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Minutes for 5th 34th Council Meeting

Date: Saturday, 25th May 2013

Time: 1025 hours

Venue: Faculty of Engineering, LT6

Attendance

Present:

Council Representatives:

Chen Ziyou David	Council Chairperson
Tan Wei Yuan	Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary
Ong Jia Qiang	Arts Club, President
Foo Shida	Arts Club, FOP Chairperson
Wynne Ng	BIZAD Club, President
Teo Yi'an	Community Service Club, President
Neo Aiting	Community Service Club, Assistant Treasurer
Wong Yong Jie	Community Service Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Eugene Chiong	Computing Club, President
Jeannel Mah	Computing Club, Vice President (Operations & Projects)
Anthoni Giam	Computing Club, Vice President (Human resource & Development)
Ng Zhi Liang Dennis	Cultural Activities Club, President
Marco Li	Cultural Activities Club, Resource Director
Eric Wei	Dental Club, President
Royston Leong	Dental Club, Vice-President
Lee Cheng Xiang	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Samuel Huang Shihan	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Muhammad Hafiy	Engineering Club, President
Kenny Low	Engineering Club, Secretary for Student Affairs
Zulhafni Zulkeflee	Law Club, President
Charles Ong Jit Teng	Law Club, Vice President
Lee Wei Ming Eugene	Medical Club, President
Joyce Fu ZiHui	Political Association, Vice President (Engagement)
Chen Wei Wei	Science Club, President
Koh Wyhow	Science Club, Sports Director
Derek Lim	Sports Club, President
	University Scholars' Club, President



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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
Chng Yong Sheng	Director of Projects
Verry Gunawan	Director of International Relations
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)
Chua Jia Yao (Bailey)	Assistant Welfare Secretary (Tangible)
Nella Chua Qi Yu	Deputy Communications Secretary
Tan Wei Ting Letitia Gayle	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

Associate Bodies:

Zulhakim bin Aman	College of Alice and Peter Tan's Students' Committee, President
Zhou Qixiang	Shears Hall, President
Tan Kian Liang, Jeremy	Tembusu College Students' Committee, President

Observers:

Ching Meng Hang	Eusoff Hall (Vice-President)
William Santosa Lim	Business Year 2
Siah Tiong Shie	Engineering Year 4
Nurul Humairaak	Engineering Year 2
Joseph Chin	Design and Environment Year 3



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Absent with Apologies:

Council Representative:

Han Ke Xin	Arts Club, Students' Welfare Secretary
Cheung Ho Yeung	BIZAD Club, Vice President (Internal)
Ng Wei Jian	BIZAD Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Bernard Chandra	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Denise Ng	Design and Environment Club, President
Elaine Yeo Yan Ying	Engineering Club, Vice-President
Lee Zi Yao	Medical Club, Vice-President
Valerie Ng Huiyi	Political Association, President
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Tan Chin Yee	Science Club, Honorary General Secretary
Kenny Low Zhi Wei	Sports Club, Vice-President
Chua Franklin	Sports Club, Financial Secretary
Timothy Fang	University Scholars' Club, Honorary General Secretary

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Michael Zhang Han	Director of Services
Muhammad Fahmi	Director of Resources
Carolyn Balakrishnan	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Stephen Aditya Sumarli	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Amanda Soh Hui Zhen	Creative Director
Conan Teo Yew Huat	Director of Marketing

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Tan Jing Jiat	Kent Ridge Hall JCRC, President
Muhammad Jamil	King Edward VII Hall JCRC, President
Tan Kiat Yong Sebastian	Raffles Hall JCRC, President
Tan Chin-I	Temasek Hall JCRC, President



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Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Passing of 4th 34th Council Meeting Minutes**
- 2. NUSSU Council Funding**
- 3. Passing of the Elections Regulations**
- 4. The council preference on the student representation of YALE-NUS College**
- 5. Donation of \$500,000 to NUS Bursary**
- 6. Status of non-faculty clubs**
- 7. Issue of ideal class size**
- 8. Changes to Exco election procedure**



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The 5th Council Meeting was called to order at 1025 HRS by Mr David Chen, Chairperson of the 34th NUSSU Council. This motion was proposed by Kenny (Law), seconded by Ren Kai (Arts), with no objections the motion was passed.

