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Minutes for 3rd 35th Council Meeting

Date: Saturday, 5th October 2013

Time: 1123 hours

Venue: NUS Faculty of Law, Block B Lecture Theatre

Attendance:

Present:

Council Representatives:

Elizabeth Nicole Cutter	Political Association, President
Aw Yong Zhi Yong	Political Association, Vice President
Zhao Yang	Political Association, Vice President
Ng Zhi Liang Dennis	Cultural Activities Club, President
Khoo Wei Xiang Jovene	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Goh Ze Wei Zan	Cultural Activities Club, External Relations Director
Kristabelle Tan Chu Qian	Community Service Club, President
Quek Yan Jun Jocelyn	Community Service Club, Vice President
Cheo Jon Loong	Community Service Club, Vice President
Kang Wee Jing (Jacky)	Community Service Club, Dep Volunteer Welfare Director
Ng Wei Quan, Desmond	Computing Club, President
Goh Li Min, Natalie	Computing Club, Vice President
Andrew Andy Chng Chee Weng	Computing Club, Vice President
Law Zhe Wen	University Scholars' Club, President
Varun Soni	University Scholars' Club, Vice President
Chan Siong Woon	Bizad Club, Vice President
Kew Dek Guan (Derrick)	Bizad Club, Vice President
Foo Jia Xin	Arts Club, President
Janson Chan	Design and Environment Club, President
Sim Wen Qiang Rafael	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Shawn Ng Kit Yong	Design and Environment Club, DOSP
Dennis Lim Yong Cheng	Engineering Club, President
Raghav Mathur	Engineering Club, Vice President
Mabel Sim Wenleng	Engineering Club, Student Affairs Secretary
Nicholas Lim Songping	Dental Club, President
Chen Wei Wei	Science Club, President
Sherman Yee Xian Yang	Science Club, Vice President
Muhammad Danial Hakim Bin Rosli	Law Club, President
Lee Wei Liang	Law Club, Vice President



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Tan Yeong Tze Wilnard	Medical Society, President
Andrew Arjun Sayampanathan	Medical Society, Vice President
Lim Li Yan	Medical Society, Vice President
Eden Seah Guo Hua	Sports Club, President
Toh Yi Hui	Sports Club, Vice President

Exco Committee:

Soh Yi Da	President
Shermon Ong	Vice President
John Paul Chua	General Secretary
Lim Kok Seng	Assistant Secretary
Geoffrey Lee Zheng Hwang	Financial Secretary
Willie Wee	Deputy Vice President
Chang Siong Wei	Director of Projects
Chu Ting Feng	Director of Projects
Kellie Chong	Dep Comms Secretary
Emmeliene Ong	Director of Social Media
Tan Kian Wei Alvin	Dep Fin Secretary
Koh Zhi Xun	Dep Welfare Secretary
Lai Kean Chung	Dep Welfare Secretary
Ma Hua Qing	Director of IT

Observers:

Liu Ziming	Engineering Student
Joseph	SDE Student

Absent with Apologies:

Sean Ling Wei Tsi	Bizad Club, President
Ai Xin	Sports Club, Marketing Secretary
Denise Ee	Communications Secretary
Duke Tan	Dep Welfare Secretary
Tan Zi Tong	Dep Welfare Secretary



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Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Setting Meeting Procedures**
- 2. Passing of 1st and 2nd Council Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Appointment of Adjudication Committees**
- 4. Union and EXCO Budget**
- 5. Non-Faculty Reallocation Budget**
- 6. Election of Finance and Publications Standing Committees**
- 7. Election of Welfare Standing Committee**
- 8. AOB**



