



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS' UNION

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## Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> 34<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

**Time:** 0927 hours

**Venue:** LT 17

**Attendance:**

**Present:**

### **Council Representatives:**

Wynne Ng	Community Service Club, President
Teo Yi'an	Community Service Club, Assistant Treasurer
Neo Aiting	Community Service Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Derek Lim	University Scholars' Club, President
Timothy Fang	University Scholars' Club, Honorary General Secretary
Foo Shida	BIZAD Club, President
Cheung Ho Yeung	BIZAD Club, Vice President (Internal)
Ng Wei Jian	BIZAD Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Charles Ong Jit Teng	Medical Club, President
Lee Zi Yao	Medical Club, Vice President
Chen Ziyou David	Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary
Tan Wei Yuan	Arts Club, President
Ong Jia Qiang	Arts Club, FOP Chairperson
Han Ke Xin	Arts Club, Students' Welfare Secretary
Kenny Low	Law Club, President
Zulhafni Zulkeflee	Law Club
Samuel Huang Shihan	Engineering Club, President
Muhammad Hafiy	Engineering Club, Secretary for Student Affairs
Elaine Yeo Yan Ying	Engineering Club, Vice President
Wong Yong Jie	Computing Club, President
Eugene Chiong	Computing Club, Vice President (Operations & Projects)
Jeannel Mah	Computing Club, Vice President (Human resource & Development)
Valerie Ng Huiyi	Political Association, President
Ow Yau Loong	Political Association, Vice President (Projects)
Lee Wei Ming Eugene	Political Association, Vice President (Engagement)
Joyce Fu ZiHui	Science Club, President
Tan Chin Yee	Science Club, Honorary General Secretary
Chen Wei Wei	Science Club, Sports Director
Kenny Low Zhi Wei	Sports Club, Vice President (External)



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Denise Ng	Design and Environment Club, President
Royston Leong	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Lee Cheng Xiang	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Anthoni Giam	Cultural Activities Club, President
Bernard Chandra	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Ng Zhi Liang Dennis	Cultural Activities Club, Resource Director

## Exco Representatives:

Clovis Tan	Computing Club
Michael Zhang	Computing Club
Chan Wei Jiang	Community Service Club
Nella Chua	Community Service Club
Low Shin Yi	Engineering Club
Martin Cheong	Engineering Club
Aloysius Liu	Law Club
Ang Wei Xiang	Sports Club
Joshua Tan	Cultural Activities Club
Soh Yi Da	Political Association
Gladys Yeo	Science Club
Cassandra Soh	Science Club
A Aravin Kumar	Medical Club
Goh Ren Kai	Arts Club
Deng Huishan Wilson	Arts Club
Stepher Sumarli	Medical Club
Nicholas Foo	BIZAD Club
Yue Jun Yuan	BIZAD Club

## Observers:

Ng Xiang Long	Business Year 3
Conan Teo	FASS Year 2
Amanda Soh	FASS Year 2
Florence Tang	Science Year 3
Chu Ting Feng	Engineering Year 2
Jiang Ying	Science Year 2
Siah Tiong Shie	Engineering Year 4
Angelina Tan	Alumni
Joseph Chin	SDE Year 3
Wu Bowei	Science Year 2
Tan Han Wei	Engineering Year 3
Tan Soon Yee	Engineering Year 2
Ng Zhi Liang Dennis	Engineering Year 1



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Samuel Lee	FASS Year 3
Vincent Jayalie	Engineering Year 4
Diana Rosi	Science Year 2
Amanda Halim	Engineering Year 4
Irene Ooi	Engineering Year 3
Ng Wei Cheng	Engineering year 3
Michael Atmadja	Computing Year 4
Rami Hapsari	Business Year 4

### **Absent with Apologies:**

Koh Wyhow	Sports Club, President
Chua Franklin	Sports Club, Financial Secretary



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## **Meeting Agenda:**

- 1. NUSSU Vision and Mission**
- 2. Expectations of a student leader and NUSSU representative**
- 3. Student Leaders Code of Conduct**
- 4. Elections Standing Order and Meeting procedures**
- 5. Elections of the Student Leaders**
  - 1. Council Chairperson**
  - 2. President**
  - 3. Vice President**
  - 4. General Secretary**
  - 5. Assistant Secretary**
  - 6. Financial Secretary**
  - 7. Communications Secretary**
  - 8. Student Welfare Secretary**
  - 9. Adjudication Committee**



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S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	<b>NUSSU vision, Mission and structure</b>	
1.1	Yu Qian went through the NUSSU Vision and Mission to the 34 <sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.	Information No Action Required
1.2	Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
2.	<b>Expectations of a student leader and NUSSU Representative</b>	
2.1	Yu Qian went through the expectations of a student leader and of a NUSSU representative.	Information No Action Required
2.2	Please refer to attached slides for further information.	
3.	<b>Student Leaders Code of Conduct</b>	
3.1	Yu Qian went through the Student Leaders Code of Conduct to the Council.	Information No Action Required
3.2	Please refer to attached slides for further information.	



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4.	<b>Elections Standing Order and Meeting procedures</b>	
4.1	Peng Chong went through the Elections Standing Order for the 34 <sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.	Information No Action Required
4.2	Peng Chong emphasised on Point 12. Please refer to the elections standing order for further information. Peng Chong reminded the council and observers on the meeting protocols and procedures. Please refer to the NUSSU Meeting regulations for further information.	
4.3	With no objections, Clovis (Com) proposed to grant speaking rights to Observers for the elections, Ren Kai (Arts) seconded.	
4.4	The Elections Standing Order was adopted by 34 <sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.	