Shermon (PA) proposed for speaking rights to be given to associate bodies and observers, this was seconded by Clovis (Com), with no objections, the motion was passed.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	Passing of 4th 34th NUSSU Council Meeting Minutes	
1.1	David (Med) asked for the passing of the 4 th 34 th Council Meeting Minutes after amendments have been made	Information No Action Required
1.2	Proposer: Charles (Med) Seconder: Cassandra (Sci)	
1.3	With no objections, the minutes of the 4 th 34 th Council Meeting Minutes was passed	
2.	NUSSU Council Funding	
2.1	Cassandra (Sci) presented to the Council the brief update of the funding that the council	Information No Action Required
2.2	Please refer to the slides for more information	
2.3	Joshua (CAC) and Verry (Eng) joined the meeting at 1045hrs	
2.4	No motion for discussions were raised	



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3.	Passing of the Elections Regulations	
3.1	Shermon presented to the Council the changes that he has made to the elections regulations	Shermon (PA) to amend the elections regulations
3.2	Please refer to the slides for more information	
3.3	Yi Da (PA) joined the meeting at 1057hrs.	
3.4	Charles (Med) asked what it meant by "Exco representatives can be co-opted into the Faculty Management Committee but cannot vote"	
3.5	Shermon (Law) clarified that due to NUS regulations, a person cannot hold voting powers in both entities.	
3.6	Cassandra (Sci) questioned on the point Charles (Med) earlier as well	
3.7	Shermon (PA) clarified that Exco members can be co-opted into the faculty management committee as a capacity of an Exco representative	
3.8	Cassandra (Sci) pointed out that it defeats the purpose that the Exco member is not part of the Management Committee	
3.9	Shermon (PA) clarified that the interpretation of the regulation is to prevent people from holding voting powers in both entities	
3.10	Wynne (CSC) asked who will be the people making up the elections transition committee	
3.11	Shermon (PA) clarified that it will be members from the NUSSU Exco	
3.12	Charles (Med) pointed out that the two-tier framework can match interest and passion but he felt that somebody who has a strong mandate might not necessarily be the best person for the job. He felt that the framework gives the potential for a lot of inefficiency in the committee and urge council members to take this into consideration	
3.13	Shi Da (Biz) raised the hypothetical scenario whereby none of the candidates fulfils half of the votes needed	



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3.14	Shermon (Law) pointed out that in that case, legitimacy is not conferred on the candidates	
3.15	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that in that case, it is also a signal that the constituents do not want a club	
3.16	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that the chances of the hypothetical scenario happening is quite low because the vote of confidence threshold is half of voting strength and not the whole constituent	
3.17	Samuel (Eng) raised another hypothetical scenario that if there are 15 positions and only 2 is filled, will there be a need to continue to hold elections	
3.18	Shermon (Law) pointed out that the number of council representatives that can sent to the council will be lowered. The ratio is 5 management committee members to 1 council representative. He raised a point of interest that in the event that the Exco representatives have the same number of votes, another elections between this 2 candidates will be held within 3 days	
3.19	Qixiang (SH) and Derek (USC) joined the meeting at 1120hrs.	
3.20	David (Med) raised a hypothetical in his Medical Club, where there might be 2 treasurer candidates very passionate for their single positions and another 4 secretary candidates who less passionate and were not able to garner enough votes, leaving one of the treasurer having to take up the secretary position he did not want	
3.21	Shermon (Law) pointed out that there is the internal elections to sort out such situations and it is up to the faculty clubs to remind the electorate constituents that the vote of confidence at the external stage does not determine the positions	
3.22	Charles (Med) felt that directly voting the candidates into their positions is a better system	