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The 2nd Council Meeting was called to order at 1123 HRS by Mr Law Zhe Wen, Chairperson of the 35th NUSSU Council, the motion was proposed by Mr. Soh Yi Da, seconded by Mr. Dennis Ng.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1	Setting Meeting Procedures	
1.0.1	The Council has been reminded of the importance of punctuality for meetings. With effect from the next Council meeting, the Council Chairperson will proceed on starting the meeting 5 minutes after designated time of meeting once quorum is met.	Information No Action Required
1.0.2	The Meeting Order has also been set as no usage of personal electronic communication devices (including laptops and tablets) once the meeting begins. Any usage of such devices is subject to approval by the Council Chairperson, President or General Secretary.	
1.0.3	In order to facilitate open and fruitful discussions during the meeting, the Council Chairperson has further encouraged the Council to submit any issues that they wish to discuss during the meeting 3 days before the actual date of the meeting.	
1.1	Varun – Presentation and Q & A.	
1.2	Jia Xin: Getting rid of naming system of constituent clubs is interesting. However, she believes that the rationale behind identification is because every faulty have different concerns and that observers would also need to identify allegiance. Varun: Believes that observers do not need to identify allegiance apart from the purpose of recording minutes.	
1.3	Yi Da proposed to adopt the removal of naming constituent clubs during voice procedures of the Council meeting. Shermon Ong seconded.	
1.4	Total Voting Strength: 40 For: 26 Against: 0 Abstain: 14	
1.5	The council passed the change of removing the naming system of constituent clubs with immediate effect. All Council and EXCO representatives are reminded of the amended voice procedure and decorum during meetings.	



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2	Passing of 1st and 2nd Council Meeting Minutes	Information
2.1	Eden questions the purpose of scrolling of minutes for council reference. Shermom Ong proposes the motion of including surnames into future meetings.	No Action Required
2.2	Council Chairperson calls for a vote of passing the minutes with pending amendments, so as to expedite the release of the minutes to the NUS student population.	
2.3	Furthermore, subsequent council meeting minutes will be sent together with the meeting agenda so as to offer more time for the Council's perusal. Any changes to the minutes shall be proposed to the General Secretary with a dateline of 3 weeks from passing of minutes until no further amendments can be made.	
2.4	Shermon Ong proposed passing of 1 st and 2 nd Council meeting minutes with pending amendments. Yi Da seconded.	
2.5	Total Voting Strength: 40 For: 39 Against: 0 Abstain: 1	Willie Wee to propose formalized open vote counting method during next Council Meeting
2.6	The Council passed the 1 st and 2 nd Council meeting minutes with pending amendments.	
2.7	Willie proposed formalizing the method of open vote counting, will table out the subsequent agenda during the next Council meeting.	
3	Appointment of Adjudication Committee	
3.1	Yi Da – Presentation and Q & A.	
3.2	Dennis Ng proposes the motion of nominating members for the adjudication committees. Varun seconds.	
3.2.1	Emmeliene questions on how to choose the panel adjudication panel. Yi Da answers that the panel would consist of members with no conflict of interest and the Council Chairperson will have the attorney to decide the overall	



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	composition of the panel.	
3.2.2	Shermon Ong further added that he believes that the selection should not be codified, since the Singapore law only prescribes discretionary measures rather than enforcing strict criterion.	
3.2.3	Willie contests that given the power of adjudication committee is wide-ranging at large, maintaining a fair and just panel would be a challenge.	
3.2.4	Jia Xin questions on the order and selection process, as well as their characteristics. For example, the number of members in the panel for each faculty concerned.	
3.2.5	Eden proposes the motion of the entire Council to be included in the adjudication committee. Dennis Ng seconds.	
3.2.6	Both Jia Xin and Derick question the power of Union and the relevance of the adjudication committee.	
3.2.7	Willie discusses the possible overlap of power between legislation and judiciary.	
3.2.8	Yi Da suggests to pass the motion of Eden and any Council members wishes to look into the possibilities of tabling the constitutional amendment for the Adjudication Committee should contact Shermon Ong and Council Chairperson respectively.	
3.2.9	Wei Wei suggests an addition to Eden's proposal by including an opt-out system. Members wishing to opt-out should email Chairman of Adjudication Committee and copy Council Chairman. Yi Da seconds.	
3.3	Yi Da proposes an inclusive and more diversified Adjudication Committee by including non-council members (Ziming and Joseph). Varun seconds.	
3.4	Total Voting Strength: 41 For: 34 Against: 3 Abstain: 4	
3.5	The Council passed the inclusion of the Council as part of the Adjudication Committee.	