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5.	<b>Elections</b>	
5.1	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Council Chairperson, NUSSU Council</b>	
5.1.1	Peng Chong went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the Council Chairperson	Elections procedures
5.1.2	<b>Nominee: David Chen Proposer: Goh Ren Kai Secunder: Clovis Tan</b>	No Action Required
5.1.3	<b>Nominations closed</b>	
5.1.4	David made his elections speech to the 34 <sup>th</sup> NUSSU council.	
5.1.5	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>  No Questions were asked.	
5.1.6	<b>Close of Q&amp;A session proposed by Clovis (Com) and seconded by Yi Da (PA).</b>	
5.1.7	<b>Voting Results: Total Strength: 48</b>  For: 41 Against: 2 Void: 5	
5.1.8	<b>David has been elected as the Council Chairperson for the 34<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.</b>	



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5.2	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of President, NUSSU EXCO</b>	
5.2.1	David went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco President.	
5.2.2	<b>Nominee: Goh Ren Kai Proposer: Tan Wei Yuan Secunder: Ong Jia Qiang</b>	Elections procedures No Action Required
5.2.3	<b>Nominee: Clovis Tan Proposer: Wong Yong Jie Secunder: Jeannel Mah</b>	
5.2.4	<b>Nominations closed</b>	
5.2.5	Ren Kai presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
5.2.6	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	
5.2.7	Q: One union: Elaborate on how to enhance student presence. A: More channels for council to come together. Thinking of something similar to Union week. Hope to collaborate further with the council.	
5.2.8	Q: How do you think we should address student apathy? A: Not addressing the issue at the moment, apathy must be removed organically.	
5.2.9	Q: Louder Union: Do you have any plans for activities on the NUSSU level and projects across the board to help to make the presence of NUSSU more prominent to the student body? A: Hope to grow it organically through student led events and also a change in student mindset to believe in the events that they are organising.	
5.2.10	Q: Transport and infrastructure: personal takes on each segment, and which one should be the highest priority. A: View on transport: NUS is already doing a good job, previously much worse. There is only so much we can do to try to alleviate the situation.	





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## Nominations and elections for the position of President, NUSSU EXCO

	<p>Need to have a change in mindset of students to spread out the bus loads. Infrastructure: If deaneries are unable to help, can look for NUSSU, but there is a need for 2 way feedback. Academics: S/U options still a bugbear, need feedback from students with concrete evidence. R&amp;D selection is still okay, but expectations must be managed. Accommodation: Must include Halls, Residences, U Town, working on further building the relationship between the various parties.</p>	
5.2.11	<p>Q: Louder Union: Is FOCC able to have finances cut down yet still achieve the aims and objectives for a louder union.</p> <p>A: Looking at further collaboration between the different union parties, similar to that of MF. Cutting of resources must be reasonable and more efficient. Not afraid to make the cuts if necessary, but idea must be translated down</p>	
5.2.12	<p>Q: How can we let the school admin understand the student union and yet still be able to push through our agendas to the school?</p> <p>A: Build up on physical presence and be a more engaging party. Helps when relations are built through constant communications.</p>	
5.2.13	<p>Q: What is the plan for financial sustainability, how is the policy going to work across the con clubs and what are the expenditure breakdown?</p> <p>A: Hoping to build a more regular flow of income, to build a lifeline for the Union. Also expand strategic partners' sponsorship. Probably Rag will be cut, but everyone must be on the same page, but that is not the case currently.</p>	
5.2.14	<p>Q: With the new residential colleges, are there any plans to engage them?</p> <p>A: The CSC of the residences to be co-opted into the Council.</p>	
5.2.15	<p>Q: Critique Yu Qian's term as president.</p> <p>A: Hair too long. Manage expectations according to KPI should be done differently. The idea of one NUSSU is stuck at the C Cube level.</p>	
5.2.16	<p>Q: Relationship between NUSSU and school admin, how much representation does NUSSU have in school boards. Should NUSSU have fixed representation?</p> <p>A: Representation is across the board, but most student representation is in the minority, so students' voices are heard, but staff still makes the decision with the majority votes.</p>	
5.2.17	<p>Q: List and rank top 3 students' issues to address in the term.</p> <p>A: Will be his 3 plans as said in his elections speech.</p>	
5.2.18	<p>Q: 33<sup>rd</sup> NUSSU council put forth many policy issues in their term, which are the policies that Renkai wishes to follow up.</p>	



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## Nominations and elections for the position of President, NUSSU EXCO

5.2.24	Q: If not elected? A: Will be running as welfare sec instead, and will build up the welfare, and once done, will focus on financial sustainability.
5.2.25	<b>Time extension of 15 minutes, proposed by Michael (Com), and seconded by Joyce (Sci).</b>
5.2.26	Q: There are long term plans present, how to ensure continuity? A: Long term relationship building internally. HR will be playing an important role.
5.2.27	Q: How do you think your term as a NUSSU Committee Chairperson influences your future working relationships with the NUSSU Committees? A: Experiences in NUSSU committee will help greatly, to help build the strength of the committee and the union. Experience as DOM also helped to keep the committees aligned and help to engage in a more knowledgeable manner
5.2.28	Q: How do the previous decisions that you made affect your current aim to ensure financial sustainability? A: Philosophy is as long as there are benefits and that they outweigh the investments, willing to spend. It can be both tangible and intangible.
5.2.29	Q: How is building the relationships going to be sustainable A: Proper handing over and taking over must still be done.
5.2.30	<b>End of Q&amp;A session for Ren Kai</b>
5.2.31	<b>Clovis' Elections Speech</b>
5.2.32	Clovis presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information
5.2.33	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>
5.2.34	Q: Widespread apathy across the school, any concrete plans from the union to play a greater role for this? A: Students who voted are the students who really care about the situation now. Enhance student involvement in school admin boards. Union now too events oriented, wants to engage the students more, have dialogues etc with the students, to be transparent.
5.2.35	Q: How do you plan to improve the communication with the students, and what medium are you planning to use?



