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Minutes for 4th 34th Council Meeting

Date: Saturday, 30th March 2013

Time: 1041 hours

Venue: Faculty of Medicine, MD6, LT35

Attendance

Present:

Council Representatives:

Chen Ziyou David	Council Chairperson
Tan Wei Yuan	Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary
Ong Jia Qiang	Arts Club, President
Han Ke Xin	Arts Club, FOP Chairperson
Foo Shida	Arts Club, Students' Welfare Secretary
Cheung Ho Yeung	BIZAD Club, President
Wynne Ng	BIZAD Club, Vice President (Internal)
Teo Yi'an	Community Service Club, President
Neo Aiting	Community Service Club, Assistant Treasurer
Eugene Chiong	Community Service Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Jeannel Mah	Computing Club, Vice President (Operations & Projects)
	Computing Club, Vice President (Human resource & Development)
Anthoni Giam	Cultural Activities Club, President
Bernard Chandra	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Ng Zhi Liang Dennis	Cultural Activities Club, Resource Director
Denise Ng	Design and Environment Club, President
Royston Leong	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Lee Cheng Xiang	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Samuel Huang Shihan	Engineering Club, President
Elaine Yeo Yan Ying	Engineering Club, Vice-President
Muhammad Hafiy	Engineering Club, Secretary for Student Affairs
Kenny Low	Law Club, President
Zulhafni Zulkeflee	Law Club, Vice President
Charles Ong Jit Teng	Medical Club, President
Lee Zi Yao	Medical Club, Vice-President
Valerie Ng Huiyi	Political Association, President
Ow Yau Loong	Political Association, Vice President (Projects)



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Lee Wei Ming Eugene	Political Association, Vice President (Engagement)
Joyce Fu ZiHui	Science Club, President
Chen Wei Wei	Science Club, Sports Director
Koh Wyhow	Sports Club, President
Kenny Low Zhi Wei	Sports Club, Vice-President
Chua Franklin	Sports Club, Financial Secretary
Derek Lim	University Scholars' Club, President
Timothy Fang	University Scholars' Club, Honorary General Secretary

Executive Committee:

Goh Ren Kai	President
Soh Yi Da	Vice President
Deng Huishan (Wilson)	General Secretary
Ang Wei Xiang	Assistant Secretary
Soh Yen Ting Cassandra	Financial Secretary
Yeo Jia Le Gladys	Communications Secretary
Clovis Tan	Student Welfare Secretary
Ong Kah Han, Shermon	Deputy Vice-President
Yue Jun Yuan	Director of Projects
Chng Yong Sheng	Director of Projects
Verry Gunawan	Director of International Relations
Stephen Aditya Sumarli	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Foo Ming Hui Nicholas	Assistant Welfare Secretary (Food and Wellness)
Cheong Mun Hou Martin	Assistant Welfare Secretary (Academic)
A Aravin Kumar	Assistant Welfare Secretary (Transport and Infrastructure)
Nella Chua Qi Yu	Deputy Communications Secretary
Tan Wei Ting Letitia Gayle	Creative Director
Amanda Soh Hui Zhen	Creative Director
Denise Ee Shu Fen	Executive Director
Low Shin Yi	Director of Internal Relations
Augustin Chiam	Editor in Chief
Chan Wei Jiang	Director of Logistics
Tay Chun Kiat	Deputy Financial Secretary
Ho Wei Ing	Deputy Financial Secretary
Tan Jia Hao Joshua	Director of Enterprise
Conan Teo Yew Huat	Director of Marketing

Associate Bodies:

Zulhakim bin Aman	College of Alice and Peter Tan's Students' Committee, President
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Lim Gang Yi	Eusoff Hall JCRC, President
Tan Jing Jiat	Kent Ridge Hall JCRC, President
Muhammad Jamil	King Edward VII Hall JCRC, President
Zhou Qixiang	Shears Hall, President
Tan Kian Liang, Jeremy	Tembusu College Students' Committee, President

Observers:

Liu Ziming	Faculty of Engineering (Rag Director)
Ho Shuyuan	Member of Rag Advisory panel
Ching Meng Hang	Eusoff Hall(Vice-President)

Absent with Apologies:

Council Representative:

Ng Wei Jian	BIZAD Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Wong Yong Jie	Computing Club, President
Marco Li	Dental Club, President
Eric Wei	Dental Club, Vice-President
Tan Chin Yee	Science Club, Honorary General Secretary

Executive Committee:

Chua Jia Yao (Bailey)	Assistant Welfare Secretary (Tangible)
Michael Zhang Han	Director of Services
Muhammad Fahmi	Director of Resources
Carolyn Balakrishnan	Deputy Welfare Secretary

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Tan Kiat Yong Sebastian	Raffles Hall JCRC, President
Tan Chin-I	Temasek Hall JCRC, President



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Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Passing of 3rd Council Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Presentation on Rag R&R**
- 3. Passing of new Union Mission & Vision**
- 4. Presentation on Union Values**
- 5. Council Trip Sharing**
- 6. Love NUS Summary**
- 7. Formation of SGRC**
- 8. Election Timeline & Procedures**
- 9. NUSSU Exco Mid-Term Review**
- 10. Purpose of NUSSU Exco in relation to the Council (FASS Club)**



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The 4th Council Meeting was called to order at 1121 HRS by Mr David Chen, Chairperson of the 34th NUSSU Council. This motion was proposed by Shermon (PA), seconded by Kenny (Law), with no objections the motion was passed.

Yi Da(PA) proposed for speaking rights to be given to associate bodies and observers, this was seconded by Ren Kai (Arts), with no objections, the motion was passed

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	Passing of 3rd 34th NUSSU Council Meeting Minutes	
1.1	David (Med) asked for the passing of the 3 rd 34 th Council Meeting Minutes after amendments have been made to 2.6.1 and 2.6.4.	Information No Action Required
1.2	Proposer: Yi Da (PA) Seconder: Cassandra (Sci)	
1.3	With no objections, the minutes of the 3 rd 34 th Council Meeting Minutes was passed.	
2.	Presentation on Rag R&R	
2.1	Ziming (Eng), Rag Director and Shuyuan from the Rag advisory panel presented to the Council the Rules and Regulations of Rag.	Information No Action Required
2.2	Joyce (Sci) proposed for a 10 minutes Question and Answer session, seconded by Ren Kai(Arts), motion was passed without objections.	
2.3	Joyce (Sci) pointed out 3 points. Her first point is that she is concerned with the welfare of the ragers. If wheels are not allowed for the props, ragers will have to manually carry the props around. In the event that the new movement suggested is not implemented, ragers will have to carry the props 15 times during the transitions. Hence she urged for a Participating Body (PB) Meeting soon to confirm the movement plan, otherwise she will propose for the planking of the track for the welfare of the Ragers.	
2.4	Joyce's (Sci) second point is that if it is compulsory for all faculties to use a lorry for the movement of props, she proposed for the NUSSU Exco to provide the funds required for the loan of the lorry and to coordinate the lorry usage.	



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2.5	Joyce's (Sci) third point is to remind the Council not to forget that Rag and Flag is still about the notion of receiving and giving hence even with a reduction in budget, the council should still work on publicity efforts to publicise this point and attract public attention.	
2.6	Ziming (Eng) clarified to Joyce's first point that wheels are not banned and in the event that area is not planked, PBs will be required to carry their props. He added on that it was the council's decision to move towards a more financially and logistically sustainable float that can be sustained for years to come, which could mean a smaller scale performance as well. He added on that it is likely to be only 1 movement per PB because he intends to move away from the queuing system.	
2.7	Ziming (Eng), in response to Joyce's (Sci) second point, pointed out that the lorry is always part of the PB cost, if the lorry cost is taken out, PBs lose the motivation to optimize on the usage of their transport.	
2.8	Ziming (Eng), in response to Joyce's (Sci) third point, reminded the council that Rag only goes out to the public every 3-4 years, this year he is focusing on publicity targeted towards seniors, alumni and mainly engaging the current NUS population. He understands the need to beef up publicity efforts to prepare for going out, but he is unsure if we can sustain full-out publicity for the public ever year. He agrees that if we do go out that year, we can have a full-out publicity pan but this year's focus is for the NUS public.	
2.9	Derek (USC) proposed for a 5 minutes extension, this was seconded by Timothy (USC), the motions was passed without objections.	
2.10	Joyce (Sci) asked if planking will be considered if the new movement plan does not pass.	
2.11	Ziming (Eng) replied that partial planking might be considered.	
2.12	Joyce (Sci) asked if wheels are banned.	
2.13	Ziming (Eng) clarified that wheels are not banned. The props can be pushed if it is within safe means. That means that no props should be pushed on the roads and should only be pushed along the pavements.	



