

Staff-Student Consultative Committee
Minutes for Meeting No. 5 of 2010/2011

Date: 12th April, 2011

Time: 16:05

Venue: Rm. 518A, 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)

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

Mr. Tsz-Kit Chau (Second year student representative)

Mr. Bosco Hong-Kiu Yung (Postgraduate student representative)

Mr. Sui-Chun Ngan (Physics Society representative)

Apologies:

Mr. Ka-Tat Wong (Third year student representative)

Absent:

Dr. F. C. C. Ling (Staff representative)

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.

About the course webpage: Dr. Lee mentioned that they have encouraged the lecturers to make a course webpage for each subject and to upload the lecture notes, but the final decision was up to the lecturers. Dr. Lim suggested that the students could make a request to the lecturers directly.

About the Final Year Project and Directed Studies: Dr. Lee said that the application form has been revised, and the department strongly encouraged every student to discuss with the prospective adviser(s) before applying to any project.

About the examination reports: Dr. Lee reported that the department would not make a general policy that required lecturers to give out examination reports. As some of the classes were very small, giving out such reports would virtually reveal the performance of individual students, which was not a good idea. If the students really would like to have a report, they could inquire the lecturers directly. Dr. Lim added that the reports in fact could not help a lot in students' learning, if the students have problems about the lecture contents, they should go ask the lecturer or the tutors.

(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 inquired whether the department could set the application deadline for the summer internships no later than the one set by the faculty. There was a case in which a student would like to apply for the internship programme provided by the department, and therefore he did not make an application for the faculty programme (which deadline is prior to the one for the department programme). However, later on he was informed that the department did not offer his desired programme, and by that time he was not able to reapply for the faculty programme.

Dr. Lee replied that even if the chronological order for the two deadlines were swapped, the same problem still existed. In addition, the department could not guarantee what kind of internship programme they could provide for each year in a very early time (as it depended on other organizations like the Hong Kong Observatory or the Hong Kong Science Museum), therefore it would be difficult to follow the deadline for the faculty programme.

(5) Comment from the third year student representative.

The third year student representative was absent.

(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 reported the incidence that their email account has been abused. They have already changed the password and were going to report the incidence to the police.

(6) Comment from staff representatives.

Dr. Cui mentioned that the faculty was planning to upgrade the computers from the 3rd floor computer laboratory. He would appreciate if the students could give suggestions on software and hardware.

(7) Any other business.

There was no other business.

(8) Date of next meeting.

This was the last meeting in the current academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:33
Bosco Hong-Kiu Yung (Secretary and postgraduate student representative)
12th April, 2011