Staff Student Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes for Meeting No.2 of 2009/2010

Date: 26th November, 2009

Time: 5:00pm

Venue: Rm518A, CYM Physics Building, HKU

Present:

Dr. K.M. Lee (Chairman, Staff Representative)

Mr. Mok Yi Yun (First Year Student Representative)

Mr. Chan Tsz Man (Second Year Student Representative)

Ms. Anna Chen Yuk Nga (Postgraduate Student Representative)

Ms. Li Wing Yi (Physics Society Representative)

Apologies:

Prof. J. Wang (Staff Representative)

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

Mr. Chan Chi Chung (Third Year Student Representative)

Absent:

Dr. X.D. Cui (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

Dr. Lee said he had raised the issue about the allocation of a room for the Physics Society in the staff meeting; unfortunately the department was unable to provide the room for now. As mentioned in the last meeting, the students should list the usage of that room, and the department would take that into consideration once there was extra space.

(3) Comments from the first year student representative.

The first year representative had some concern about the fact that sometimes Rm522 was closed without prior notification, which caused students

inconvenience.

Dr. Lee replied that there was a time-table for the use of Rm522 right at the door of the room which was mostly up-to-date; students could also check the schedule of the seminars held at Rm522 on the Physics Department web site.

(4) Comments from the second year student representative.

The second year student representative asked whether it was possible for some of the courses, for example, Cosmology, General Relativity, to be offered every year instead of every 2 years. Students were not able to take the courses due to various reasons, for example, time clashes with core courses, and the inability to meet the prerequisite.

Dr. Lee replied that the department tried its best to accommodate every student's need but was limited by the lack of resources. Therefore the department would tend to put the resources onto the courses that were considered more important, and he hoped the students could understand.

(5) Comments from the third year student representative.

The third year student representative had concerns about the possibility of placing a printer for free printing in the computer center (Rm312), or a printer that could be paid by octopus card, as what they did in the Department of Earth Science.

Dr. Lee replied that there was such a system before but it was closed down due to the abuse of the printer. There was also technical difficulty in installing an octopus-paid printing system.

(6) Comments from the postgraduate student representative.

There was no comment from the postgraduate student representative.

(7) Comments from the Physics Society representative

The Physics Society representative raised some issues about the computers in Rm312, she noticed that students were installing games and downloading files onto the computer which used up all the space in the driver.

The second year student representative added that some of the computers were broken, and the first year student representative mentioned there had been some problem with downloading from the department web sites.

Dr. Lee said he would contact Mr. Yip about deleting the games and personal documents from the computers. In addition, he would post a notice in the computer room reminding students not to install games in the computers and to remove all the personal information from the computers after use. He would also report to Mr. Yip the problem about broken computers and downloading. Meanwhile, students could also delete any personal documents or games from the computers if deemed necessary.

(8) Comments from the staff representatives

Dr. Lee reminded the students to follow the regulations while using Rm522 – no eating, no shouting, and to pay special attention to the cleanliness.

(9) A.O.B.

There was no A.O.B.

(10) Date of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held in January 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Anna Yuk Nga Chen (Secretary & Postgraduate Student Representative)

27th November, 2009