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2.14	Kenny (Law) proposed for 10 lorries to be provided by the NUSSU EXCO. If his proposal does not materialize, he asked if the cost of the lorries will be part of the \$5000 cost cap.	
2.15	Ziming (Eng) clarified that the budget cap will include the lorry cost. His rationale is that some PBs might want some flexibility in using the lorry; hence he will not favour centralising the effort.	
2.16	Derek (USC) pointed out that the NUSSU Exco should incentivise the ease of participation, hence he agreed with the centralization of lorry coordination and suggested for a limited use system, such as 1 lorry trip per faculty.	
2.17	Ziming (Eng) informed the council that he will implement with the plan if all the PBs find the plan to be feasible. He reminded that the lorry cost being discussed is only for the event day.	
2.18	Clovis (Com) proposed for the closing of the Q and A session, this is seconded by Shermon (PA), Derek (USC) objected to this motion and proposed for a 5 minutes extension, seconded by Ren Kai (Arts), with motion was passed without objections.	
2.19	Wei Yuan (Arts) reminded the council that the Rag committee's role is to decide the rules while the council is supposed to pass the Rules and regulations and not discuss at length about the technicalities. He also questioned the Council the need for the Exco to manage the lorry for all the different club and calls for the appreciation of the organising committee and pointed out that in midst of organising each faculty's rag, many people have forgotten that the Rag committee themselves are working hard on organising the event. He pointed out that the welfare of the volunteers should be taken care of by the PBs because the weight of the props is dependent on the PBs, if lighter props were built instead, the raggars of each PB will not need to suffer. He reminded the council that from his understanding of the passing the 3 rd Council Meeting Minutes, the council should understand that the quality of rag will be affected, and that the council was willing to sacrifice some quality for the event's sustainability.	
2.20	Derek (USC) pointed out that ease of participation should be considered and commented that 20 lorry trips should not be too difficult to manage. He also raised concerns over point no.8 of the scoring system.	



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<p>2.21</p> <p>2.22</p> <p>2.23</p> <p>2.24</p>	<p>Ziming (Eng) clarified that the scoring has already been clearly stated decided by the Rules and regulations.</p> <p>Joyce (Sci) urged once again for PBs Meeting to be held soon.</p> <p>Ziming (Eng) assured Joyce (Sci) that the meeting will be held soon.</p> <p>Timothy (USC) proposed for the closure of the Q and A session, seconded by Derek (USC), the motions was passed without objections.</p>	
<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p>Presentation on Union Values</p> <p>Ren Kai (Arts) made an introduction to 2 new members of the NUSSU Exco, Shermon (PA) and Denise (Law), holding the position of Deputy Vice-president and Executive Director respectively.</p> <p>David (Med) at this point reminded the Council of the need to take note of one's attire (Jeans and shoes at least), to practise proper voice procedures and to take note not to make comments that are directed personally in the Council.</p> <p>Yi Da proposed for voting rights to be given to the associate bodies on the New Vision and Mission, seconded by Derek(USC), objected by Shermon (PA).</p> <p>Shermon (PA) explained that he meant no disrespect and pointed out that such a decision should have to be made by the Council and not the associate bodies.</p> <p>Wilson (Arts) pointed out that the inclusion is partly because the associate bodies were part of the discussion during the G22 summit and were involved in the crafting of the new Mission and Vision. Hence he would like to push for the associate bodies to be included</p> <p>Wei Yuan (Arts) expressed that he is not exactly sure whether to include them.</p>	<p>Information No Action Required</p>



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3.7	Cassandra (Sci) proposed for an open voting on whether the Council will allow for voting rights to be extended to the associate bodies, this was seconded by Yi Da (PA).	
3.8	Timothy (USC) objected because he thought that the council should listen to the associate bodies before deciding.	
3.9	Meng Hang (EH) commented that the associate bodies were neutral on whether voting rights will be extended to them.	
3.10	David (Med) proceeded for an open voting on whether voting rights will be extended to the associate bodies.	
3.11	Total Voting Strength: 47	
3.12	Voting Results:	
3.13	For: 23 Against: 10 Abstain: 14	
3.14	The voting results were conclusive, Associate bodies will be allowed to vote on the passing of the new Mission and Vision, David (Med) reminded the Council that anyone leaving at any point during the presentation will relinquish their rights to vote.	
3.15	Ren Kai (Arts) presented to the Council the New Vision of NUSSU.	
3.16	Cassandra (Sci) proposed for open voting, this was seconded by Wei Yuan (Arts), motion was passed without objection.	
3.17	Total Voting Strength: 51	
3.18	Voting results for new Vision of NUSSU:	
3.19	For: 38 Against: 4 Abstain: 9	
3.20	The voting results were conclusive; the new vision for NUSSU was passed.	