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5.3	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Vice President, NUSSU EXCO</b>	Elections procedures No Action Required
5.3.1	Meeting resumed at 15:15 hrs. Voting strength headcount: 48	
5.3.2	Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of NUSSU Exco Vice President.	
5.3.3	<b>Nominee: Soh Yi Da</b> <b>Proposer: Valerie Ng</b> <b>Secunder: Eugene Lee</b>	
5.3.4	<b>Nominations closed</b>	
5.3.5	<b>Yi Da's Presentation</b>	
5.3.6	Mr. Soh Yi Da presented for the position of NUSSU Exco Vice President based on his slides. Please refer to slides as attached.	
5.3.7	<b>Q&amp;A session opened by David, seconded by Cassandra, Science</b>	
5.3.8	Joseph, SDE Q: How to manage the risk of rejection of engagement when walking the grounds. A: Never try, will never know. Increases visibility/awareness that the Union is doing something. If refused to be engaged, let them know other channels of engagement/give feedback. Do not close doors and cherish any opportunities.	
5.3.9	Xiang Long, Biz Q: How to draw the line between feedback and unreasonable demands? Some students might not understand the full situation/too high expectations which may not be feasible for the Union to come in. A: Views differ. Each student is a driver of welfare/initiatives. Everyone can front anything. Come to the Union for support.	
5.3.10	Ren Kai, FASS Q: Concrete plans for Non-faculty clubs (NFC) A: See NFC as platforms to engage NUS Students. Anyone can be a member of NFC. Online engagement. NFC collaboration with Council, simple things like PAH. Envision a joint-project between the 4 NFCs.	



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## Nominations and elections for the position of Vice President, NUSSU EXCO

5.3.11	<p>Joyce, Sci Q: Working style and how it goes along with RK;s</p> <p>A: Consultative. Sees himself as a compliment. RK is goal driven. In the process might sacrifice others like voices of people. Will channel them to RK.</p>	
5.3.12	<p>Cassandra, Sci Q: How to appeal to normal students to bring them into what the Union is doing?</p> <p>A: Important to sell what NUSSU is doing. Generally students are not very aware of what Union is doing. Communication of initiatives, get their buy in. Should not underestimate the power of word of mouth. Draw in friends to come on board to let them see for themselves what the union is doing and Union volunteers' perspectives.</p>	
5.3.13	<p>Augustin, USP Q: Engagement of student interest groups, will you be spreading yourself too thin engaging all groups out there.</p> <p>A: Some societies require, some don't. Do a stocktake of how the societies are doing. Resources for publicity, Communications cell can assist. Networks can be tapped on to support the societies for the right causes. Reach out, find out their needs and link them up with relevant people.</p>	
5.3.14	<p>Wilson, FASS Q: Crisis response framework required as present. What is lacking in the current framework</p> <p>A: Media gag issued by OCR. NUSSU should be a student voice to speak up about such issues/situations. Will work with the Communications sect. Don't see a need to clear through OCR all the time. Simple statements like "NUSSU Do not condone such ..."</p>	
5.3.15	<p>Joseph, SDE Q: Perhaps the media gag is to provide a more uniform front to the media. Creates a point of discussion with the school offices. What's your take on this?</p> <p>A: Like a flowchart that varies from case to case. Outline of possible steps to take.</p>	
5.3.16	<p>Shi Da, Biz Q: Plans to get council more united. What are the forms of engagement?</p> <p>A: Council Trip. Felt it was a fantastic experience. You'll be put into situation where you have to know one another. Resources are limited. Perhaps start with NUSSU SLC. Regular engagement during council meeting, activities across clubs, support each other's' events.</p>	
5.3.17	<p>Shin Yi, Eng Q: Any plans to bond NUSSU Committees together?</p> <p>A: Networking sessions, one is not enough. Propose for them to join bonding activities. Committees included in Volunteer Management Framework, external/other events. Can participate in events together, invitation extended to Committees.</p>	



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5.4	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of General Secretary, NUSSU EXCO</b>	
5.4.1	Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco General Secretary.	Elections procedures No Action Required
5.4.2	<b>Nominee: Wilson Deng</b> <b>Proposer: Han Ke Xin</b> <b>Seconder: Ong Jia Qiang</b>	
5.4.3	Closing of Nominations proposed by David (Med), Wei Yuan (Arts) seconded. Nominations Closed.	
5.4.4	<b>Wilson's Presentation</b>  Mr. Wilson Deng presented for the position of NUSSU Exco General Secretary based on his slides. Please refer to slides as attached.	
5.4.5	<b>Q&amp;A session opened by David (Med), seconded by Yi Da (PA).</b>	
5.4.6	Joshua, CAC Q: How to handle people who do not turn up for meetings? A: Personal relation is his greatest strength. Go to the person and understand what is wrong. Will be motivated by fellow exco members, cell members.	
5.4.7	Gladys, Science Q: What is the role of the 3 Committees under Presidential Cell and the Projects in accomplishing the Mission and Vision of Union A: FOCC projects each serve different purposes. FOCC is a form of engagement of incoming members. While union should focus on existing students, if do not reach out to incoming students, it's harder to entice them to listen to the Union after school starts. Each Committee serves a functional role of the union: NVAC to promote student volunteerism, a sense of touch, IRC to engage international students, SAVE to promote environmental awareness, keep union environmentally relevant. Will continue to engage the NUSSU Committee to strike out a way to promote Committee ideals and promote union ideals.	



