

Minutes for the 4th Council Meeting of the 33rd NUSSU Council

Date: 07th April 2012

Venue: COM1 LT17

Time: 1300 HRS

Ref: NUSSU/33/HAS/CM/004

Attendance

Present:

Tan Peng Chong

Council Chairperson

Chew Chin Hong

Design and Environment Club, President

Anthoni Giam

Cultural Activities Club, President

Ang Zhi Yeong

Cultural Activities Club, Publicity and Publications Director

Chia Chin Ooi Calvin

Community Service Club, President

Tan Yi Sheng

Science Club, President

Deng Huishan (Wilson)

Science Club, FOP Assistant Chairperson

Tang Si Ying Priscilla

FASS Club, President

Ng Xiang Long

FASS Club, Welfare Secretary

Gwee Shuo Xian

BIZAD Club, President

Koh Jun Hao

BIZAD Club, Vice President (BBA)

Tan Chun Yue

Engineering Club, President

Andric Loh

Engineering Club, Vice President

Yue Ching Bong, Michael

Engineering Club, Honorary General Secretary

Yang Yao Choong Richard

Computing Club, President

Xu Juntang

Computing Club, Vice President (External)

Kong Ying Jie Kenneth

Computing Club, Vice President (Internal)

Chan Yi Zhang

Law Club, President

Ong Wen Chong

Law Club, Vice President

Koh Wyhow

Medical Club, President

Alvin Kok

Sports Club, Honorary Financial Secretary

Sports, Vice President (External Affairs)

Exco:

Ang Yu Qian

President

Wilson Lau Wei Liang

Vice President

Lee Wei Liang

Honorary General Secretary

Tan Wei Jian

Honorary Assistant Secretary

Li Xiuqi

Honorary Financial Secretary

Sherry Seah Xue Yi

Deputy Vice President

Lee Pei Wen

Director of Projects

Shermon Ong Kah Han

Executive Director (Legal Affairs)

Ngo Yun Fun

Director of Services

Siah Tiong Shie

Deputy Financial Secretary

Goh Ren Kai

Director of Marketing

Clovis Tan Choon Kiat

Director of Internal Relations / Director of Alumni Relations

Mabel Koh Li Ting
Alwyn Lim Wei Xiong
Angelina Tan Weili
Stephen Sumarli
Amelina Abdul Ghani

Deputy Welfare Secretary
Deputy Welfare Secretary
Assistant Welfare Secretary
Assistant Welfare Secretary
Assistant Welfare Secretary

Observers:

Zelig Dhi Lee
Ang Rui Xiang
Tan Kai Bin
Erika Ivana Halim

Assistant Welfare Secretary
Student
Student
Student

Absent with Apologies:

Lee Si Yuan Andrew
Tai Wai Kit
Chen Ziyang
Soh Yi Da
Oh Sin May Rebecca
Ng Huiyi Valerie
Soh Xiang Jun
Fu ZiHui Joyce
Vienna Chua
Maria Tania Hapsari Harsono
Yap Hon Sheng, Kevin
Law Zhi Wei
Genevieve Ng Jing Wen
Phang Shi Tien
Seah Wan Ling
Tay Kai-Xian
Tan Heng Wee
Ng Rong Xin
Kuah Xiang Long
Loh Yiang Meng
David Chen Ziyou

Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Cultural Activities Club, Assistant Resource Director
Political Association, President
Political Association, Vice President (Projects)
Political Association, Vice President (Policy)
Sports Club, President
Science Club, Welfare Director
BIZAD Club, Vice President (Student Life)
University Scholars' Club, President
University Scholars' Club, Vice President
Medical Club, Vice President
Community Service Club, Vice President (Internal Affairs)
Community Service Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
FASS Club, Vice President
Dental Club, President
Publications Secretary
Student Welfare Secretary
Director of Projects (Con Clubs)
Deputy Publications Secretary
Assistant Welfare Secretary

Absent without Apologies:

Agenda:

- 1) Board of Undergraduate Studies (BUS) Meeting and Academic Issues Update
- 2) Campus Accommodation Fees
- 3) Constitutional Review
- 4) NUSSU Funding Updates and Conclusion
- 5) AOB

The 4th Council Meeting was called to order at 1320HRS by Mr Tan Peng Chong, Chairperson of the 33rd NUSSU Council.