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3.21	Shi Da (Biz) felt that the proposed structure is not the most rigorous and robust system for everybody because different management committee have different ways of doing things. He felt that if the proposed system is adopted, they will end up losing a lot and he is worried about how it will all turn out	
3.22	Shermon (Law) pointed out that it will be difficult for different systems to coexist due to implementation difficulties. He felt that we should not stick to the current system just because of the fact that it has been so. He felt that at the end of the day, gaining legitimacy from the constituent is important because it will grant jurisdiction and power over the usage of the funds. He pointed out that we should not only want change when it suits us.	
3.23	Shi Da (Biz) asked the Council if they are only changing for the sake of change. Having spoken to his constituent, he said that they did not want the change, so he asked the council again if the change is needed	
3.24	Charles (Med) felt that Shermon (PA) is painting 2 extremes, with one system being the one with the strongest mandate versus the side with the most functionality and he felt that the current system is the middle ground of both	
3.25	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that the 2-tier system proposed does not preclude the purpose of the 1-tier because it adds an additional layer of decision making during the internal elections	
3.26	Wei Yuan (Arts) proposed for a motion for a discussion on the system, this was seconded by Cassandra (Sci), the motion was passed without objections	
3.27	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that the council representatives should not fear that their clubs will close down. He brought up the point mentioned by Wilson (Arts) that the vote of confidence threshold is only the total number of votes casted	
3.28	Charles (Med) felt that it should be up to the council to decide on whether the proposed system is preferred	



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3.29	Shermon (Law) provided a point of information that the Elections Transition Committee will help with the transition in the adoption of the new regulations	
3.30	Charles proposed to close the discussion, seconded by Aravin (Med), the motion was passed without objections	
3.31	Yi Da (PA) proposed to vote to decide whether to adopt the new set of elections regulations, this was seconded by Hafiy (Eng), the motion was objected by Wynne (CSC)	
3.32	Wynne (CSC) proposed for a 5 minutes break, seconded by Shermon (PA), the motion was passed without objections	
3.33	Wei Yuan (Arts) proposed for a 10 minutes extension of the break, seconded by Charles (Med), the motion was passed without objections	
3.34	Shermon (PA) proposed for a motion to vote for the adoption of the elections regulations, this was seconded Wei Yuan (Arts), the motion was passed without objections	
3.35	Shermon (PA) proposed for all names to be recorded down during the voting, seconded by Wei Yuan (Arts), the motion was objected by Joyce (Sci)	
3.36	Joyce (Sci) counter proposed for secret ballot, seconded by Wei Wei (Sci), the motion was objected by Wei Yuan (Arts)	
3.37	Wei Xiang (Sports) clarified that both motions were objected and the default voting will be by a show of hands	
3.38	Wei Yuan (Arts) proposed again for all names to be recorded, seconded by Ren Kai (Arts), the motion was objected by Kenny (Law)	
3.39	Voting strength: 38	
3.40	Voting Results for the adoption of the elections regulations:	
3.41	For: 16 Against: 18 Abstain: 4	



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3.42	The new set of elections regulations was not adopted by the 34 th NUSSU Council	
3.43	Shermon (PA) proposed for a 5 minutes break, seconded by Charles (Med), this motion was passed without objections	
3.44	David (Med) proposed for a 10 minutes discussion, seconded by Shermon (PA), the motion was passed without objections	
3.45	Wynne (CSC) asked for the Elections Transition Committee to assist the non-faculty clubs to change their elections procedures and constitution if the need arises	
3.46	Shermon (PA) asked the Council their reasons for the votes against the new elections regulations	
3.47	Kenny (Law) pointed out that the Council is divided between the 1-tier and 2-tier system. He felt that if the Council decided to maintain status quo, then they will have to accept it	
3.48	Wei Yuan (Arts) asked the council why they are disagreeing with change and why they do not want to publicise the disagreement	
3.49	Yong Jie (Com) pointed out that the Union Elections Committee and the Elections committee can be passed	
3.50	David (Med) pointed out that timeline can also be passed	
3.51	Shermon (PA) commented from his personal point of view that he is disappointed with the council. He pointed out that no concerns were raised previously even though the new set of elections regulations was circulated for a while. He pointed out that even though the C-cube is not representative, the discussion should have generated the majority opinion. He felt that it gives little notice for those who have been trying to push the elections regulations through. He pointed out that the intention to revise the elections regulations came from the 33 rd council because at that time some ballot forms from certain con-clubs were not standardized. The previous president and vice-president had instructed him do it during his term in the 34 th NUSSU Exco. He felt that if the council had decided for both 1-tier and 2-tier to coexist in the system, it is not difficult because it is all about drafting. He reiterated that	