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5.4.8	<p>Xiang Long, Biz Q: Opinions of Presidential cell being under the Gen Sec? A: Kind of agree with Xiang Long but plans of Ren Kai and Yi Da focuses more on other issues like engagement, need to replace them in overseeing the Presidential cell. General Secretary being the liaison with Council can help DOP operations.</p>	
5.4.9	<p>Clovis, SOC Q: How do you see DVP complementing his role since DVP will be under Presidential Cell? A: Both actively involved in managing the 3 Committees, go down to the Communications to know them better. DVP supports and hold Gen Sec down. DVP should be more firm than himself.</p>	
5.4.10	<p>Clovis, SOC Q: What are your plans for Rag this year with so much discussion about Rag? A: No fixed vision for Rag. Have to discuss with DOPs, whether should continue Rag and/or streamline Rag, etc. Rag serves a distinct function as a continuation of the vibrancy of NUS. Rag is very difficult to replace. In the case if taken out, not many things can replace the reach and explosiveness of Rag, at least not at this point of time. But Rag needs to be more sustainable.</p>	
5.4.11	<p>RX, Biz Q: Why to lead P residential Cell and why DVP as support when Assistant Secretary should be supporting General Secretary? What is the vision of Presidential Cell to support greater vision of Union? A: Just want to run for Exco, crafting constitution of FASS and saw the NUSSU Constitution. It is a decision from Renkai and Clovis to integrate the Presidential cell under General Secretary. Sees it at a personal challenge to take it up. See General Secretary as the next best position to run Presidential cell given President and Vice Presidents' other focus. DVP not as an assistant to General Secretary. DVP should be more involved in Exco. Assistant Secretary may be constitutionally defined to assist the General Secretary but Assistant Secretary need to run other roles. DVP has been traditionally focused on Presidential cell, sees it as important to make the transition. Create greater outreach, greater awareness. Will put Committees to engage the general student population. See a need to build rapport between locals and international students.</p>	



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5.4.12	<p>Nella, CSC Q: Any plans to aid in continuity since Presidential cell heads FOCC which has a large intake of volunteers?</p> <p>A: Volunteer database not enough, engagement is important. Should go down to project to get to know people to keep volunteers and student leaders. Key to keep volunteers: is the experience good enough and is engagement good enough.</p>	
5.4.13	<p>Yi'an, CSC Q: How to go about resolving conflict between CSC and NVAC since both are volunteering bodies?</p> <p>A: Sit both parties together to discuss and see what compromise one side can take. Keep an open mind and facilitate such discussion.</p>	
5.4.14	<p>Daryl, FASS Q: Why is there a need for replacement for Rag? Alternatives seriously considered? Can other project like IFG that take up less time and money become possible opportunities?</p> <p>A: Individual faculties may be able to pull it off without Rag but Rag has become an identity of NUS that cannot be taken away. Sees public interest in Rag. Branding of school will be affected if Rag taken away. Perhaps alternatives not fully considered but while trying to find alternatives, try to see how we can streamline Rag, should do them parallel. IFG serves different needs. If one is not sporty, may not be interested in IFG, so it does not cater to them. Rag caters to another group of audience.</p>	
5.4.15	<p>David, Med Q: General Secretary may need to be a disciplinarian within the Exco. In the event personal relation may interfere with personnel management, how to resolve this?</p> <p>A: Not mutually exclusive. If one has clearly failed his obligations, have to take actions. When personal relation overlaps with work relations, it will become trickier. Others will be able to differentiate the 2 and handle the situation.</p>	
5.4.16	<p>David, Med Q: What was the situation and how he handled it?</p> <p>A: Goes down to managing expectations. Emphasis on professionalism and not interfere with personal issues/relationships. Chose to isolate the individuals with conflict and emphasise on professionalism. Whole Committee actually almost decided to impeach a member due to personal reasons that affected work relations. He should have addressed the issue earlier. Have to balance between the 2 sides carefully.</p>	



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5.4.17	<p>Samuel, Eng Q: How to justify that about 50% of budget allocated to FOCC?</p> <p>A: Assuming that con clubs are similar. Believe that spending on FOCC is a way of reaping social capital, as an investment. Deeper impact, there will be larger returns. Be review of cost efficiency should be explored to reach similar impact.</p>	
5.4.18	<p>Samuel, Eng Q: Do you think that spending so much affects the image of the union?</p> <p>A: If he was year 1 he would think so. More engagement required to justify such spending is required for continuity of student activism, not only for Students' Union. Need to see things from Union point of view.</p>	
5.4.19	<p><b>End of Q&amp;A session for Wilson, proposed by Yi Da (PA). Ren Kai (Arts) seconded.</b></p>	
5.4.20	<p><b>Voting Results:</b> <b>Total Strength: 46</b></p> <p>For: 32 Against: 12 Void: 2</p>	
5.4.21	<p><b>Mr. Wilson Deng is returned as the General Secretary for the 34<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.</b></p>	
5.4.22	<p>5 min recess proposed by Yi Da (PA), Aloysius (Law) seconded.</p>	





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## Nominations and elections for the position of Assistant Secretary, NUSSU EXCO

5.5	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Assistant Secretary, NUSSU EXCO</b>	
5.5.1	Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Assistant Secretary.	Elections procedures No Action Required
5.5.2	<b>Nominee: Aloysius Liu</b> <b>Proposer: Kenny Low</b> <b>Secunder: Zulhafal Zulkeflee</b>	
5.5.3	<b>Nominee: Ang Wei Xiang</b> <b>Proposer: Chan Wei Jiang</b> <b>Secunder: Nella Chua</b>	
5.5.4	Closing of Nominations proposed by David (Med), Yi Da (PA) seconded. Nominations closed.	
5.5.5	<b>Aloysius' Presentation</b>  Aloysius presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information	
5.5.6	<b>Q&amp;A opened by David (Med), seconded by Ren Kai (Arts)</b>	
5.5.7	Cassandra, Sci Q: How do you go about starting a computerised system? A: Tap on expertise of commIT. Unable to fulfil during term as DOL.	
5.5.8	Gladys, Sci Q: Current van booking requests by emails and weighted by DOL, create a win-win situation where parties can deconflict and share the booking if possible. While the computerised system can lead to more efficient usage and reduce workload, but cannot share van booking. Is the change just for the sake of changing? A: By experience, van requests are made known in advanced. Conflicts still have to be picked up by DOL and ironed out to be deconflicted.	
5.5.9	Cassandra, Sci Q: Will computerised booking compromise on the review of usage of van? A: DOL still have to review the booking that is computerised.	