S/N	Agenda	Action By
1.	Board of Undergraduate Studies (BUS) Meeting and Academic Issues Update	
1.1	The BUS updates were provided by Mr Alwyn Lim, Deputy Welfare Secretary. Some of the pertaining topics covered include: i) Assessment and Feedback to Students ii) Development Programme for Faculty Members iii) Call for Transparency in terms of Teaching Assistants, Polytechnic Advance Placement Credits and Module Info on CORS See attached file.	For Info
1.2	Mr Alwyn Lim updated that himself and Ms Ng Rong Xin, Student Welfare Secretary, had accepted to seat on the CORS Review Committee that last till July 2012	
1.3	Mr Alwyn Lim and Mr Ang Yu Qian, President, clarified that to expedite academia related issues, faculty clubs are to approach their department first. The issue will be brought to BUS meetings should that avenue proved to be ineffective.	All to Note
1.4	Mr Siah Tiong Shie, Deputy Finance Secretary, highlighted the lack of information flow between faculty departments and CORS. Mr Ang Yu Qian clarified that the entities are managed separately and communication channels are being established to improve the info flow.	
1.5	Mr Ang Yu Qian further explained that the request was for CORS to provide a link to the module info page in IVLE. This is likely to be implemented in the next academic semester.	
1.6	The information to be included are: i) Assessment Criteria ii) Module Content Breakdown iii) Lesson Plan	

<p>1.7</p> <p>1.8</p> <p>1.9</p>	<p>Mr Ang Yu Qian added that the respective Dean's Office have requested for Registrar's Office not to be too restrictive and to provide for greater flexibility due to the varied nature of the courses and modules.</p> <p>Mr Ang Yu Qian polled the floor on the awareness of the Faculty Curriculum Review Committee of which showed that not many knew about it. Mr Ang will follow-up on this matter.</p> <p>Mr Ang Yu Qian showcased a possible feedback avenue in IVLE that was not known by many. It is collectively decided that awareness of such avenues should be made known and perhaps the icon itself made larger on the screen.</p>	<p>Ang Yu Qian</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>2.1</p> <p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p> <p>2.6</p> <p>2.7</p> <p>2.8</p>	<p>Campus Accommodation Fees</p> <p>Mr Ang Yu Qian presented on the proposal for the clarification of Campus Accommodation Fees. See attached file.</p> <p>Mr Ang Yu Qian clarified that facilities used on a continual basis should be able to get a fee waiver. Mr Ang will follow up with a confirmation.</p> <p>Mr Siah Tiong Shie raised the inconsistency with the rationale behind waiving fees for regular users and not simply waived for all student activities.</p> <p>Mr Chew Chin Hong, CAC, clarified from a previous experience that the fees were put in place to deter block-booking.</p> <p>Mr Ng Xiang Long, Bizad, questioned if the fee waivers applied for IFG training usage which may not be regular throughout the year.</p> <p>Mr Calvin Chia, Science, added the training for RAG to be put into consideration as well.</p> <p>Mr Alvin Kok, Sports, then questioned if the justification was strong enough to impose a fee. Mr Kok proposed adopting a deposit system which will serve the same function as well.</p> <p>Mr Ang Yu Qian later clarified that the fees are so far mentioned for ticketed events. More clarification needs to be sought from OSA with regards to the scope of the fee waiver.</p>	<p>Ang Yu Qian</p>

