

Department of Physics
St. Stephen's College, Delhi

Minutes of the Students-Faculty Committee Meeting Odd Semester 2020

An online meeting of the Student-Faculty committee of Physics Department was held on Wednesday, 25th November 2020 at 05.00 p.m.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Dr. Jacob Cherian (H.O.D. Physics Department as Chairperson)
2. Dr. Abhinav Gupta, (Faculty representative, Physics Department)
3. Dr. Sanil Unnikrishnan, (Faculty representative, Physics Department)
4. Mr. Chaitanya Verma (Class representative of B.Sc (H) Physics 3rd year)
5. Ms. Mahak Sadhwani (Class representative of B.Sc (H) Physics 3rd year)
6. Ms. Andrea Nerthi (Class representative of B.Sc (H) Physics 2nd year)
7. Mr. Deepanshu Bisht (Class representative of B.Sc (H) Physics 2nd year)
8. Ms. Akamsha Roy (Class representative of B.Sc (H) Physics 1st year)
9. Mr. Hariprasad (Class representative of B.Sc (H) Physics 1st year)

The meeting began with the chairperson's welcome to all the members. The chairperson, faculty representatives and Class representatives (CR) of 2nd and 3rd year extended a warm welcome to Ms. Akamsha Roy and Mr. Hariprasad (CR's of 1st year B.Sc (H) Physics).

The following issues were raised by the Class Representatives:

B.Sc (H) Physics 3rd Year

1. The class representatives of B.Sc (H) Physics 3rd year enquired about the criteria of internal assessment to be followed this semester as many faculty members have taken online test, assignments, presentations etc. In response to this, the teacher's representatives informed the students that they must contact the concerned teachers as different faculty members may have varying criteria for internal assessment.

B.Sc (H) Physics 2nd Year

1. Class representatives of the BSc. (H) Physics 2nd Year enquired about the opening of college for in-person classes. In response to this, the teacher's representatives informed the students that it is very uncertain and unpredictable at the moment as Covid cases are increasing in Delhi and there is a possibility of second wave in rest of India during winter.
2. The class representatives informed the committee that on many occasions there is hardly any break in between two online classes and requested the teacher representatives to ensure a 5 to 10 minutes breaks to facilitate students to move from one online class to other efficiently. The teacher's representatives informed the students that they always try to ensure that a given class ends 10 before the next class. However, it is also noticed that many students joins online classes a bit late perhaps due to connectivity issues and consequently it is sometimes difficult to complete a given topic within 50 minutes. The chairperson and other faculty representatives however reiterated that they and other faculty members of the physics department will ensure a 5 to 10 minutes breaks in between two online classes.
3. The Class representatives also informed the committee that in some paper such as Technical Drawing, the concerned teachers gives regular time bound assignments which are required to be submitted within an hour. They informed that it takes time to complete the assignment and thereafter uploading may also take time if the internet connectivity is not smooth. The CR's therefore requested to increase the time limit of assignment submission.

In response to this, the Chairperson requested the CR's to send an email to him with the details and he will then resolve their issues related to time bound assignments submission after consulting the concerned teachers.

4. The Class representatives further informed the committee that in some paper, faculty members are taking presentations for assessment. They requested the committee not to make online presentations compulsory as some students don't have a private and quite space in their home besides having internet connectivity issue. It is therefore difficult and inconvenient for those students to give online presentations.

In response to this, the Chairperson once again requested the CR's to send a separate email to him describing the details of this problem and ensured that this will be resolved after discussing with the concerned teachers.

B.Sc (H) Physics 1st Year

1. Class representatives of the BSc.(H) Physics 1st year informed the committee that as they have attended the online classes for a week only, they don't have any problem at the

moment. The Chairperson informed the first year CR's that whenever their class face any difficulties or if they have any concerns they must contact him.

The class representatives of all three years of BSc.(H) Physics unanimously requested for an institutional email IDs to be provided to every Physics students as it will facilitate them to join online class more easily and also allow them to access online study materials and software.

The meeting ended at 06:00pm with the chair thanking all the members present.

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