

# Minutes of Staff-Student Consultative Committee Meeting No. 01/05

**Date:** Wednesday Nov 21, 2001

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** Physics Department Library, 518A Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building

## **Present:**

Terry Boyce (Staff Representative & Chairman)  
Francis Ling Chi Chung (Staff Representative)  
Xie Mao Hie (Staff Representative)  
Wang Jian (Staff Representative)  
Andy Leung Hoi Cheung (2nd Year Representative)  
Ma Pui Wai (3rd Year Representative)  
Simon Hui I Pui (Postgraduate Representative & Secretary)

## **Apologies:**

Francis Ling Chi Chung (Staff Representative)  
Alexis Chan King Wa (1st Year Representative)

## **1. Confirmation of previous minutes**

Andy Leung pointed out that the minutes did not include his request that the Physics Department should liaise with the School of Business to ensure that places are available for physics (PBA) students choosing business course in their (first year), second and third year of study. Item 4 ii was subsequently revised as follows (amendment in colour):

“With regard to the proposed new course structures, Andy Leung asked whether *Marketing Research* and *Strategic Marketing* could be added to the core of the *Physics with Business Administration* programme. He also asked the department to ensure that students on this programme can secure places on the courses *Introduction to Finance* and *Introduction to Economics*, which are prerequisites for later courses. He further asked if the Department could liaise with the School of Business to make sure that places would be available for physics students selecting business courses in their second and third years of study. Terry Boyce agreed to raise these matters at the forthcoming staff meeting.”

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting (01/04) were confirmed as correct.

## **2. Matters arising from 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**

There were no comments from the first-year representative.

#### **ii. Comments from the second-year representative**

Andy Leung reported that many students were unhappy with the compulsory course "Science and the New Millenium," describing it as "boring," "not worth doing," "a waste of time," "the teaching materials are not well-organized," and a course from which "nothing was learned." He suggested that "Science and the New Millenium" can be a elective course. Terry Boyce agreed to raise this matter at the next staff meeting.

#### **iii. Comments from the third-year representative**

Ma Pui Wai queried why "Classical Mechanics" was programmed as a third-year course. He said that since it was an essential pre-requisite for several third-year courses, it would be preferable to have it programmed as a second-year course. Terry Boyce agreed to raise this matter at the next staff meeting.

#### **iv. Comments from the postgraduate representative**

Simon Hui asked whether it would be possible for the Physics Department to set up a sports league. Ma Pui Wai commented that the Science Society already had a sports league. It was generally agreed that it would be best if postgraduates were to join in the sporting activities with undergraduates. Terry Boyce said it was unlikely that the Department would get involved directly with setting up a sports league but would probably offer help indirectly with such things as booking venues and providing trophies; he agreed to raise this matter at the next staff meeting.

#### **v. Comments from the staff representatives**

Xie Mao Hie complained of the disruption to classes caused by latecomers. It was generally agreed that students should be encouraged to arrive on time for classes.

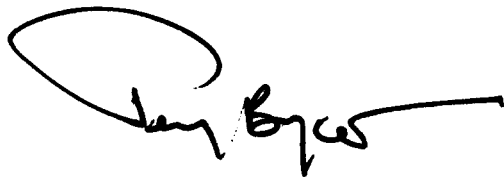
### **4. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**5. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Staff-Student Consultative Committee will be held at 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the next staff meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Boyce". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "T" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Terry Boyce**  
**Chairman**

November 22, 2001