

Staff-Student Consultative Committee
Minutes for Meeting No. 2 of 2022/2023

Date: 25th April, 2023

Time: 3:05 p.m.

Venue: Zoom meeting

Present:

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

Prof. H.F. Chau (Staff representative)

Dr. Judy Chow (Staff representative)

Dr. J. J. L. Lim (Staff representative)

Dr. J.C.S. Pun (Staff representative)

Dr. M. K. Yip (Staff representative)

Mr. Fung Chin Wah (2nd year representative)

Miss Wang Binyang (MSc in Physics representative)

Mr. Liu Xicheng (MSc in Space Science representative)

Mr. Martin Yiu To Chung (Postgraduate student representative)

Mr. Choi Chung Hei (Physics Society)

Apology:

Dr. Jenny Lee (Staff representative)

Mr. To Chung Cheung (1st year representative)

To be confirmed (3rd year representative)

Mr. Liu Ruizhu (4th year representative)

(1) Feedback from 1st year student representative

The representative was absent in the meeting.

(2) Feedback from 2nd year student representative

Concern: Students asked if PHYS1240 (Physics by Inquiry) could be offered in semester one instead of semester two.

Deliberation: Prof. H.F. Chau reported that the Department of Physics had manpower issue. Thus, PHYS1240 (Physics by Inquiry) was decided to offer in the second semester of 2022-23. He added that the course would probably be moved to the first semester in the coming academic year. Dr. Judy Chow agreed the arrangement subjected to the final decision of the department.

Concern: Students asked that if space physics postgraduate courses and some other postgraduate courses could be open for undergraduates.

Deliberation: Dr. F.C.C. Ling explained that some postgraduate courses were not offered to undergraduates due to manpower issues and admin restriction. Prof. H.F. Chau reported that the Space Science Programme will not be offered in the next academic year, so the space science courses will not be available too.

(3) Feedback from 3rd year student representative

The committee will collect comments after the meeting.

(4) Feedback from 4th year student representative

The representative was absent in the meeting. However, a written feedback was sent by him to the committee.

Concern: Students reported that the class attendance was low at the end of semester.

Deliberation: Dr. J. J. L. Lim thought that the low class attendance was probably resulted from the heavy workload at the end of semester. He encouraged student representatives to collect information from peers. The results would be useful for the Department of Physics to propose remedies.

(5) Feedback from MSc in Space Science representative

There was no comment from the representative.

(6) Feedback from MSc in Physics representative

Concern: Students had query about how and when that they could apply for IANG Visa.

Deliberation: Prof. H.F. Chau reported that the Department of Physics would try to response in few days.

(7) Feedback from postgraduate representative

Concern: Students reported that the fire alarm horned in Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building in early

April (on a Saturday). The electric door in LG1 was unexpectedly locked and it caused a safety risk in the building.

Deliberation: Dr. F.C.C. Ling promised to report the issue to the Safety Office and the Estates Office. He admitted that the issue was important to everybody's safety in the building.

Concern: Students reported that the workload of them increased a lot due to a prominent growth of both the number of offering courses and the enrollment in the second semester. The manpower of tutors became tight.

Deliberation: Dr. F.C.C. Ling promised to report the matter to the departmental meeting.

(8) Feedback from Physics Society

There was no comment from the representative.

Feedback from teacher representatives

- Dr. F.C.C. Ling reported that he had sent emails to students recently, promoting a career talk. And, he asked if students received that message and liked the activity. It happened that most student representatives did not read the message. Dr. J. J. L. Lim suggested promoting the event through the Physics Society instead of sending through emails.
- Dr. J.C.S. Pun suggested learning the reasons and solutions from more students of different years because the low class attendance at the end of semester happened not only in the 4th year class.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

MK YIP (Temporary Secretary)

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