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3.6	<p>Total Voting Strength: 41 For: 32 Against: 8 Abstain: 1</p>	
3.7.1	<p>The Council passed the inclusion of non-Council members as part of the Adjudication Committee.</p>	
3.7.2	<p>Willie nominates Ziming to be part of the Adjudication Committee. Shermon Ong seconds.</p>	
3.7.3	<p>Varun proposes a 2 minute presentation, Yi Da seconds.</p>	
3.7.4	<p>Sherman Yee questions the point of non-council members presenting when council members do not need to. Willie replied that there is a need to identify any credibility issues. Jia Xin highlights the need to invite the general student population into applying the Adjudication Committee.</p>	
3.7.5	<p>Shermon Ong replied that the 34th EXCO did try to email blast but without much success due to timeline constraints. Will follow up with the Communications Secretary for this matter.</p>	
3.7.6	<p>Council Chairperson declares that the second motion of including non-Council members into the Adjudication Committee due to considerations.</p>	
3.8	<p>Council Chairperson proposes to carry on with the Union budget. Council is reminded of voting motion, as well as all personal electronic communication equipment to be switched off during the budget presentation and voting.</p>	
4	<p>Union and EXCO Budget</p>	
4.1	<p>Geoffrey – Presentation of Union Budget and Q & A.</p>	
4.2.1	<p><u>Point of Information:</u> Geoffrey reminds that Union budget has to be passed if not all accounts will be frozen.</p>	
4.2.2	<p>Jia Xin raises feedback that the budget should have more room for discussion.</p>	
4.2.3	<p>Council Chairperson reminds that the Union is only a week away from our budget's dateline to OFS. Proposes that for the year to come to, 1) focus on financial reform, 2) setting up of timeline to make necessary amendments, so as to create more meaningful discussions and smoothen bureaucratic procedures.</p>	



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4.2.4	Willie proposes the motion to pass the Union budget, Kristabelle seconds.	
4.2.5	Eric suggests that the details of reforming financial budget can be discussed in greater depth during future council meetings, thereby ensuring proper analysis can be done within a year to come so as to reinforce on the 36 th Council.	
4.2.6	Ziming highlights the Union's needs to be responsible of the transparency and ownership of public funds.	
4.2.7	Yi Da re-proposes to pass the 35 th Union Budget, Alvin Tan seconds.	
4.3	<p>Total Voting Strength: 38 For: 29</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lim Kok Seng2. Lam Zhe Wen3. Soh Yi Da4. Geoffrey Lee Zheng Hwang5. Kellie Chong6. Willie Wee7. Alvin Tan8. Goh Ze Wei Zan9. Khoo Wei Xiang Jovene10. Ng Zhi Liang Dennis11. Varun Soni12. Chen Wei Wei13. Sherman Yee Xian Yang14. Andrew Andy Chng Chee Weng15. Muhammad Danial Hakim Bin Rosli16. Lee Wei Liang17. Chan Siong Woon18. Kew Dek Guan Derrick19. Foo Jia Xin20. Toh Yi Hui21. Eden Seah Guo Hua22. Cheo Jon Loong23. Kristabelle Tan Chu Qian24. Quek Yan Jun Jocelyn25. Kang Wee Jing26. Lai Kean Chung27. Koh Zhi Xun	



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	<p>28. Ma Huaqing 29. Aw Yong Zhi Yong</p> <p>Against: 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Shawn Ng Kit Yong2. Sim Wen Qiang Rafael3. Janson Chan4. Mabel Sim Wenleng5. Dennis Lim Yong Cheng6. Raghav Mathur7. Goh Li Min, Natalie <p>Abstain: 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ng Wei Quan, Desmond2. Nicholas Lim Songping	
4.4	The Council passed the Union budget.	
4.5.1	Both Dennis Lim and Janson raises the point that more justification and information is required before agreeing to the budget.	
4.5.2	Desmond questions the distribution of the Union budget, as well as the possibility of having each faculty to directly control the usage of funding instead from the Union.	
4.5.3	Jia Xin highlights the need of the Union to account and review the financial details carefully.	
4.5.4	Council Chairperson proposes to Geoffrey about setting up a commission to relook into 35 th Union Budget and outline recommendations.	
4.5.5	Dennis Ng proposes to look into the Executive Committee (EXCO) budget to find out on the breakdown of details before proceeding to decide on the commission later. Yi Da seconds.	
4.5.6	Desmond questions the point of looking into the EXCO budget before deciding on the commission. Dennis Ng replied that it is for more insight. Yi Da adds on that, it is to identify the pertaining issues for the finance commission to reduce any operational hurdles.	
4.6	Geoffrey – Presentation of EXCO Budget and Q & A.	
4.7.1	Geoffrey clarifies that Union Tea expenditures are based on a small budget,	