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5.5.10	<p>Chin Yee, Sci Q: What is your work ethics and how to achieve synergy with the General Secretary?</p> <p>A: Work based on the students' needs. Quite flexible to requests like van bookings. Clear line should be drawn on how much can be compromised to accommodate to student groups' requests. Focus on operations side of Union but Wilson will focus on directions and Presidential cell. Support Wilson in various ways that he can.</p>	
5.5.11	<p>Derek, USC Q: How do you access the system of van booking and orientation now given that they are now on google spreadsheet?</p> <p>A: Currently, slots are opened up for sign-ups, but not all slots are taken up. Not proficient in technology stuff.</p>	
5.5.12	<p>Nicholas, Biz Q: Responsibilities of Assistant Secretary still very much requires being on the ground. Do you think you can cope given lack of presence in KRC?</p> <p>A: Sect Cell operations not so demanding and have coped with the past term as DOL.</p>	
5.5.13	<p>Clovis, SOC Q: Directions for whole cell, how about the services area?</p> <p>A: DOS should focus on using spaces for campus and student vibrancy. DOS may not be relevant for other clubs as there is no replicate in other clubs. Sec cell can only move if every member moves together.</p>	
5.5.14	<p>Cassandra, Sci Q: With such tight budget, how viable is it to have the coverage for drivers against injuries?</p> <p>A: Pool of drivers for van very low perhaps due to the lack of protection for drivers. Welfare prioritised over money. Insurance proposed is General insurance instead of for personal.</p>	
5.5.15	<p>Timothy, USC Q: Would you consider buying another van?</p> <p>A: Required large finances and need to clear with council and offices. Suggest providing a list of company that provides van rental.</p>	
5.5.16	<p>Timothy, USC Q: Are you aware of NUSSU's presence in Utown?</p> <p>A: CSCs and USC are integral part of the Union and their presence is part of Union presence in Utown.</p>	
5.5.17	<p>Ren Kai, FASS Q: Any plans to bring Law closer to KRC and vice versa?</p> <p>A: Plans to do that with Law Club to have greater presence in BTC. Through Law Club, it will be NUSSU's representation in BTC.</p>	



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5.5.18	<p>Kenny, Law Q: Asset/inventory sharing is an issue with Law club due to distance, any plans to bridge the distance?</p> <p>A: Certain items can be brought over by BTC bus or even use NUSSU Van to borrow items.</p>	
5.5.19	<p>Siah, Eng Q: Is there a rough figure of the amount of money required for this insurance and number of drivers required to be under coverage?</p> <p>A: About \$300 required for such insurance coverage from NTUC. Coverage should be increased to include even hospitalisation costs, to be discussed with company. Even if insurance is not feasible, NUSSU should come out with the costs required should there be any medical attention required.</p>	
5.5.20	<p>Siah, Eng Q: Who should be covered under this scheme? Including ad-hoc drivers?</p> <p>A: All drivers, as long as authorised by NUSSU and for official purposes.</p>	
5.5.21	<p>Chen Xiang, SDE Q: Reducing emphasis from corporate sponsors but move to using push carts to reduce financial strain. Would it be getting money from students who spend on the pushcarts to give back to students?</p> <p>A: Sponsors should still be sought but money goes into reserves for rainy day. Students also benefit from the shopping. If student is also a student entrepreneurs then benefit students. Should pushcarts not be used by students, perhaps can allow pushcarts to be opened to corporate companies.</p>	
5.5.22	<p>Ren Kai, FASS Q: Bringing pushcarts out to areas with more crowd limited by URA guidelines. How to go about it?</p> <p>A: If pushcarts are place there but loaned to students at no costs, no rental, will not violate the guidelines.</p>	
5.5.23	<p>Joseph, SDE Q: Will there be criteria for vendor selection if pushcarts loaned out to corporate?</p> <p>A: Need to consult students about variety demanded by students by doing market survey, can tap onto marketing wing, Bizcom on expertise of student demand. NUSSU can channel the profits back to students.</p>	
5.5.24	<p>David (Med) proposed to extend the Q&amp;A by 5mins, Joyce (Sci) seconds.</p>	



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5.5.25	<p>Yi'An, CSC Q: If need to channel funds to insurance, where would you channel funds from?</p> <p>A: Work with Fin Sec on areas from Sect cell where one can channel funds from. Van repair cost will go down if drivers are familiar with van.</p>	
5.5.26	<p>Siah, Eng Q: Comment on 3 efficiency problems in Sect cell for the past term and how to improve them?</p> <p>A: Inefficiencies largely come from logistics side but not services/facilities side. Van orientation: Con clubs do not know that authorised drivers are required to drive the van so requests come in without authorised drivers, need to orientate new driver. Storage-space constrains, unable to free up space to store new items.</p>	
5.5.27	<p>Joyce, Sci Q: How do you plan to fulfil your roles in NUSSU Exco, ie, step up to General Secretary</p> <p>A: Does not see a problem with stepping up if need requires. Also have experience in running projects to cover for Presidential cell.</p>	
5.5.28	<p>Yong Sheng, Sci Q: Drivers for events have high level of fatigue that may lead to accidents. Any plans to address this?</p> <p>A: PD's and driver's responsibilities to know not to drive the van if fatigue. Should driver not be in the right condition to drive the van, endangering students' lives other than himself</p>	
5.5.29	<p><b>End of Q&amp;A session for Aloysius, proposed by Clovis (Com), Ren Kai (Arts) seconded.</b></p>	
5.5.30	<p><b>Wei Xiang's Presentation</b></p> <p>Wei Xiang presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information</p>	
5.5.31	<p><b>Q&amp;A session opened by David (Med), Yi Da (PA) seconded.</b></p>	
5.5.32	<p>Joshua, CAC Q: Any plans for Student Lounge? CAC faces a lot of problems with spaces.</p> <p>A: Space issues have to be settled by discussion with the clubs/users. Lounge divided in 4 areas. Lounge should be catered to students' needs. Furniture should not be fixed and items moveable other than the games area with fixed structures.</p>	