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3.52	legitimacy is important	
3.53	Wei Yuan (Arts) commented that he is less disappointed with the council than Shermon (PA). He felt that the Council is being inefficient by blocking a proposal without justifying their decision	
3.54	Derek (USC) pointed out that the burden is also on the proposer of the motion to make his proposal clear. He felt abit confused with the Shermon's (PA) motivation. It was not clear whether he wanted to standardize or not. He felt that it is good to have harmony in system which is fairly understandable and can checked on, which will facilitate the role of the adjudication committee in the future	
3.55	Kenny (Law) proposed for a 5 minutes extension of the discussion, seconded by Charles (Med), the motion was passed without objections	
3.56	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that the document has been circulated for weeks but no objections were raised	
3.57	David (Med) reminded the Council that the discussion is for discussing which part of the regulations changes should be Kept	
3.58	Charles (Med) asked if both the one-tier and the two-tier system can coexist in the same system	
3.59	Shermon (PA) felt that it would create derogated standardization and also perceived legitimacy. He pointed out the Council should be mindful of the drawbacks of that system, for example being easier to run through certain Non-faculty clubs into the council	
3.60	Derek (USC) pointed out that down the road people will ask why the council decided on a derogated standardization	
3.61	Wilson (Arts) felt that due to the fundamental differences, no amount of time now will convince the council to take up the new elections regulations and they should discuss on whether agencies such as Union Elections Committee and Elections Committee can still be implemented	
3.62	Shermon (PA) suggested that the Council vote on the amended elections regulations again during the next Council Meeting	



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3.63	Derek (USC) asked the date of the next Council Meeting	
3.64	Ren Kai (Arts) provided a point of information that it will be in August but there can be one more in July	
3.65	Shermon (PA) pointed out that amending the regulations will take at least 3 weeks and that the Council should be mindful that many members might have holiday plans during this period	
3.66	Derek (USC) reminded Shermon (PA) that drafting the elections regulations with both the 1-tier and 2-tier system does not make sense, staying with status quo is even better. The Motivation for the changes have to be clear and with a lack of harmony in the council, the next meeting will be problematic as well	
3.67	David (Med) proposed to break for lunch, seconded by Yi Da (PA), this motion was objected by Eugene (PA)	
3.68	Shermon (PA) proposed on a vote to let the Exco amend the elections regulations, seconded by Yi Da (PA), the motion was objected by Cassandra (Sci) because she felt that there is a need to know what to amend	
3.69	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that there will be need to discuss the details of what was discussed during the C-cube meeting during the Council Meeting	
3.70	Joyce (Sci) proposed to adjourn this motion and move on to the next agendas, seconded by Charles (Med), the motion was passed without objections	
	Shi Da (Biz) left the meeting at 1257hrs	



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4.	The council's preference on the student representation of YALE-NUS College	Information No Action Required
4.1	Ren Kai (Arts) presented to the Council the preference of student representation of YALE-NUS	
4.2	Please refer to the attached slides	
4.3	Ren Kai (Arts) proposed for a 10 minutes discussion, seconded by Clovis (Com), the motion was passed without objections	
4.4	Kenny (Law) asked for YALE-NUS College's stance on this issue	
4.5	Ren Kai (Arts) provided a point of information that YALE-NUS has no stance on the issue yet but NUSSU is considering to classify them under either associate bodies, constituent body or completely an outside entity	
4.6	Derek (USC) pointed out that the students in YALE-NUS hold a different status. Likened to the constituents of, Yong Siew Toh, Duke NUS and LKY School	
4.7	Clovis(Com) provided a point of information that students from Duke NUS and LKY School are not undergraduates, as for Yong Siew Toh, they were not able to send student representatives to the Council	
4.8	Augustin (Arts) felt that the Council should only allow YALE-NUS student representatives to sit in the council as a constituent body only if they allow other Council Representatives to have a say in their academic matters on their boards	
4.9	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that currently not all the constituent bodies will sit in each other's boards as well	
4.10	Derek (USC) pointed out that YALE-NUS have their own charter; hence it is a different system, hence from his personal point of view the Council should consider them as an Associate body	
4.11	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that school wide policies may still apply to YALE-NUS and the Council should take matters of student welfare as a whole	



