

Department of Physics
St. Stephen's College, Delhi

Minutes of the Students-Faculty Committee Meeting

An online meeting of the Student-Faculty committee of Physics Department was held on Friday, 30th April 2021 at 12:30 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 following issues were raised by the Class Representatives:

B.Sc (H) Physics 3rd Year

1. The class representatives (CR) of B.Sc (H) Physics 3rd year enquired about the rules regarding marks for attendance as some students were unable to attend the online classes due to covid related issues. In response to this, the teacher's representatives informed the students that as per the DU guidelines there are no marks for attendance in this semester. However, they must contact the concerned teachers if they are unable attend classes for any reasons. Faculty members are sharing lecture notes and video recordings with the students. They will surely help students if they are unable to attend classes and clear any doubts arising from lecture notes and video recordings.
2. 3rd year CR's further requested the faculty members to retain the video recordings of the lectures on Google classroom platform even after the end semester exams are over for at least few more months as it may be useful for some students who are preparing for

competitive exams etc. In response to this faculty representative of the committee assures that students that video recordings of the lectures will be retained for several months.

B.Sc (H) Physics 2nd Year

1. Class representatives of the BSc. (H) Physics 2nd Year thanked the committee for the addressing their request raised in the last Student-Faculty meeting regarding breaks of at least 10 minutes in between two consecutive online classes. However, they informed the committee that the number of online classes and labs they need to attend each day is still very high. Excessive screen time leads to mental fatigue. In response to this faculty representative informed that the number of online classes and labs per week is in accordance to DU syllabus and guidelines.
2. Further, CR's of 2nd Year BSc. (H) Physics requested if college councilor can be made available online at some fixed time slots each week so that students can contact them privately in case, they are having mental stress. In response to this chairperson informed the committee that this matter will be taken up with the Principal.

B.Sc (H) Physics 1st Year

1. Class representatives of the BSc. (H) Physics 1st year raised the same issue as mentioned above as point No. 1 and 2 by 2nd year CR's. They informed the committee that they need to spend many hours each day in front of mobile or laptops for attending online classes which leads to mental fatigue. Moreover, they are also required to submits 2 or 3 lab worksheets each week in addition to other assignments. The chairperson reiterated that the number of online classes per week is in accordance with the DU guidelines. However, they must contact their respective lab teachers so that the number of worksheets/assignments can be reduced.

The meeting ended at 01:15 pm with the chair thanking all the members present especially the 3rd year CR's as this was their last Student-Faculty committee meeting.

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