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MINUTES For Committees Meeting

Date: Saturday, 7 January 12

Time: 1025 hours

Venue: LT16

Attendance:

Present	Absent with Apologies
<i>Wilson Lau</i>	
<i>Ng Rong Xin</i>	
<i>Siah Tiong Shie</i>	
<i>Angelina Tan</i>	
<i>Mabel Koh</i>	
<i>Ang Yu Qian</i>	
<i>Anthoni Giam</i>	
<i>Chua Zi Yang</i>	
<i>Soh Yi Da</i>	
<i>Gwee Shuo xian</i>	
<i>Vienna Chua</i>	
<i>Tan Peng Chong</i>	
<i>Alwyn Lim</i>	
<i>Andric Loh</i>	
<i>Xu Juntang</i>	
<i>Richang Yong</i>	
<i>Shermon Ong</i>	
<i>Ng Xiang Long</i>	
<i>Seah Wang Ling</i>	
<i>Priscilla Tang</i>	
<i>Wilson Deng</i>	
<i>Calvin Chia</i>	
<i>Joyce Fu</i>	
<i>Tan Yisheng</i>	
<i>Tan Heng Wee</i>	
<i>Ngo Yun Fun</i>	
<i>Loh Yiang Meng</i>	
<i>Koh Jun Hao</i>	
<i>Tan Chun Yue</i>	
<i>Tay Kai Xian</i>	
<i>Lee Wei Liang</i>	
<i>Michael Yue</i>	



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<p><i>Clovis Tan</i> <i>David Chen</i> <i>Andrew Wee</i> <i>Ong Wen Chong</i> <i>Stephen Sumarli</i> <i>Tai Wai Kit</i> <i>Zelig Dhi Lee</i> <i>Lee Siew Ting</i> <i>Bryan Wong</i> <i>Nash Ng</i> <i>Na Kok yong</i> <i>Raymond Lau</i> <i>Aloysius Liu</i> <i>Tan Ming Jiang</i> <i>Liza Liu</i> <i>Tommy Toh</i></p>	
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In Attendance:

Peng Chong called this meeting to order at 1025H.

- 1) Formal Introduction of Hall Presidents (CHR)
- 2) Welfare Survey Updates
- 3) Campus Accommodation Fees
- 4) Provost/Minister Dialogue *key items*
- 5) Constitution
- 6) AOB



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No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	<p>Passing on 2nd Council meeting minutes</p> <p>Ms. Seah Wan Ling's name is amended to Ms. Seah Wang Ling</p> <p>With no further amendments, the 2nd Council meeting minutes was passed</p> <p>Proposer: Peng Chong Secunder: Rong Xin</p>	
2.	<p>Formal Introduction of Hall Presidents (CHR)</p> <p>The CHR wishes to see a closer working relationship with NUSSU and to forge closer ties with NUSSU for the betterment of all students</p>	
3.	<p>Welfare Survey Updates</p> <p>Rong Xin presented the updates from the Welfare Survey held in semester 1. Current status: Still in the process of going through all the surveys</p> <p>The Welfare cell plans to put the results and responses up to the website for the students to refer.</p> <p>A more comprehensive survey results statistics will be shared once the full tabulation is done by the Welfare Cell.</p> <p>There will be another survey in semester 2 but the focus has not been set, any agendas proposed can be sent to Rong Xin</p>	



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4.	<p>Provost/Minister Dialogue <i>key items</i></p> <p>Yu Qian presented the key items discussed during the meetings with NUS Provost and the Education Minister.</p> <p>Please refer to the accompanying slides for the full presentation points.</p> <p>NUSSU is currently looking at reviewing the bursary awards to ensure that more students get the help needed to cope with financial difficulties. From this semester, the book grant quantum will be raised to \$300 from \$200.</p> <p>NUSSU urges all clubs to get back to their constituents</p>	
5.	<p>Peng Chong: What is the move after the conclusion of all the dialogues, what is the follow up initiatives by NUSSU to ensure that the issues discussed are worked on</p> <p>YQ: ED minister dialogue started by Chris, 32nd President. Intention initially was not to gather feedback and present to the Minister. But this year, subtle questions were included in the welfare survey to gather feedback and to bring up to the school admin and also the minister.</p> <p>The blog posts are a compilation from the dialogues from both the School Admin and the Minister, to let more students see the responses and for the ease of accessibility.</p> <p>The 1st session was not meant to be very formal, but minister has expressed a wish to have a follow up to consolidate the feedback and for the ministry to chart their future plans.</p>	
6.	<p>Campus Accommodation Fees</p> <p>The paper is written by NUSSU EXCO together with the CHR and Tembusu CSC, and is presented to the Council.</p> <p>The paper is in the accompanying attachments as a reference</p> <p>The Hall fees have been continually raised throughout the past 4 years from \$60 to \$100 currently. The purpose is for the school to provide transparency and justification for the increase of the hall accommodation rates. The conference rates are also very taxing on the projects organized by clubs and</p>	



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societies, it is a push to get some empathy from the school admin for the costs that the clubs are having to bear.

Shermon: How extensively has the paper been circulated
YQ: all Con Clubs, CHR and Tembusu CSC.

Michael: For the poorer clubs, the workaround is to use in house facilities instead, but there are also costs involved for the faculties. Suggests to argue that the same money is being spent, but a matter of who spends the money. Mentions that clubs and societies are now also using faculty facilities and having the costs borne by the Faculty admin. Suggests that such non faculty societies not been allowed to use faculty facilities if the faculties have to pay for the use.

Key principle is to lower the cost of the students in organizing events, and to justify any costs that the students have to bear.

Wilson Tang: Is there any follow up course of actions that the student leaders can be prepared to take or can take for the responses by the SM
YQ: 2, a dialogue to clarify these issues directly with Senior management, it is best that the queries are answered by the SM themselves. Also looking at getting a breakdown of the utility of such funds to give more transparency and justification for the hall fees. Provost has agreed to release a breakdown previously, but it was for the tuition fee increase 2 years ago, but currently some halls have not put the breakdown up for students' reference. It is for more information to the students to know how the money is being spent.

A 15 minutes break was proposed by Peng Chong and seconded by Calvin

The paper was put up for endorsement by the council by Yu Qian
The Paper is endorsed by the Council and will be put up to the NUS Senior Administration



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	<p>Constitution Review</p> <p>Shermon presented on NUSSU's constitution review Please refer to the accompanying slides for full information</p> <p>Weiliang: The aim is not to seize control over the con clubs, but to help the con clubs</p> <p>Current interested clubs: CAC, Science, FASS</p> <p>Reiterates that if more time is needed to look through their own constitution, the clubs are free to deliberate further before giving an answer.</p> <p>The purpose for constitution review is to provide more transparency for the students and also to further incorporate the halls into the NUSSU, as they are a good gauge of the students and also to formalize the platform that we wish to create to facilitate such discussions</p>	
	<p>The council polo tees are also designed, all council members are reminded to fill in their sizes on the Google Documents</p>	
	<p>Michael and Joyce up for elections for welfare standing committee Both Michael and Joyce are returned as members of Welfare Standing Committee</p> <p>It is also pointed out that the CHR is in the welfare standing committee by default.</p>	



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	<p>FOCC Publicity</p> <p>No concrete plans currently by NUSSU, more information will be released and asks that the clubs and halls prepare their information packs to upload into the Website.</p>	
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With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Wilson declared the closing of meeting at 1200hours.

Minutes were taken by: Wei Liang Lee