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4.12	Shermon (PA) proposed for a 5 minutes extension, seconded by Ren Kai (Arts), the motion was passed without objections	
4.13	Augustin (Arts) pointed out that Halls and Residences are also affected by school wide policies as well but they are still considered as associate bodies and voting rights are given to them for certain situations	
4.14	Shermon (PA) pointed out that a constituent body comes with certain rights and obligations, such as the right to collect membership fees and the obligation to follow union rules	
4.15	Derek (USC) pointed out that the considerations should be more than just about fees, it is about their status	
4.16	Augustin (Arts) pointed out that the Council should not alleviate the status of YALE-NUS in the Council and should consider them an Associate Body first and decide later after observing the way they function.	
4.17	Yi Da (PA) proposed to close the motion, seconded by Kenny (Law), the motion was passed without objections	
4.18	Yi Da (PA) proposed vote on whether to accept YALE-NUS's student representatives as an Associate Body, seconded by Shermon (PA), the motion was passed without objection	
4.19	Total voting strength: 41	
4.20	Voting Results:	
4.21	For: 41 Against: 0 Abstain: 0	
4.22	The 34 th NUSSU Council has decided to accept YALE-NUS's Student representatives as an associate body in the Council	
4.23	Ren Kai (Arts) proposed to vote on accepting YALE-NUS's student representatives as a constituent body, seconded by Joshua (CAC), the motion was passed without objections	



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4.24	Voting results:	
4.25	For: 6 Against 18 Abstain: 17	
4.26	The 34 th NUSSU Council has decided not to consider YALE-NUS's student representatives as a constituent body	
4.27	Yi da (PA) proposed to close the motion, seconded by Shermon (PA), the motion was passed without objections	



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5.	Donation of \$500,000 to NUS Bursary	
5.1	Ren Kai (Arts) presented to the Council the proposal to donate \$500,000 to the NUS Bursary	Ren Kai (Arts) to follow up with NUS and update the Council
5.2	Please refer to the slides for more information	
5.3	Ren Kai (Arts) proposed for a 10 minutes discussion, seconded by Clovis (Com), the motion was passed without objections	
5.4	Augustin (Arts) pointed out that the Council should consider that the money being discussed is the Union's money. He made 3 points. (1) Publicity: Recently the Union had just tried to reduce spending for Rag but now is trying to make a \$500,000 donation. This could be seen as a publicity stunt and people on NUSSU confessions will hate NUSSU, which will create a need to defend the Council's stand. (2) He is not convinced that NUS needs the money. There are always a lot of Alumni who always give back to NUS and the amount that is contributed by NUSSU will not benefit many people. (3) He asked the Council to handle the money on their own because after giving to the NUS Bursary, NUSSU has no say over the funds anymore	
5.5	Clovis (Com) agreed with Augustin (Arts) and provided a point of information that the Bursary Awards and Book Grants have not maximised their amount. He pointed out that the Bursary Awards are limited by the school but NUSSU's book grants can be given out on top of the bursary	
5.6	Derek (Com) asked why the Council is putting the funds with NUS and not with the NUSSU Students' Fund	
5.7	Ren Kai (Arts) provided a point of information that the NUSSU Bursary Award is only awarded to 19 students last year and chances are if NUSSU increase the quantum for the book grants, it may not have enough reach to target the students who really need it. He pointed out that concurrent with the NUS bursary, the NUSSU Exco will also work with transit link to give out transport vouchers, food vouchers and student fund will also increase their quantum. Even with all the addition mechanisms, NUSSU Exco will not need to unlock the reserves to fund all the initiatives mentioned	



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5.8	Derek (USC) asked if the \$500,000 is an endowment	
5.9	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that it is up to NUS to decide if they will put the funds in the endowment or give it out. He pointed out that the funds will most likely to be in the endowment. He also pointed out that there will be no immediate benefit such as an increase in the number of bursaries given out. He felt that the donation is likened to an investment in NUS, hoping that in the long run, more aide will be disbursed to the students	
5.10	Derek (USC) asked where the funds for the NUSSU Students' Fund's Grants and Awards come from	
5.11	Ren Kai (Arts) provided a point of information that the funds is supported by endowment	
5.12	Charles (Med) asked if there are any gaps that the NUSSU Bursaries and Grants have missed. He shared with the Council that the Medical club did a survey and found out that many people were meeting with financial problems. More bursaries were actually born out of that survey conducted and he suggested that NUSSU do a similar survey as well	
5.13	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out that according to the current NUS bursary, more specialized schools will benefit because certain bursaries only give to students from certain schools, the NUSSU bursary is non-discriminatory and will serve more students. He felt that the NUS financial aid is pretty robust	
5.14	Derek (USC) felt that the name of the bursary is important and there is a need to recognize because ultimately the money belonged to all the students from NUSSU	
5.15	Derek (USC) asked if more information will be provided after the voting is conducted	
5.16	Ren Kai (Arts) clarified that more information will be provided after the green light is given	
5.17	Yi Da (PA) proposed to vote on whether to donate the \$500,000 to the NUS Bursary, seconded by Shermon (PA), the motion was passed without objections	