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3.21	Ren Kai (Arts) presented to the Council the new mission statement for NUSSU.	
3.22	Clovis (com) proposed for open voting, seconded by Yi Da (PA), motion was passed without objections.	
3.21	Total Voting Strength: 51	
3.22	Voting results for new Mission Statement of NUSSU:	
3.23	For: 30 Against: 1 Abstain: 20	
3.24	The voting results were conclusive; the new Mission Statement for NUSSU was passed.	



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4.	Presentation on Union Values	
4.1	Ren Kai (Arts) presented to the Council the new core values to be adopted by NUSSU.	Information No Action Required
4.2	Yi Da (PA) proposed for voting rights to be extended to the associate bodies, seconded by Shermon (PA), motion was passed without objection.	
4.3	Shermon proposed for a 5 minutes discussion, seconded by Ren Kai (Arts).	
4.4	Timothy (USC) asked how the values will be promoted to the union volunteers and pointed out that the acronym RAID sounds weird	
4.5	Wilson (Arts) gave one example on rag, where certain decisions are very hard to pin down. Most people know that accountability is important, but does not use it to help them guide their decisions. Once the core values are pinned down in concrete, he hopes that it can practiced all the way to the con club level. In that way the union can share the same values which will make the organisation more cohesive.	
4.6	Augustin (Arts) pointed out there should be more documentation and elaboration of the values, example on the website so that past and present union volunteers can relate to the values.	
4.7	Wei Yuan (Arts) proposed to close the discussion, seconded by Timothy (USC), the motion was passed without objection.	
4.8	Cassandra (Sci) proposed for open voting, seconded by Yi Da (PA), motion was passed without objection.	
4.9	Total voting strength: 51	
4.10	Voting results for core values of NUSSU:	
4.11	For: 47 Against: 1 Abstain: 3	



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4.12	The voting results was conclusive, the new core values will be adopted by NUSSU.	
4.13	Derek (USC) proposed to raise a motion to talk about representation.	
4.14	David (Med) pointed out that in the interest of time, the proposed agenda will be pushed to the end of the meeting.	



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5.	Council Trip Sharing	
5.1	Yi Da presented to the Council the key takeaways from the Taiwan Council Trip.	Information No Action Required
5.2	Please refer to attached slides for more information.	
5.3	The Key points of the presentation: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Union Model2. Electoral Model3. Finances4. Student Welfare(Rights)5. Human Resource Management	

6.	LoveNUS Sharing	
6.1	Yi Da (PA) presented to the Council the summary of the LoveNUS campaign.	Information No Action Required
6.2	Please refer to attached slides for more information.	
6.3	Yi Da (PA) felt that the Love NUS campaign involving the Exco and 14 constituent clubs had not only brought the Union closer together but also helped to strengthen the Union's relationship with the NUS offices. Using an analogy of why the military conducts joint exercises across its different services to integrate the fighting capabilities as a cohesive force instead of functioning in silos, he reiterated the rationale of having such a joint union initiative. In similar vein to the military analogy, he also highlighted how the initiative had demonstrated the collective potential if Exco and Constituent Clubs pool resources to do things together.	



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6.4	Yi Da (PA) gave special thanks to the following people:	
6.5	Organisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kellie Jane Shae (Arts)• Lim Xin Ni (Business)• Jeannel Mah (Computing)• Hendra Pick Lung (Dentistry)• Md Hafiy (Engineering)• Zulhafni Zulkeflee (Law)• Abigail Nyam (Medicine)• Gabriel Low (Science)• Joseph Chin (Design & Environment)• Alaric Ng (USC)• Yong Si Yun (Community Service Club)• Law Zhiwei (Cultural Activities Club)• Eugene Lee (Political Association)• Koh Wyhow (Sport Club)	
6.6	Exco members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wilson Deng• Fahmi Abdoh• Nella Chua• Ho Wei Ing• Chan Wei Jiang• Letitia Gayle Tan	
6.7	Yi Da (PA) also gave special mention to Letitia (Arts), the creative director of LoveNUS for sacrificing many of her sleepless nights for this project, exemplifying the NUSSU core value of dedication.	
6.8	Yi Da proposed for a 10 minutes break, seconded by Shermon (PA), with no objects the motion was passed.	
6.9	Valerie (PA), Jun Yuan (Biz), Qixiang (SH), Jamil (KE) and Jing Jiat (KR) left the meeting at 1210hrs.	
6.10	Zi Yao (Med) joined the meeting at 1215hrs.	



