



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS' UNION

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## Minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> 35<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**Time:** 1939 hours

**Venue:** NUSSU Student Lounge, Yusof Ishak House, National University of Singapore

**Attendance:**

**Present:**

**Council Representatives:**

Ng Zhi Liang Dennis	Cultural Activities Club, President
Goh Ze Wei Zan	Cultural Activities Club, External Relations Director
Eden Seah Guo Hua	Sports Club, President
Kristabelle Tan Chu Qian	Community Service Club, President
Elizabeth Nicole Cutter	Political Association, President
Aw Yong Zhi Yong	Political Association, Vice President
Zhao Yang	Political Association, Vice President
Sim Kern Cheh	Political Association, Honorary Financial Secretary
Law Zhe Wen	University Scholars' Club, President
Sean Ling Wei Tsi	Bizad Club, President
Foo Jia Xin	Arts Club, President
Ng Wei Quan, Desmond	Computing Club, President
Goh Li Min, Natalie	Computing Club, Vice President
Andrew Andy Chng Chee Weng	Computing Club, Vice President
Janson Chan	Design and Environment Club, President
Shawn Ng Kit Yong	Design and Environment Club, Director of Special Projects
Sim Wen Qiang Rafael	Design and Environment Club, Vice President
Dennis Lim Yong Cheng	Engineering Club, President
Mabel Sim Wenleng	Engineering Club, Student Affairs Secretary
Chen Wei Wei	Science Club, President
Sherman Yee Xian Yang	Science Club, Vice President
Tan Yeong Tze Wilnard	Medical Society, President
Andrew Arjun Sayampanathan	Medical Society, Vice President
Toh Yi Hui	Sports Club, Vice President



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## Associate Bodies:

Jonathan Lauw	Kent Ridge Hall, President
Jonathan Chow	Temasek Hall, President
Kong Xie Shern	KE VII Hall, President
Dixon Tioh	Raffles Hall, President
Foo Chuan Yue	Sheares Hall, President
Ching Meng Hang	Eusoff Hall, 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
Kellie Chong	Deputy Communications Secretary
Tan Kian Wei Alvin	Deputy Financial Secretary
Chu Ting Feng	Director of Projects
Andy Goh Jun Gang	Director of Logistics
Terence Wong Tai Lun	Director of Services
Eric Khong Mun Kit	Director of Relations
Liu Ziming	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Koh Zhi Xun	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Wu Yi	Creative Director
Nina Chang	Creative Director

## Absent with Apologies:

Nicholas Lim Songping	Dental Club, President
Ai Xin	Sports Club, Marketing Secretary
Muhammad Danial Hakim Bin Rosli	Law Club, President
Lee Wei Liang	Law Club, Vice President
Varun Soni	University Scholars' Club, Vice President
Chan Siong Woon	Bizad Club, Vice President
Kew Dek Guan (Derrick)	Bizad Club, Vice President
Raghav Mathur	Engineering Club, Vice President
Lim Li Yan	Medical Society, Vice President
Khoo Wei Xiang Jovene	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Quek Yan Jun Jocelyn	Community Service Club, Vice President



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Cheo Jon Loong	Community Service Club, Vice President
Kang Wee Jing (Jacky)	Community Service Club, Deputy Volunteer Welfare Director
Denise Ee	Communications Secretary
Ma Hua Qing	Director of IT
Timothy Fang	Deputy Vice President
Emmeliene Ong	Director of Social Media
Chang Siong Wei	Director of Projects
Alvin Arvind Jaya Raj	Director of Projects
Dexter Shen Yanwen	Director of Marketing
Alvin Poh Leong Ann	Deputy Financial Secretary
Duke Tan	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Tan Zi Tong	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Lai Kean Chung	Deputy Welfare Secretary
Teresa Widodo	Editor-in-Chief
Alvin Juano	Creative Director

## Meeting Agenda:

- 1. EXCO Elections Updates**
- 2. Motions on Amendments for MCER**
- 3. Passing of 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes**
- 4. AOB**



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The 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting was called to order at 1939 HRS by Mr Law Zhe Wen, Chairperson of the 35<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council, the motion was proposed by Mr. Chu Ting Feng.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
<b>1</b>	<b>Yi Da - Presentation on EXCO Elections Updates</b> <b>Shermon – Presentation on Voter Registration System</b>	Information No Action Required
1.0.1	John proposed a five-minute discussion.	
1.0.2	Ziming clarified on the closing date of the voter registration system. Shermon replied that the system will be opened from 11 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2014.	
1.0.3	Sean clarified whether students are eligible to vote with on-site registration if they do not register via the online system. Shermon replied that students are not eligible to vote with on-site registration.	
1.0.4	Jia Xin asked of the rationale behind denying students the eligibility to vote with on-site registration. Shermon replied that this is to better facilitate election logistics planning where there might be a case of double counting due to multi-disciplinary programs.)	
1.0.5	Zhe Wen questioned the functionality of the online registration system within 2 months of execution with no prototype presented at the point of presentation. Shermon replied that constituent clubs can be selected to run the preliminary version.	
1.0.6	Wei Wei clarified on the percentage to win the elections. Yi Da replied that the percentage to win the elections is based on the total number of people – vote of confidence.	
1.0.7	Desmond questioned the eligibility of 5% to 10% buffer for the EXCO elections. Shermon replied that the 5% to 10% buffer is only eligible for MCER and not EXCO elections.	
1.0.8	John asked who will execute the voter registration system. Shermon replied that the Elections Committee will execute the voter registration system.	
1.0.9	Kristabelle clarified that the voter registration system's aim is to increase student participation in the elections. However there might be a possibility that it will decrease student participation due to the inability to register on-	