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	where key expenses are mainly on refreshments and light decorations.	
4.7.2	Joseph questions the point of Central Funds. Ziming replied that it is for refreshments for volunteers especially for Rag, as well as the current co-pay discussion with the school administration to prevent budget deficit. Eric highlights that Central Funds are also for purchase of FOCC T-shirts as they are not accounted into the various projects' funds.	
4.7.3	Varun questions Geoffrey on the source for extra budget of Rag 2014. Geoffrey replied that they are mainly from co-pay and budget cuts of the various NUSSU committees. Shermon Ong added that it is hard to pinpoint the specific sources of savings, but they are mainly from reducing individual factors and streamlining into Rag.	
4.7.4	Geoffrey reiterated the point that each deputy financial secretary discussed with the various committees on streamlining capital resources. Varun insisted on highlighting specific examples as the extra budget for Rag 2014 is significantly higher from previous years. Alvin Tan highlighted the example of Welfare Committee's efforts for Valentines' Day 2014. Shermon Ong highlighted NVAC's expenditure of \$3,000 on OCIP, suggests to take it offline and willing to send fine details to all council members. Jon Loong suggests for the Financial Cell to strive in publicising quarterly expenses in encouraging transparency.	
4.7.5	Eden questions on the decision of bringing Rag out to the public. Zi Ming replied that it was a decision made by the 34 th Council whom believed the importance of paying our gratitude to the public, reminds the council of Rag's 3 key objectives, namely maintaining traditional heritage, giving back to society and showcasing student vibrancy. Furthermore, response for Rag being at the public is significantly different as compared to school grounds.	
4.7.6	Joseph clarifies the need of bringing Rag out to the public once every 3 years. Ziming replied that in order to ease the general sentiment of overspending over the previous 2 years, the 34 th Council believes in spreading the expenditure over 3 years. Eden questions on how to measure value of showing appreciation to the public. Yi Da clarifies that there is a Rag and Flag Steering Committee in C-Cube and pointed any relevant questions should be clarified during that meeting.	
4.7.7	Yi Da proposes to pass the EXCO budget, Alvin Tan seconds.	
4.8	Total Voting Strength: 41 For: 35 1. Geoffrey Lee Zheng Hwang	



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3. Lam Zhe Wen
4. Lim Kok Seng
5. John Paul Chua
6. Raghav Mathur
7. Shawn Ng Kit Yong
8. Sim Wen Qiang Rafael
9. Janson Chan
10. Mabel Sim Wenleng
11. Dennis Lim Yong Cheng
12. Tan Yeong Tze Wilnard
13. Goh Li Min, Natalie
14. Andrew Andy Chng Chee Weng
15. Sherman Yee Xian Yang
16. Chen Wei Wei
17. Ng Zhi Liang Dennis
18. Khoo Wei Xiang Jovene
19. Goh Ze Wei Zan
20. Alvin Tan
21. Chu Ting Feng
22. Willie Wee
23. Kellie Chong
24. Aw Yong Zhi Yong
25. Elizabeth Nicole Cutter
26. Ma Huaqing
27. Koh Zhi Xun
28. Lai Kean Chung
29. Eden Seah Guo Hua
30. Toh Yi Hui
31. Foo Jia Xin
32. Kew Dek Guan Derrick
33. Chan Siong Woon
34. Lee Wei Liang
35. Muhammad Danial Hakim Bin Rosli