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Samuel (Eng) proposed for resuming the meeting, seconded by Charles (Med), David resumed the meeting at 1218hrs.

7.	Formation of SGRC	
7.1	Shermon (PA) presented to the Council the formation of the SGRC.	Information No Action Required

8.	Elections timeline and Procedures	
8.1	Shermon (PA) presented to the Council the elections timeline and procedures.	Information No Action Required
8.2	Please refer to attached slides for more information.	
8.3	Kenny (Law) proposed for a 10 minutes discussion, seconded by Ren Kai (Arts), the motion was passed without objections.	
8.4	Kenny(Law) asked if the 4 weeks requirement for the MCs to exercise their discretion under miscellaneous regulations include semester break.	
8.5	Shermon (PA) clarifies that it does not include.	
8.6	Eugene (PA) wanted a clarification on what it means by 'any method to fill up'.	
8.7	Shermon (Law) clarified that the decision and method is separate, the decision to fill up is 4 weeks but the method can be longer than that.	
8.8	Timothy (USC) asked if electronic voting will be allowed.	
8.9	Shermon (PA) pointed out that issue of electronic voting can be discussed further.	



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8.10	Ren Kai (Arts) added to Shermon's (PA) point that the regulations drafted out is a guideline for paper voting and will most likely allow for electronic voting but encourage physical voting at the same time. He proposed to bring the discussion to the C-cube. He added on that it is possible for NUSSU Exco to provide the standardized printing slips.	
8.11	Derek (USC) asked if it meant the decision for physical voting is final.	
8.12	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that he has taken note of the request for electronic voting and will discuss this with the presidents in the next meeting.	
8.13	Nella (CSC) joined the meeting at 1230hrs, Stephen (Med) left the meeting at 1231hrs.	
8.14	Samuel (Eng) asked if the timeline is strict.	
8.15	Ren Kai (Arts) clarified that it is a strict timeline; the purpose is for a more vibrant elections process.	
8.16	Derek (USC) asked where the campaigning will fit in the elections.	
8.17	Ren Kai (Arts) clarified that it will fit in the external elections.	
8.18	Wynne (CSC) asked for clarifications about the internal/external elections since CSC does not have an external election.	
8.19	Ren Kai (Arts) clarified that this nature is similar across the 4 non-faculty con clubs and suggest to discuss the issue during their meeting on Tuesday, 02/04/13.	
8.20	Yau Loong (PA) joined the meeting at 1236hrs	
8.21	Derek (USC) pointed out the inconsistency in timeline and the maximum number of days allowed for each component of the elections.	
8.22	Shermon (PA) pointed out that the nominations period can be a buffer for external elections.	
8.23	Ren Kai (Arts) clarified that the nominations period should not be taken officially as a buffer.	



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8.24	Derek (USC) asked for the purpose for such a strict timeline.	
8.25	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that the strictest part is for external elections to occur in the one week time frame so as to have an elections hype going on all around campus.	
8.26	David (Med) provided a point of information that the majority of the medicine students will not be in NUS, hence he proposed to extend the voting period from 3 days to 7 days.	
8.27	Shermon (PA) pointed to electronic voting as a possible solution and since it is tied in with the previous point, it will be discussed at C-cube level as well.	
8.28	Joyce (Sci) asked if elections will be allowed to start earlier.	
8.29	Wynne (CSC) raised the same concern for the elections in CSC.	
8.30	Ren Kai (arts) pointed out that if nominations start earlier, it will have to end earlier as well but there is a technical play in words, hence the interview component can start first for science before the nominations window. Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out once again that the elections for non-faculty con club will be discussed again in the same meeting.	
8.31	Derek (USC) proposed for an extension of 10 minutes of discussions, seconded by Wei Yuan (Arts), the motion was passed with no objections.	
8.32	Derek (USC) pointed out that voting is fundamental to the representation of the Council and seeing that everyone in the council is voted in, he asked why the issue of electronic voting should not be discussed at the council level.	
8.33	Ren Kai (Arts) clarifies that this is to discuss the technicalities of the e-voting at the C-cube level.	
8.34	Derek (USC) asked if e-voting will be less of a priority and that the preference is for physical voting.	
8.35	Shermon (PA) clarifies that there is room for discussion.	