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	<p>site to vote. Shermom clarified that in the event of low voter registration, then the Elections Committee will allow registration on the actual day. Decision to allow registration on actual day will take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the online voter registration period.</p>	
1.1.0	<p>Zhe Wen highlighted that there is a need to vote on the voter registration system as the faculties are obliged to partake in this system with no concrete proposal presented.</p>	
1.1.1	<p>Ziming commented that the objective of the system is to enhance accountability and should not focus on control. Yi Da supported the comment and added that there should be no barriers to entry for the EXCO elections.</p>	
1.1.2	<p>Sean proposed to have the system being open for registration till the actual day of EXCO elections itself. Yi Da supported the proposal and added that there should be a timing cut-off.</p>	
1.1.3	<p>Kern Cheh proposed for a motion whether to impose the timing cut off.</p>	
1.2	<p>Zhe Wen consolidate the motions and proposed the following 3 motions: Motion 1: To adopt the voter registration system in the current term Motion 2: To adopt the voter registration system with a timing cut-off Motion 3: To adopt the voter registration system with a timing cut-off in the current term</p>	
1.2.1	<p>Total Voting Strength: 32 For: 8 Against: 13 Abstain: 11</p> <p>The Council is ambivalent on the first motion.</p>	
1.2.2	<p>Total Voting Strength: 32 For: 24 Against: 3 Abstain: 5</p> <p>The Council had passed the second motion of adopting the voter registration system with a timing cut-off.</p>	



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1.2.3	<p>Total Voting Strength: 32          For: 4          Against: 18          Abstain: 10</p> <p>The Council is ambivalent on the third motion.</p>	
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b></p> <p>2.1.1</p> <p>2.1.2</p> <p>2.1.3</p> <p>2.2</p>	<p><b>Motions on Amendments for MCER</b></p> <p><b>Shermon– Presentation and Q &amp; A</b></p> <p>Natalie proposed a five-minute discussion.</p> <p>Dennis clarified on behalf of Raghav for Shermon’s point that the timeline for internal elections is to allow more free space for MCs to finalize its organization.</p> <p>Dennis clarified the purpose of SVR. Shermon replied that the purpose of SVR is controversial and proposed for the filtering mechanism instead.</p> <p>Zhe Wen summarized the motions to be passed:          Motion 1: Making some elections timeline in the Management Committee Elections Regulations (MCER) non-mandatory. The affected sections are sections 21, 23, 33, 39(1), 50, 51 and 58. Sections 9(1), 11, 15, 27(1), 32, 36(2) and 59 of the MCER shall remain mandatory.</p> <p>Motion 2: Allow for addition of a "No" box to ballots under the MCER. Currently, there is only a "Yes" box. A blank box is currently construed as "No" vote. Proposed change will allow voters to abstain by leaving both "Yes" and "No" boxes blank. Abstention votes will not count towards final vote tally (treated similar to invalid votes).</p> <p>Motion 3: Repeal of section 48 of the MCER that allows Constituent Clubs to grant Special Voting Rights (SVRs) in 1-tier elections. Under the current MCER, SVRs can be granted for 1-tier elections but not 2-tier ones. The proposed change will remove the ability to grant SVRs totally.</p> <p>Motion 4: Repeal of Motion to Reform Executive Committee Elections by 34th NUSSU Council in its 6th Council Meeting. Clause 27 of Schedule 1 of Meetings Regulations regarding 2/3 voting threshold for reconsidering previously adopted Motions does not apply as this is reconsidering a Motion passed by a previous Council.</p>	<p>Information          No Action          Required</p>



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2.2.1	<p>Total Voting Strength: 33 For: 2 Against: 10 Abstain: 21</p> <p>The Council did not pass the first motion.</p>	
2.2.2	<p>Total Voting Strength: 33 For: 17 Against: 4 Abstain: 11</p> <p>The Council had passed the second motion.</p>	
2.2.3	<p>Total Voting Strength: 33 For: 3 Against: 4 Abstain: 26</p> <p>The Council did not pass the third motion.</p>	
2.2.4	<p>Total Voting Strength: For: Against: Abstain:</p> <p>The Council did not pass the fourth motion.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Passing of 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes</b>	
3.1	<p>Total Voting Strength: 40 For: 35 Against: 0 Abstain: 5</p> <p>The Council had passed the 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes subject to further amendments.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>AOB</b>	



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With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr. Chu Ting Feng proposed to close the meeting at 1142 HRS.

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35<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council

Vetted By,

Law Zhe Wen  
Council Chairperson  
35<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council

Soh Yi Da  
President  
35<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council