Against: 0

Abstain: 6

1. Ng Wei Quan, Desmond
2. Varun Soni
3. Kang Wee Jing
4. Quek Yan Jun Jocelyn
5. Kristabelle Tan Chu Qian



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	<p>6. Cheo Jon Loong</p>	
4.9.1	<p>The Council passed the EXCO budget.</p>	
4.9.2	<p>Varun clarifies that he abstained due to lack of information presented. Raghav suggests motion of tabling 7 days before Council Meetings.</p>	
4.9.3	<p>Council Chairperson reminded that any council reps can table out an agenda, with a copy to General Secretary, reiterates the point that any agenda sent less than 3 days before council meeting would not receive the motion of tabling.</p>	
4.9.4	<p>Shermon Ong highlights to the Council on the justification of spending per capita for both NUSSU volunteers and freshmen, as well as the need to reduce financial red-tape in the current budgeting system.</p>	
4.9.5	<p>Yi Da proposes a 30-minute lunch break. Shermon Ong seconds. Council Chairperson declares that meeting breaks from 1320 hrs till 1350 hrs.</p>	
5	Non-Faculty Club Budget	
5.1	Kristabelle – Presentation of Non-Faculty Club Budget Reallocation and Q & A.	
5.2.1	<p>Point of Information: Kristabelle raises the point that the 2% increase has been agreed by all four non-faculty constituent clubs.</p>	
5.2.2	<p>Alvin Arvind Jaya Raj questions the point of setting up grants when faced with budget constraints. Kristabelle replied that CSC is looking at attractiveness of small grants of \$500 to encourage more students in planning Community Service projects. Focusing on the quantity rather than the quality of projects.</p>	
5.2.3	<p>Andrew asks of any other sources of income. Jon Loong replied that sponsors are usually from Tote Board, Community Chest. However, in recent years, there is increasing difficulty to ask for grants as they are inclined in supporting innovative projects instead.</p>	
5.2.4	<p>Ziming asks of CSC's guiding principle on spending, justification of spending to the school. Kristabelle replied that CSC's focus is on Community Service interest, where most budget allocation is towards</p>	



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	<p>providing regular volunteering projects and special ad-hoc projects. Even with a budget expansion, allocation of budget into various projects is based on ability to provide sources of spending.</p>	
5.2.5	<p>Member of Medical Society asked of the impact of CSC without an increment in budget. Kristabelle replied that CSC would still be able to function with the current constraints. However, the objective of expanding the budget is to allow volunteers to have better quality interaction with the beneficiaries instead of spending time on sponsorship sourcing. Jocelyn further added that CSC has always been careful with budget planning and that without a budget expansion, there's a possibility of streamlining the current project portfolio that CSC holds.</p>	
5.2.6	<p>Council Chairperson proposes to close the Q & A session and vote of passing the non-faculty reallocation budget. Yi Da seconds.</p>	
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	<p>25. Chang Siong Wei 26. Aw Yong Zhi Yong 27. Elizabeth Nicole Cutter 28. Zhao Yang 29. Kang Wee Jing Jacky 30. Cheo Jon Loong 31. Eden Seah Guo Hua 32. Toh Yi Hui 33. Foo Jia Xin 34. Kew Dek Guan Derrick 35. Chan Siong Woon 36. Lee Wei Liang 37. Muhammad Danial Hakim Bin Rosli</p> <p>Against: 0 Abstain: 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Janson Chan2. Shawn Ng Kit Yong	
5.4	The Council passed the Non-Faculty Reallocation Budget.	
5.5.1	<p>Yi Da highlights that following Andrew and Desmond's proposal, the Finance Standing Committee shall be empowered in relooking into 6 key issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first being whether to increase union subscription fees, since it has not kept up with inflation and the organization has now generally a wider scope of work, the need to do further consultation with both the school administration and student population.• The second being the distribution of union subscription fees.• The third being upholding the spirit of Accountability and Transparency.• The forth being streamlining of procedures, where the Standing Committee needs to review the financial operating documents, especially since OFS budget cycle is different from NUSSU term of office. Previously already in discussion with OSA and concur that it is more fair to plan for own budget instead by the previous Council.• The fifth being advancement of petty cash for floats of student clubs.• The sixth being on reserves and identify junctures to tap on reserves. <p>The Finance Standing Committee shall present a report for council in perusal and consultation. All council members are free to debate and add on to the six major issues identified.</p>	