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5.5.33	<p>Siah, Eng Q: Identify 3 inefficiencies of the past Sect cell for the past term and how to improve them?</p> <p>A: Archival not fully utilised, minutes are kept in library but not fully utilised. Archival system just up but not established. Envision a database for searching of tags to facilitate search. Will work with commIT. Logistics: Union does not know what we have. Purchases made but not recorded down. Dungeon should be better managed by removing unwanted items, cannot keep accumulating and should have proper tagging of where items are. Items should also be kept in order so that they can be used. Services: Pushcarts meant to encourage student entrepreneurship unutilised/underutilised. Look into possible relocation of pushcarts.</p>	
5.5.34	<p>Joseph, SDE Q: Do you have any criteria if you plan to open up to corporate vendors?</p> <p>A: Should focus on promoting student usage instead of allowing vendor booking.</p>	
5.5.35	<p>Chin Yee, Sci Q: What is your take on van usage? What problems do you foresee with booking and van usage?</p> <p>A: Understand that certain clubs may not be able to use the vans as often. Sees importance in providing priority to certain groups. Looking further, log heads can look towards coming together to share resources. Point system can be explored.</p>	
5.5.36	<p>Stephen, Med Q: With revamp of lounge, there will be more resources required. How do you plan to go about doing it?</p> <p>A: Currently current DOS looking into durability of the furniture coming. Need to look into maintenance of the furniture. Lounge not managed by anyone at this point of time. Exploring the option of bringing student assistants back to manage lounge.</p>	
5.5.37	<p>Kenny, Law Q: Do you have any ideas to mitigate the problem of physical distance for Law borrowing items/loaning out items?</p> <p>A: No concrete solution but can explore casual relationship between log directors to share resources and advise them on how to go about.</p>	



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5.5.38	Joyce, Sci Q: How do you plan to fulfil your roles in NUSSU Exco, ie, step up to Gen Sec if the need arises? A: Not sure if there is a need to carry out his plan. Able to handle administrative matters. Have events background and can give advice for FOCC. Ready to help General Secretary.	
5.5.39	Siah, Eng Q: How do you think you can rise to the occasion given your lack of experience? A: Do not have exco knowledge but willing to learn. Have external management experience and willing to make changes because made and seen changes happened.	
5.5.40	Eugene, PA Q: What are your experiences with Sports club? A: No prior experience in Sports Club but to represent them.	
5.5.41	Derek, USC Q: Would you see it as a time to learn and may continue on to see through plans after the term? A: Have not though that far yet.	
5.5.42	Ren Kai, FASS Q: What makes you a better candidate compared to Aloysius? A: Willing to communicate to find out what they want to do and how he can support. Experiences add to his capabilities.	
5.5.43	Kenny Law, Q: Are you able to take over the Gen Sec if the need arises on top of portfolio? Q: Lacks experience that may not be able to take over General Secretary's role entirely. Can work with DVP to take on the role of Sec Cell head.	
5.5.44	Siah, Eng Q: What would be your main KPI for your term as Assistant Secretary? A: Lounge: to get people to come down to use them. Log: Come up with the inventory list. Logistic Director group. Archival: Very long process, not well versed with IT, not into database, will need to take small steps towards archival goals. How successful he is will depend on the support of Exco in a way.	



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5.5.45	<p>Siah, Eng Q: Share with us your approach or follow up actions if van is returned in unfavourable conditions.</p> <p>A: Not easy to drive the van in proper manner. Can look for friends who can provide advice on how to use the van. Ensure that van orientation is done properly. Take a softer approach and understand the situation of the students.</p>	
5.5.46	<p>Cassandra, Sci Q: Summarise in 2-3 words the kind of Assistant Secretary you hope to be.</p> <p>A: Reliable (can deliver).</p>	
5.5.47	<p><b>End of Q&amp;A session for Wei Xiang, proposed by Timothy (USC), Derek (USC) seconded.</b></p>	
5.5.48	<p><b>Voting Results:</b> <b>Total Strength: 36</b></p> <p>Aloysius: 16 Wei Xiang: 19 Void: 1</p>	
5.5.49	<p><b>Mr. Ang Wei Xiang returned as the Assistant Secretary for the 34<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.</b></p>	



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5.6	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Financial Secretary, NUSSU EXCO</b>	
5.6.1	Chairperson went through the roles of the NUSSU Exco Financial Secretary.	
5.6.2	<b>Nominee: Cassandra</b> <b>Proposer: Chin Yee</b> <b>Seconder: Joyce</b>	Elections procedures No Action Required
5.6.3	Closing of Nominations proposed by David (Med), Ren Kai (Arts) seconded. Nominations Closed.	
5.6.4	<b>Cassandra's Presentation</b>  Cassandra presented to the council her elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information	
5.6.5	<b>Q&amp;A opened by David (Med), seconded by Clovis (Com).</b>	
5.6.6	Augustin, USP Q: What is the conflict between NUSSU testbed and NUS enterprise, would you like to share your own thoughts of it. A: Would not call it a conflict because everyone is still still quite amiable. Talked to the director in charge, it is also about balancing what they want, what we can give and what we want as well. They want us because we can give them the outreach. Right now it is a lot about them telling us what to do when they need the help. It is only the beginning stage so she is seeking to improve and think that such issues can be resolved. Thinks that need to talk to them better.	
5.6.7	Chin Yee Sci Q: In your own words, define financial prudence. A: Spending within your means, spending wisely. Process is important but sometimes you need to look at the outcome, what you spend, is it justifiable with regards to what you churn out.	
5.6.8	Xueqi Q: Are you honest? A: Yes.	