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5.18	Voting strength: 41	
5.19	Voting Results:	
5.20	For: 24 Against: 6 Abstain: 11	
5.21	The 34 th NUSSU Council has decided to donate \$500,000 to the NUS Bursary	
5.22	Yi da (PA) proposed for a 30 minutes break for lunch, seconded by Kenny (Law), the motion was passed without objections	
5.23	Marco (Den), Eric (Den), Royston (SDE), Cheng Xiang (SDE), Kenny (Law), Zulhafi (Law), Joyce (Sci), Wei Wei (Sci) and Martin (Eng) left the meeting during the break at 1317hrs	



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David (Med) called the meeting back to order at 1403H, this motion was proposed by Eugene (PA), seconded by Cassandra (Sci), the motion was passed without objections.

6.	Status of non-faculty clubs	
6.1	Derek (USC) presented to the Council the constituency of non-faculty clubs in the union	Information No Action Required
6.2	Please refer to the slides for more information	
6.3	Bailey (Eng) left the meeting at 1421hrs	
6.4	Yi Da (PA) proposed for a 10minutes discussion, seconded by Ren Kai (Arts), the motion was passed without objections	
6.5	Derek (USC) asked the Council how the non-faculty clubs merit representation	
6.6	Anthoni (CAC) pointed out that faculty clubs contribute to mainly academic interests, non-faculty clubs on the other hand takes care of non-academic interests	
6.7	Derek (USC) pointed out that faculty clubs also organise non-academic interests such as dance activities	
6.8	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that although faculty clubs promote non-academic related interests, non-faculty clubs are able to take care of their activities better due to economics of scale	
6.9	David (Med) added that Faculty clubs only look after their own students but non-faculty clubs are all encompassing, which promotes cross-faculty interaction. He also posed a question to the Non-faculty clubs about the faculty ratio of their active members	
6.10	Eugene (PA) answered that none of the faculties are overly represented	



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6.11	Shermon (PA) pointed out that it might not be clear where the bright red line should be drawn but this line should be decided by the council. He felt that the interests promoted by the Council should affect a large number of students. For example, Community Service Club and giving back to the society had always been a traditional branch of NUSSU. Halls and Residential Colleges had also been incorporated into the council framework because the 33 rd NUSSU Council decided that they deserve a voice. The Union was also able to participate in Political Activities through the Political Association. The red line that the Council draw might shift in the future but he felt that the Non-faculty clubs surely have a place in the council	
6.12	Derek (USC) questioned if there really is the bright red line is really that clear. He admitted that the non-faculty club's interests deserve support but pointed out that being a constituency meant something else as well	
6.13	Ren Kai (Arts) proposed for a 5 minutes extension in the discussion, seconded by Yi Da (PA), the motion was passed without objections	
6.14	Ren Kai (Arts) pointed out to the Council that the constitution is binding them from necessary change. He pointed out that no one is looking for alternative solutions for the good of the organisation. He felt that although the clubs are doing good things, they should not be allowed to sit on the council by basis of the merit that they have. He felt that if the NUSSU Council is really a student government, interest groups should not sit on the Council just like how an environmental advocator does not sit on the parliament. He warned the Council that if they were to buy Shermon's (PA) arguments, the Council should be prepared to face the possibility of 10 interest groups sitting on the Council one day	
6.15	Siah (Eng) asked the Council about the yardstick to measure faculty club's representation as well	
6.16	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that everyone in the Council do not know what is representation as well and essentially they are questioning everybody's representation in the Council	
6.17	Wei Yuan (Arts) proposed to extend the discussion by 10 minutes, seconded by Cassandra (Sci), this motion was objected by Shermon (PA) because he felt that the lack of Council members present will not give an effective discussion	



