

1st Meeting of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2013-2015)

Date of meeting: 30 October 2013

Agenda Items:

1. To introduce the terms of references, roles and function of the committee.
2. To elect the chairperson for the committee.
3. To introduce guidelines on medium-term review of NSS Curriculum and Assessment.
4. To discuss the direction of medium-term review for the subjects of Biology and Combined Science (Biology Part).

Gist:

Key issues raised/discussed

- Guidelines on medium-term review of NSS Curriculum and Assessment were introduced.
- The survey findings for the 2013 DSE Biology and Combined Science (Biology Part) Examination were reported.
- The issue of the dropping in number of candidates for Combined Science (Biology Part) was discussed.
- The procedure for handling plagiarism in SBA was briefed
- The importance of the curriculum to strike a balance between meeting the interests and abilities of students, and maintaining international standard was discussed.

Recommendations/actions to be taken

- Development of learning and teaching resources with relevant local examples of achievement in biological researches.
- Further interpretation of some topics to delineate the depth of treatment.
- Further review of the curriculum and assessment for any necessary updating and revision.

Date of the next meeting: Feb 2014