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5.6.9	<p>Shida Biz Q: Your vision is to have a unified marketing effort. How feasible is your plan on marketing considering how broad each faculty club is?</p> <p>A: It is about channelling of resources. Envisioned a close relationship between marketing directors. If a certain club does not need the sponsor, perhaps they can refer the sponsors to any club. Even within clubs there are discrepancies within marketing director for events and all, so for now that is my vision in the long run.</p>	
5.6.10	<p>David Med Q: Name your top 3 targets?</p> <p>A: The first thing is Strategic Partners: need to reach out to more partners other than just banks. Do not know when banks will just drop out. The second is enterprise: see it as a potential place where you can achieve financial sustainability in the long run. Third is financial operations, it is about Union events. Want to look into streamlining how small costs can be cut. There is a lot of implication to cutting.</p>	
5.6.11	<p>Wilson Arts Q: How is the financial cell relevant to the con clubs?</p> <p>A: Treasurers in the con clubs still liase with dean office. Treasurers from con clubs can approach her for advice and mentoring. Another thing is about NUSSU funding, that is the relevance.</p>	
5.6.12	<p>Wilson Arts Q: How will you deconflict when there is disagreement between you and the president?</p> <p>A: It is not about just deciding matters on your own, there is a platform for us to collaborate such as the other con post and my own cell to gather information and come to a consensus.</p>	
5.6.13	<p>Siah Eng Q: Is investments necessary and what is the purpose?</p> <p>A: Investments are necessary. From con club point of view, not useful. From the pool of reserves that we have, we can use the money for investments which is another form of funding.</p>	
5.6.14	<p>Zhi Kai Science Q: Explain the phrase "Money is evil"</p> <p>A: Money is a double-edged sword. In a good way, money is our blood. In a bad way, if we delve too much into personal gains, that is a bad thing. The money belongs to everybody, should not compromise welfare for financial sustainability. Has to have balance.</p>	
5.6.15	<p>Shida Biz Q: Are there any plans to bring the IFG bears to faculty clubs level to sell on our own?</p> <p>A: There are many issues revolving around this, such as cost of the bears, the t-shirt of the bears and also bringing to the level of the con-clubs. Do not know how affordable it will be for the student after all these</p>	



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5.7	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Communications Secretary, NUSSU EXCO</b>	Elections procedures No Action Required
5.7.1	Meeting resumed at 21:07 hrs. Voting strength headcount: 32	
5.7.2	Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Communications Secretary.	
5.7.3	<b>Nominee: Gladys Proposer: Joyce Secunder: Nella</b>	
5.7.4	Closing of Nominations proposed by David (Med), Yi Da (PA) seconded.	
5.7.5	<b>Gladys' Presentation</b>	
5.7.6	Gladys presented to the council her elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information	
5.7.7	<b>Q&amp;A opened by David (Med), seconded by Wilson (Arts).</b>	
5.7.8	Nella CSC Q: What if the students refuse to listen to you? A: Referring to apathetic students. Many of us feel this apathy. Apathy is not a problem, we should take into account this when we do things, they should not be neglected, and we should take into account to those who do not response. There is always someone in their social circle that influences them. While we focus on big and loud events, we should also look at the passive kind of participation from the student population, such as the elections. If the apathetic students make up the majority, then are we still doing what we need to do, because we are not here to do what we want to do but to do what needs to be done.	
5.7.9	Dennis SDE: As your experience in communications, how will you guide your team? A: Was part of PRU as a member, crafted the questions for the perception survey. When we communicate to the students, should we just send out a message or should that message have a meaning and crafted to a specific target audience. Past experiences allow her to better communicate.	



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5.7.10	Ren Kai Arts Q: Name 3 most important things that you want to do. A: Developing and maintaining communications channel in the operational and technical aspect.	
5.7.11	Wilson Arts Q: How do you think the con clubs fit into the communications of the Union? A: Information does not discriminate any clubs. For example VPC establish workshops for members to develop photographic skills and this information provided is beneficial for con clubs.	
5.7.12	Wilson Arts Q: One single word to describe your whole package. A: Bringing the Union closer to you.	
5.7.13	Clovis Com: How are you planning to work with the welfare cell and other cells? A: Welfare: Tangible and policy-making welfare. Publicising the tangible welfare through unconventional means such as flash mob of welfare packs. Using info-graphics in email blast to publicise policy-making welfare on a more regular basis.	
5.7.14	Joshua CAC Q: KPI. A: Operations KPI using survey in terms of before and after events. Conceptual KPI, not easy to measure building relationship, hence since we are sending out information and information changes mind set, which changes behaviour, would like to measure behaviour through surveys.	
5.7.15	Joshua CAC Q: How are you going to increase the number of perception survey response? A: Monitoring surveys in a sense has an incentive because first 60 or so get coop voucher. It is also about branding ourselves, which is how we portray ourselves, showing that we are representative of students' voices.	