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5.5.2	Both Andrew and Varun suggests the need to justify the union fee distribution given that it has stood still for the past 20 years, so as to reduce debate in the future Council. Yi Da agreeing with the point, hence suggested that it is important and useful for finance standing committee to follow up in coming with recommendations. Pressing issue is with the tight cycle of documents between OFS and NUSSU.	
5.5.3	Joseph highlights that the changes followed by the review might be hard in terms of changing status quo. Dennis Ng disagrees and believes that transparency and increment of fees is justifiable, as increasing need would be based on the amount.	
5.5.4	Varun suggests the review being inclusive of student feedback so as to find out whether they are willing to pay more. Ziming highlights the point of transparency, which should be transpired down to the constituent clubs as they currently do not publish financial statements.	
5.5.5	Desmond queries about Opportunities Fund. Yi Da replied that it is currently under the Provost's Office. Use of Opportunities Fund is based on ground up issues by youths in youth development and community service. In other words, it is out of NUSSU budget but under Financial Standing Committee.	
5.5.6	Zhe Wen proposes to vote for the direction of Finance Standing Committee. Varun seconds.	
5.6	Total Voting Strength: 39 For: 39 Against: 0 Abstain: 0	
5.7	The Council passed the direction of Finance Standing Committee.	
6	Election of Standing Committees	
6.1.1	Yi Da proposes nomination of Finance Standing Committee. Jon Loong seconds.	
6.1.2	Jocelyn nominates Kang Wee Jing Jacky. Dennis Ng seconds. Nominee accepted.	
6.1.3	Janson nominates Shawn Ng Kit Yong. Rafael seconds. Nominee accepted.	



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6.1.4	Ting Feng proposes to close the nominations. Geoffrey seconds.	
6.2	Jacky – Presentation and Q & A	
6.2.1	Geoffrey clarifies on the personal stand with regards to subscription fee in view of inflationary pressures over the years. Jacky replied that it is important to relook.	
6.2.2	Elizabeth clarifies on the criteria in approving Council Funding. Jacky replied that it is based on 3 S: Size, Sustainability (over the years) and Scalability (Size in subsequent years).	
6.2.3	Shermon Ong proposes to close Q & A. Kellie seconds.	
6.3	Shawn – Presentation and Q & A	
6.3.1	Andrew questions Shawn's experience in performing at the job as a Finance Standing Committee Member. Shawn replied with his knowledge on how to structure business funding worth \$300,000 and hence believed he would be capable at job.	
6.3.2	Elizabeth clarifies on the criteria in approving Council Funding. Shawn replied amount of participants and intent outcome of the project, as well as the ability to procure money from their own.	
6.3.3	Alvin Arvind Jaya Raj questions on the assumption of cost per capita. Shawn replied that it is important to look at both tangibles and intangibles as well.	
6.3.4	Jia Xin questions over the utmost priority in deciding financial aid for the project. Shawn replied that besides accountability, sustainability of operations is also important. Most importantly, it is the capability of injecting student vibrancy which would influence in project selection process.	
6.3.5	Shermon Ong raises the example of tension between common event set up by Faculties of Law and Medicine, questions whether to finance this common event given that it only impacts 2 small faculties. Shawn replied that smaller faculties should not be denied of funding, and therefore will support since it promotes student vibrancy.	
6.3.6	Geoffrey raises the point that Finance Standing Committee has seen a common pool of projects coming to ask for funding. However, not much improvements in terms of outreach has been made. Thus, questions over	