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8.36	Derek (USC) proposed to close the discussion, seconded by Wei Yuan (Arts), the motion was passed without objection.	
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9.	NUSSU Exco Mid-Term Review	
9.1	David (Med) presented to the Council his review of the NUSSU Exco.	David to provide
9.2	David (Med) emphasized that the NUSSU Exco and the council has been too operational. The council has not been too visionary and have been discussing about issues that only affect the next few months. He also urged the council to also think about continuity as the council are move towards the end of the term.	
9.3	David (Med) urged the council to encourage the right personnel to step up into the council because he understands that most council members take up the role not knowing the full responsibilities. He also promised to provide an information overview for potential future council representatives.	
9.4	David (Med) pointed out that for the 34 th Council, he will strive for better pre-meeting preparation and better post-meeting plans such as abstracting key points from the minutes.	
9.5	Derek (USC) clarified on the agendas being raised that there was also a motion for a wireless network discussion.	
9.6	David (Med) clarified that he thought it was restricted to only Utown's wireless, hence Timothy's proposed motion was chosen over that motion.	
9.7	Wynne (CSC) also clarified that her point was proposed to be discussed at the c-cube level.	
9.8	David (Med) clarified that it is also why it is not in the finalised agenda.	
9.9	Derek (USC) pointed out a defeatist attitude should not be adopted, even in the event that procedures are not done properly, it should not discourage the discussion.	
9.10	David (Med) agreed that the Council should not avoid the discussions of issues that are close to council members' hearts but he added on that he also took into considerations how the chain of events unfolded to postpone the agenda to the next council meeting.	



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10.	Purpose of NUSSU Exco in relation to the Council (FASS Club)	
10.1	Derek (USC) reminded the council chair the motion that he raised previously about the need to improve the quality of our representation, since the council here represent all students in NUS.	Information No Action Required
10.2	David (Med) wanted to discuss the motion after discussing the 10 th agenda but Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out it will be good for the council if the motion raised by Derek (USC) is discussed first since they are related.	
10.3	Derek (USC) proposed to encourage volunteers to join us in our meetings. He pointed out there are many people who are trained and exposed to proper debating and their feedback and suggestions will be beneficial to the council.	
10.4	David (Med) pointed out that council meetings are open to all students to attend.	
10.5	Derek (USC) pointed out that it is about taking an active approach in getting feedback and expert opinions on matters such as points raised in the meeting, the quality of moderation and whether the discussion is in line with the agenda etc.	
10.6	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that the fact is no one cares about the council, there is no attention from the students for check and balances, the number of observers in the meeting is testimonial to that.	
10.7	Derek (USC) clarified that it is not for check and balances, he pointed out that it is about improvement, about how we should do it better.	
10.8	Eugene (PA) pointed out that even if we manage to train council members for debate, by the nature of the length of the term, such skills only stay with the council for one year, and perhaps a guideline can be written for future batches to read.	
10.9	David (Med) pointed out the discussion has become too technical for the council to discuss upon and in the interest of time will like to move on to the motion raised by Arts.	



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10.10	Wei Yuan (Arts) presented to the Council his thoughts on the role of the Exco in the Council and pointed out that anyone can stop him in the middle of the presentation for clarification and discussion.	
10.11	Please refer to the attached slides for more information.	
10.12	Shermon (PA) made a clarification that the council is not responsible for the decision of the constituent club. The Exco exist because the council forms because of the executive needs of the Council.	
10.13	Timothy (USC) used an analogy for the current Student Union, referring to the 'national government' (Council) which do not have even have power over the 'local government (Constituent Club) , to the extent of no control over each club's budget, hence he feels that is not likened to a federal government.	
10.14	Franklin (Sports) left the meeting at 1320hrs.	
10.15	Eugene (PA) questioned whether it is the electorate's right to question the Exco representative.	
10.16	Wilson (Arts) introduced the perspective of looking at the council as a representation of all NUS students since each council representative is elected from a pool of electorate and together the council is elected by the whole school.	
10.17	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out the reality that the outcome of his presentation will not happen at the end of his speech but perhaps 5 years later.	
10.18	Shermon (PA) proposed for a 10 minutes discussion, seconded by Wei Jiang (CSC), the motion was passed without objection.	
10.19	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that Art's current year of Exco representatives are fine but in the past few years, the Exco representatives just disappear after being elected.	
10.20	Wei Jiang (CSC) asked if it is a problem of the election purpose or a problem of reviewing their performance since there are evidences of Exco representatives still being able to appear in the constituent clubs.	