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<p>5.7.16</p> <p>5.7.17</p> <p>5.7.18</p> <p>5.7.19</p> <p>5.7.20</p>	<p>Heng Wee Engin Q: Alumni park under other cells and compared to under communications cell. A: Presidential cell represents students' interest. General Secretary main point of contact with all con clubs, good way of maintaining relationships and is administratively and operationally relevant. Minus point, communications cell communicates to freshman and alumni and having it under the communication cell will unify our efforts in building relations with stakeholders.</p> <p>Heng Wee Engin Q: Do you agree with a Louder union? Collaboration with school offices and external commercial parties bring greater benefits to students, but we are not focused on naming the events to be union centric, so do you think the naming of these events are important? A: NUSSU itself is not just a name. The union represents for students by students. The name also represents the efforts of our volunteers. Agree on a louder NUSSU. We should think about how we go about doing it. Consistent and unified image.</p> <p>Heng Wee Engin Q: How will you deal with volunteers who feel that Union branding is not important? A: Changing mind set is difficult. Persuasion. Credibility of organisation. If they are able to see the greater picture of branding, it is very beneficial for us Looking into developing people for PR skills. Crisis management. About training a team and not forming one. One of them is about going about planting the seeds to changing mindsets.</p> <p>David Med Q: Which medium is your priority for dissemination of information? A: Online digital Media, website, email blast and facebook. Operationally easiest to handle. Online presence most important. Website is the priority, social medias platforms are supporting.</p> <p>Yong Jie COM Q: What is the role of communication cells of the con clubs in supporting the Union's branding. A: Different structures. Do research on how they work. Change in mind sets whatever the con clubs are doing is for the students and for the Union.</p>	
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5.7.21	Wilson CSC Q: How do you plan to utilise your pub standing committee to achieve your objectives? A: I Will not assign them a certain role. Looking for the perspectives that they can give. Point of evaluation for the cell's initiatives.	
5.7.22	Wynne (CSC), proposed for a 5 minutes extension, seconded by Ai ting (CSC).	
5.7.23	Aiting CSC Q: Any plans you can help in our publicity and recruitments? A: Online and email publications. Sharing target audience, widening scopes of engagement. Mutual benefit of perspectives.	
5.7.24	<b>End of Q&amp;A session for Gladys, proposed by Wei Yuan (Arts), Clovis (Com) seconded.</b>	
5.7.25	<b>Voting Results:</b> <b>Total Strength: 32</b>  For: 31: Against: 0 Void: 1	
5.7.26	Ms. Gladys Yeo Jia Le has been returned as the Communications Secretary for the 34 <sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.	



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5.8	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Students' Welfare Secretary, NUSSU EXCO</b>	
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5.8.2	<b>Nominee: Clovis Proposer: Ren Kai Secunder: Yi Da</b>	
5.8.3	Closing of Nominations proposed by David, Wei Yua (Arts) seconded.	
5.8.4	<b>Clovis Presentation</b>  Clovis made his elections speech to the 34 <sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.	
5.8.5	<b>Q&amp;A opened by David (Med), seconded by Yi Da (PA).</b>	
5.8.6	Martin Engin Q: What is your ideal working relationship with the individual clubs? A: Going down to each individual clubs to understand their concerns. More effective than email correspondence.	
5.8.7	Martin Engin Q: What specific ways can you help the faculty clubs in the terms of welfare? A: Welfare not just on tangible, hear from them what they really need.	
5.8.8	Shida Biz Q: Is there any way you feel you can partner with the faculty clubs? A: Different faculty clubs have different needs. Going down to the clubs. Understanding needs and wants of students.	
5.8.9	Rong Xin Biz Q: What is tangible welfare and how do you carry it out? A: Useful. Really need. Work with Nussu Welfare Committee Chairperson to front the events because they have the expertise and manpower to run these events.	



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5.8.10	Rong Xin Biz Q: Critic on welfare cell. A: Good job. Closing loop for welfare. Bringing the idea across to students the reasons for welfare.	
5.8.11	Heng wee Engin Q: 1000 students 1 dollar each, or 100 students receiving things of 10 dollar? A: If it is a 1 dollar rebate, I think that is what everyone needs, so if we spend it on things it might not be what students need.	
5.8.12	David Med Q: What is your view of the use of welfare survey, what is the impact? A: Survey provides us with feedback and statistics which allows us to substantiate what we want to do.	
5.8.13	David Med Q: Would you like the welfare survey to be more of a gauge of how well the welfare cell is working or information gathering to propose new initiatives? A: Fundamentally different things.	
5.8.14	Rong Xin Biz Q: How do you plan to appeal to international students' welfare? A: Working closely with the NUSSU IRC, different views of welfare. See how we can better integrate them. Will want to explore into the channel.	
5.8.15	Gladys Sci Q: How sustainable is tangible welfare? A: Sustainable part: Money worth spending. Welfare is part of the vision. Not only about tangible welfare. Academic and other aspects that do not require money to be spent on will be something I will be looking forward to, in discussions with C cube. Expenditure-wise will discuss closely with the financial secretary.	
5.8.16	Gladys Science Q: Managing expectations, how do future batches sustain that? A: Fine line between pampering and actually giving out welfare. Rationalising why we are doing certain things.	
5.8.17	Steven Med Q: Students take what we do for granted. A: Perception of the Union not at its best state. Ren Kai has plans work on the foundations before rolling out the end results.	
5.8.18	Wei Yuan, FASS Q: How to justify on welfare that does not benefit everyone? A: Enhancing welfare packs for those who get it. Spending money on initiatives that reach more people. Collaboration with faculty welfare directors not only about good working relationship, but also about	



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### **Nominations and elections for the Adjudication Committee**

5.9	<b>Nominations and elections for the Adjudication Committee</b>	
5.9.1	Renkai (Arts) proposed adjourning of the elections of the adjudication committee, seconded by Yi Da (PA).	Action by Wilson (Arts)

With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr. David Chen Ziyou proposed to close the meeting at 1115H. Seconded by Mr. Clovis Tan Choon Kiat.

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