October 2, 2000