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6.18	Derek (USC) commented that the students should have a choice of how their subscription fees are being distributed.	
6.19	Qixiang (SH) and Verry (Eng) left the meeting at 1445hrs	
6.20	Martin (Eng) returned to the meeting at 1446hrs	

7.	Issue of ideal class size	
7.1	Yi Da (PA) presented to the council his ideas on the ideal class size.	Yi Da (PA) to follow up on the issue
7.2	Please refer to the slides for more information.	
7.3	Wilson (Arts) proposed for a 10minutes discussion, seconded by Shermon (PA), the motion was passed without objections	
7.4	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that even though NUS always boast a strong Staff to Student ratio, he highlighted that NUS staff also comprises of more research and teaching staff. He felt that individual learning is very important and needs more attention	
7.5	Wei Yuan (Arts) pointed out that Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences have a lack of lecturers, especially large departments who have relatively higher class sizes. He pointed out that the staffs also want smaller classes but the school administration thinks that overhead cost is too high	
7.6	Joseph (SDE) felt that different faculties have different policies and for School of Design and Environment their lecturers double up as a tutor as well	
7.7	Jia Qiang (Arts) shared with the Council that the small class sized seminar that he attended was indeed better but he also pointed out that lowering class size also meant more staff and more classrooms. He felt that it is not possible to hit the ideal 15 people target in 3 years	



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7.8	Shermon (Law) felt that the issue of class size is not important because the faculty had been increasing their staff. He supports the 1 st proposal of academic transparency but disagree with the 2 nd proposal because he felt that a smaller class size does not necessarily mean more quality interaction. He pointed out that NUS is not really doing badly because in certain overseas universities, their class size is actually similar or even larger	
7.9	Eugene (PA) pointed out that the class size should fit the requirements of the module. For entry level classes, a small class size is not needed but for higher level modules that require higher level thinking, a higher class size might be better. He pointed out that a smaller class size might result in poorer quality lecturers	
7.10	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that 3 years is an arbitrary number and a smaller class size will mean a higher opportunity for students to engage the lecturer. He pointed out that NUS seldom conduct 2 classes for the same module and hence it is difficult to compare between the lecturers	
7.11	Wei Yuan (Arts) shared with the Council the future of the teaching medium in NUS after a conversation with the associate provost, which is a computerized form of education where there is a live webcast and live tutor	
7.12	Wilson (Arts) proposed for a 5 minutes break, seconded by Clovis (Com), the motion was passed without objections.	



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8.	Changes to Exco election procedure	
8.1	Wilson (Arts) presented to the council the proposed changes to the NUSSU Exco election procedures	Wilson (Arts) to prepare the proper documents required
8.2	Please refer to the slides for more information	
8.3	Yi Da (PA) proposed for a 10 minutes discussion, seconded by Wei Yuan (Arts), the motion was passed without objections	
8.4	Wei Yuan (Arts) asked about the response of the NUSSU Exco in this issue	
8.5	Wilson (Arts) pointed out that the NUSSU Exco is quite divided on the issue.	
8.6	Ren Kai (Arts) wish to hear more opinions from the Council	
8.7	Eugene (PA) raised a concern that previously Non-Faculty clubs have a say in the elections of the President and Vice-President but the new system they do not	
8.8	Ren Kai (Arts) provided a point of information that all the council representatives will not have no say in the matter as well because all members of the NUS undergraduate are voting	
8.9	Joseph (SDE) pointed out that the Council has to accept the will of the people and even if the successful candidate's policies are really bad. there will surely be room for discussion and negotiation	
8.10	Shermon (PA) pointed out that many people are using the lens of voting rights being taken away to look at the situation. He felt that the Council should take a step back and look at the Union at just an entity. He felt that right now they are just seeding away power that they are not supposed to have anyway	
8.11	Ren Kai(Arts) proposed to update the council on the public transport issues, seconded by Wilson (Arts), the motion was passed without objections	



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8.12	Ren Kai (Arts) made 3 key updates, (1) extending tertiary concession rates to polytechnic students, (2) reducing the price of hybrid concession passes and (3) introducing a cheaper hybrid pass that does not work on weekends	
8.13	Shermon (PA) informed the Council that he will amend the elections regulations and told them to wait for his email updates. He reminded the Council to inform him of any concerns before the next council meeting	



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With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr. Soh Yi Da proposed to close the meeting at 1620H, Seconded by Mr. Tan Wei Yuan.

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