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10.21	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that currently there is no system of checks against anyone who disappear from their clubs.	
10.22	David (Med) clarified that Exco representatives are not part of the management committee.	
10.23	Shermon (PA) remind the council that the constitution empowers the clubs to remove the Exco representative from the club should they feel that he or she is not fulfilling his or her roles.	
10.24	Kenny (Law) posted the question to the council, asking what the management committees see the role of the NUSSU Exco representative as. He sees their primary role in the NUSSU Exco and they are technically not part of his management committee.	
10.25	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that seeing that the Exco representative are rooted in the faculty, are they answerable to the members of the electorate.	
10.26	Derek (USC) posted the question of whether they are serving NUS or their electorate more. He claims that if he is in the role of the Exco representative, he will serve the nus population more but he will still feel accountable to the electorate that voted him in.	
10.27	Shermon (PA) posted a hypothetical situation, that if their 2 roles clash, which side should the Exco representative take.	
10.28	Timothy (USC) provided a point of information that the cognitive dissonance that the Exco representatives face today is due to the events that unfolded in 1975 where some people decided to do too much and the power of the Student Union was dissolved, resulting in the structure that we have today. He felt that the solution is change and provided another point of information that Vivian Balakrishnan had talked about the same issue since 1989. He felt that nothing can be done to change but if something is done he would be surprised.	



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10.29	Joyce (Sci) felt that if the 2 science Exco representatives are serving NUS, they are serving science as well. Although there is no system to enforce that they contribute back to science, she felt that there should not be such a system anyway. At the start, the presidents should just communicate their expectations to their individual Exco representatives from the start of the elections.	
10.30	Augustin (Arts) felt that there is no conundrum for the Exco representatives because the decisions are made at the council and not by the Exco representatives.	
10.31	Derek (USC), in response to Shermon's (PA) hypothetical question, first he pointed out that the council have to start seeing that the role of the Exco representative as a service at the union level that benefits the faculty club. He also pointed out there is a bit of conundrum because in the event that they need to vote, will they vote according to their representation or will they going along with other priorities. For example if the particular Exco representative focuses on transport at the NUS level, it will surely affect his decision on what benefits NUS or his faculty on a transport issue.	
10.32	Kenny (Law), in response to Shermon's (PA) hypothetical question, pointed out that the Exco is naturally serving the nus community while the management committee is serving the faculty community. He felt that there is need for a group of people that is tied down to the full nus community. He added on that sometimes it is about which hat the Exco representative is wearing.	
10.33	Wei Yuan (Arts) proposed to extend the discussion by 30mins, this is seconded by Wilson (Arts), and the motion was passed without objections.	
10.34	Meng Hang (EH) asked the council whether should it not be up to the SGRC to present to the Council after they have done their findings.	
10.35	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that the SGRC reports to the council and for the discussion is for the council to make an informed decision in the future.	



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10.36	Meng Hang (EH) clarified that he meant that he thought the council should wait for the SGRC to present the findings before the discussion.	
10.37	Yi Da (PA) pointed out to the council that for many years, council has been perceived as a 'rubberstamp parliament' where Exco just seek the endorsement of Council on initiatives to be rolled out. Most people did not know the rationale behind how decisions are arrived at and there lies a significant asymmetry of knowledge within the Council. He is heartened to see a paradigm shift during this Council meeting where Council members are more proactive in debating issues. He felt that the purpose of convening a meeting is really to discuss about issues and not just to listen to updates. He pointed out that members of the Council have the autonomy to propose motions to discuss issues that concern the student body and urge Council members to take the lead in shaping a more active Council.	
10.38	Wei Yuan (Arts), in response to Meng Hang's (EH) question, pointed out that the discussions generated will provide more context for the council in the future.	
10.39	Shermon (PA) also pointed out that the SGRC is only made up of a few people and the perspective of the council is more varied and will help them in generating more ideas.	
10.40	Ren Kai (Arts) added on that the discussions that come from the council can form up a fuller picture.	
10.41	Kenny (Sports) joined the meeting at 1355hrs.	
10.42	Eugene (PA) pointed out that certain decisions require soul-searching and a lot of people have not had the time to do the soul-searching yet.	
10.43	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that the soul searching can be done during the discussion.	
10.44	Wei Yuan (Arts) posted another question: If the Exco is representative of the NUS population, why is the elections process not reflective of this?	