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	<p>Shawn's point of view. Shawn replied that niche group of students should not be focused too much. Therefore, such projects should be dropped in lieu of other niche group of students. Would not be a structural approach but will decide to drop it on a case-by-case basis.</p>	
6.3.7	<p>Shermon Ong proposes to close the Q & A session and the motion to vote for the final member of the Finance Standing Committee. Andrew seconds.</p>	
6.4	<p>Total Voting Strength: 34 For Kang Wee Jing Jacky: 27 For Shawn Ng Kit Yong: 6 Abstain: 1</p>	
6.5.1	<p>The Council has elected Kang Wee Jing Jacky as a member of the Finance Standing Committee.</p>	
6.5.2	<p>Andrew Arjun Sayampanathan proposes to open nominations for the Publications Standing Committee. Wilnard seconds.</p>	
6.5.3	<p>Willie nominates Kew Dek Guan Derrick, Yi Da seconds. Nominee accepted.</p>	
6.5.4	<p>Ting Feng nominates Chen Wei Wei, Yi Da seconds. Nominee rejected.</p>	
6.5.5	<p>Geoffrey proposes to close the nominations for the Publications Standing Committee. Kellie seconds.</p>	
6.6	Derrick – Presentation and Q & A	
6.6.1	<p>Alvin Arvind Jaya Raj questions on what is the nominee's personal stand on NUSSU branding. Derrick replied that it is a friendly and approachable image.</p>	
6.6.2	<p>Kellie questions on what is the nominee's personal stand on the corporate looking website as well as the accessibility of the website. Derrick replied that simplicity of information is of utmost priority, followed by the interface of the website. On the other hand, navigation and categorization of information can be improved. Example given was to develop sub-sections of the FAQ section in initial steps to simplify the website.</p>	
6.6.3	<p>Yi Da proposes the motion on vote of confidence for Kew Dek Guan Derrick in the elections for the Publications Standing Committee. Kellie seconds.</p>	



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6.7	Total Voting Strength: 34 For: 32 Against: 1 Abstain: 1	
6.8	The Council has elected Kew Dek Guan Derrick as a member of the Publications Standing Committee.	
7	Election of Welfare Standing Committee	
7.1.1	Before the opening of nominations for the Welfare Standing Committee, Yi Da informed the Council with regards to the position of Welfare Secretary being absorbed within constitutional posts of Yi Da and Kok Seng.	
7.1.2	Yi Da proposes the opening of nominations for the Welfare Standing Committee. Zhe Wen seconds.	
7.2.1	Willie nominates Ng Wei Quan Desmond, Yi Da seconds. Nominee rejected.	
7.2.2	Geoffrey nominates Foo Jia Xin, Zhe Wen seconds. Nominee rejected.	
7.2.3	Willie nominates Chan Siong Woon, Kok Seng seconds. Nominee rejected.	
7.2.4	Geoffrey nominates Eden Seah Guo Hua, Yi Da seconds. Nominee accepted.	
7.2.5	Zhe Wen nominates Elizabeth Nicole Cutter, Shermon seconds. Nominee rejected.	
7.2.6	Jacky nominates Quek Yan Jun Jocelyn, Kristabelle seconds. Nominee accepted.	
7.2.7	Zhao Yang nominates Lim Li Yan, Yi Da seconds. Nominee rejected.	
7.2.8	Kellie proposes Sim Wen Qiang Rafael. Nominee rejected before seconder.	
7.2.9	Dennis Ng proposes to close the nominations for Welfare Standing Committee. Zhao Yang seconds.	
7.3	Eden – Presentation and Q & A	
7.4	Jocelyn – Presentation and Q & A	
7.5	Geoffrey proposes to close the Q & A session and motion of voting for the	



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	Welfare Standing Committee. Dennis Ng seconds.	
7.6	Total Strength: 34 For Eden Seah Guo Hua: 34 For Quek Yan Jun Jocelyn: 34	
7.7	The Council has elected both Eden Seah Guo Hua and Quek Yan Jun Jocelyn as members of the Welfare Standing Committee.	
7.8.1	Resignation letter of Mr Clovis Tan was presented to the Council.	
7.8.2	Total Strength: 37 Accept Resignation Letter: 28 Reject Resignation Letter: 4 Abstain: 5	
7.8.3	The Council has accepted Mr Colvis Tan's resignation.	
8	AOB	
8.1	The Council has been updated on the upcoming initiatives of NUSSU, namely Union Tea and Council Trip. They have also been notified about U-SPARKS Grant open for the whole NUS student community.	



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With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr. Wilnard proposed to close the meeting at 1545H. Seconded by Mr. Andrew.

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