2.9	Mr Ang Yu Qian discussed about the Vacation Hostel Fees imposed on the Social Camp Organizers. Mr Ang further requested for all Constituent Clubs to send their Camp Budget Breakdown by room to him for consolidation to request for a subsidy.	All Con Clubs
2.10	Mr Tan Peng Chong, Chairperson, highlighted the problem with Eusoff Hall regarding the availability of rooms. DE club was informed late about Eusoff's impending renovation despite having ample time to notify. Chairperson requested better communication in this regard.	
2.11	Ms Li Xiuqi, Honorary Financial Secretary, suggested for all to follow a common template send out by herself. This will improve the consistency and efficiency of the data required for the proposal.	All Con Clubs to Note
2.12	Mr Ng Xiang Long, Bizad, raised the suggestion of bringing their own linens and avoid paying the linen fee. However, failure of the camp participant to bring linen will result in large inconveniences.	
2.13	Ms Li Xiuqi clarified that the cost estimate should be based on last year's invoice for both single and double room less linen fee regardless of the amount for linen fee.	All to Note
	Chairperson proposed for a 10min recess and Mr Ang Yu Qian seconded. The recess lasted from 1500 – 1510 HRS.	
3.	Constitutional Review	
3.1	Mr Shermon Ong, Executive Director, presented on the Constitutional Review. See attached file.	
3.2	Mr Calvin Chia, Science, requested for a clarification between function based and organ based constitution. Mr Ong explained that the organ based is similar to the previous constitution while the functional based format uses a common regulation for different functions of the council.	
3.3	Mr Goh Ren Kai, Arts, questioned the justification behind the selection of the numbers to call for certain motions in the constitution. Mr Ong clarified that the numbers are open to discussion. Mr Goh further added that use of such numbers from a reference will improve credibility.	Shermon Ong
3.4	Mr Tan Peng Chong, Chairperson, suggested a window period to call for referendum.	Shermon Ong

3.5	Mr Michael Yue, Computing and Mr Wilson Deng, Arts, suggested for the constitution to specify the avenues or tools available to students given by the union in the event the students wish to call for a referendum and to gather signatories.	Shermon Ong
3.6	Mr Wilson Deng, Arts, expressed the possible perceived lack of welcoming from the union to gather feedback if the Public Consultation was done during Exam Period.	
3.7	Mr Tan Peng Chong, SDE, raised the point that starting the Public Consultation Period after exams even for a shorter period of time will be a better suggestion.	
3.8	The council has decided that the date for Public Consultation shall be 10 th Apr to 18 th May 2012. The notice can include justification for the selection of dates to show Union's understanding in the students' commitments and workload.	All to Note
3.9	Mr Shermon Ong requested that all Constituent Club Management Committee should ratify the Constitution once approved.	All Con Clubs
3.10	Mr Wilson Deng requested for a clarification if every member within the MC is expected to ratify. Mr Ong clarified that a formal black and white letter indicating the collective response of the MC will suffice.	All Con Clubs
4.	NUSSU Funding Updates and Conclusion	
4.1	Ms Li Xiuqi presented on the NUSSU Funding status.	
4.2	Ms Li Xiuqi clarified that NUSSU Funding is open to all NUS undergraduates and is not a sponsorship scheme. One important criterion is the collaboration with other student groups in NUS.	For Info
4.3	Mr Clovis Tan, Director of Alumni Relations/Internal Relations, raised the question of the need for annual events to reapply each year. Ms Li explained that each proposal is judged on a case-by-case basis and annual events will need to reapply.	
5.	AOB	
5.1	Mr Clovis Tan shared on the experience gained from the recently concluded Council Trip.	For info

5.2.1	Mr Wilson Lau, Vice President, spoke about the next elections process.	
5.2.2	Mr Chew Chin Hong, CAC, raised the issue that Non-faculty clubs will need to be treated different from Faculty club as the member pool is different.	
5.2.3	Mr Shermom Ong questioned if the time period and procedure can be standardized.	
5.2.4	Mr Wilson Lau suggested for the topic to be further discussed at C-Club level.	C-Cube For Info
5.2.5	Mr Ang Yu Qian further identified two issues that the NUSSU elections require work in which is 1) accountability and 2) awareness.	For Info
5.3.1	Mr Ang Yu Qian reminded Faculty Club to communicate among their RAG director as some important information is not passed down.	Faculty Club
5.3.2	Mr Ang Yu Qian briefly spoke about the cheerleading requirement imposed in RAG 2012	
5.4.1	Mr Ang Yu Qian highlighted that some NUSSU members did not log in to apply for the residences despite indicating interest in the NUSSU list. Mr Ang reminded all to who have been granted a residence to accept as well. Mr Ang explained that the implication of such an irresponsible behavior is the reduction in allocation for NUSSU.	All to Note
5.4.2	Mr Calvin Chia, Science, raised the issue of the Time Period for RAS. Ideally the scenario is that the next office holder gets a residence in school. However, the current system allows only the previous office holder to stay.	EXCO to Note
	With no further agenda, the Chairperson called the meeting to a close at 1615 HRS.	



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