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10.45	Augustin (Arts) felt that the Exco representation will result in the best decision to be made at the Council. He felt that regarding the role of the Exco representative, the council is in the position that we can neither move forward or backward.	
10.46	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that the council is very concerned about representation which ties in with the elections process. His concern is that eventually is there a need for Exco representatives to be representative of their population, if they are not really representing their electorate, he asked the council what the true of the Exco representative is in the Council.	
10.47	Augustin (Arts) felt that to solve these problems, the council can implement party whip, as a constituent club, every member is forced to vote in the same manner in line with the club's interest. He pointed out that as a co-opted member of the Exco, no one voted him in, and hypothetically he could be a bad guy. He pointed out that as chairperson of the ridge, he spent a lot of money and provided a point of information that he spends \$4000 for every issue of the magazine and it could be spent on other things if the council decide that they do not want magazines. He felt that the Financial Secretary should present on the budget and allow the council to scrutinise the money that is spent.	
10.48	David (Med) pointed out that according to the constitution, budget to be presented at the first council meeting.	
10.49	Ren Kai (Arts) asked how that is possible, seeing that the first council meeting is elections and the financial secretary should just have stepped up to office on the same day.	
10.50	Shermon (PA) pointed out that it is the ex-financial secretary that should present to the council the budget. He then added on that the best system can be drafted but if no one enforces it, then nothing is achieved as well.	
10.51	Ziming (Eng) felt that there is no problem with representation; the owners should be for the representatives to convince and persuade. It is not the fault of the system, as an Exco representative, he/she will need to balance these interests. He/she will either have to convince the constituent clubs or the council. The process will lead to a more rigorous decision being made.	



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10.52	Cassandra (Sci) posted the question of what the council feel the Exco should be doing, purely operations or the policy making and decision making. If the role of the Exco is to fulfil operational roles then is it necessary for the Exco to be voted in.	
10.53	Derek (USC) is not favour of the party whip because he felts that as representative of USC and as council rep, ideally the council should also think of themselves as NUS students, philosophically they should think of what is good for NUS because what is good for NUS should be what is good for USC, or vice-versa, so either we vote for one or the other.	
10.54	Wei Wei (Sci) asked if the council can we move towards the Exco representatives to be elected at the NUS level. This will restrict the number of Exco representatives that each faculty can send as well.	
10.55	Denise (SDE) pointed out that Exco representatives are voted in because they are looking at the bigger picture. She pointed out that even though SDE do not have an Exco representative, she felt that they are not short changed because they believe that other Exco representatives will be standing up for SDE and not just for their own faculty. She felt that the elections process for the Exco representative is for the electorate to judge whether he/she is worthy since they probably know who they are voting for.	
10.56	Gladys (Sci) posted the question to the Council on whether the Exco representatives really need to be representative or should he/she just focus on operational roles, then it brings the council to the question of whether he/she needs to be elected or not.	
10.57	Ren Kai (Arts) extended Gladys' (Sci) point by asking the council whether the Exco representatives deserve a vote in the council because currently the entire Exco makes up 1/3 of the votes in the council.	
10.58	Timothy (USC) asked the council whether they motivated to change something.	



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10.59	Shermon (PA) pointed out that the current members of the Exco need to be elected by the electorate of the constituent clubs. He pointed out 2 possible steps ahead, one is for to the executive Exco liken to the Taiwan Student Unions, whereby only the president is elected and the rest of the executives are appointed and hence will not have such conundrums because decisions are made by the council. Secondly it is for the council vote for all the members of the Exco instead of just the seven constitutional posts.	
10.60	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that ideal elections system (Shermon's (PA) first proposal) was thought out and discussed in Taiwan and more points will be presented together with the findings of the SGRC.	
10.61	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out to the Council that it is possible to make changes happen by the next term.	
10.62	Timothy (USC) asked if the proposal is this applicable for the constituent clubs.	
10.63	Ren Kai (Arts) replied that it should be a step by step process.	
10.64	Timothy (USC) expressed that in his personal view, he is in favour of the proposal.	
10.65	Wei Yuan (Arts) encourages discussion about this proposal with other council members even after the meeting ends.	
10.66	Shermon (PA) proposed for a voice vote on the proposal, seconded by Yi Da (PA), the motion was passed without objections.	
10.67	Wei Yuan (Arts) provided a point of information that the proposal of the new system is a result of 10 hours' worth of questioning and debate in Taiwan. Hence it is not a haphazard proposal and there is no pressure to accept it.	
10.68	David (Med) concluded the meeting that he is heartened by the discussion and announced the next Council Meeting Date to be tentatively set on the 25 th May 2013. He made a final reminder that the agenda of the status of the non-faculty club will be discussed at the next meeting.	



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With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr. Shermon Ong proposed to close the meeting at 1439H, Seconded by Mr. Soh Yi Da.

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