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## Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> 36<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Time:** 1508 hours

**Venue:** Auditorium, Shaw Foundation Alumni House

### **Attendance:**

### **Present:**

### **Council Representatives:**

Tomoe Yoshida	Community Service Club, President
Koh Hui Nee Jennifer	Community Service Club, Vice-President
Ng Aik Loong	Community Service Club, General Secretary
Zan Goh Zewei	Cultural Activities Club, President
Ang Qiu Luan	Cultural Activities Club, Vice-President
Neoh-Khoo Wesley	Cultural Activities Club, Vice-President
Teo Min Shuen	Political Association, President
Dominic Cheong	Political Association, Vice-President
Sim Xing Zhong	Political Association, Vice-President
Loh Yi Chin	Political Association, Honorary General Secretary
Tan Zhong Xian	Sports Club, Vice-President
Weilson Tan	Sports Club, General Secretary
Joshua Foong En Kai	Arts & Social Sciences Club, President
Jacqueline Goh Si Hui	Arts & Social Sciences Club, Vice-President
Vera Ong Zishan	Arts & Social Sciences Club, Marketing Director
Derrick Kew Dek Guan	Bizad Club, President
Gay Ming Jian Davis	Computing Club, President
Victor Hazali	Computing Club, Vice-President
Goh Ser Ming	Computing Club, Vice-President
Chng Hioc Kiat Dominic	Design & Environment Club, President
Nigel Woo Wen Shuo	Design & Environment Club, Vice President
Chng Paul Vin	Design & Environment Club, Special Projects Director
Shawn Ng Kit Yong	Design & Environment Club, Assistant Special Projects Director
Hon Yih Loong	Engineering Club, President
Liu Ren Hao	Engineering Club, Vice-President
Seah Jerrell	Engineering Club, General Secretary
Lee JingDa	Engineering Club, Honorary Financial Secretary
James Kwong Kam Yin	Law Club, President
Mark Tay Han Pin	Law Club, Vice-President
Nicole Lee Yu Chen	Medical Club, President

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Wong Wen Kai  
Sim Hui Min  
Tan Li Ting  
Goh Seng Chi

Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary  
Science Club, President  
Science Club, Honorary Treasurer  
University Scholars' Club, President

## EXCO Representatives:

Eric Khong Mun Kit  
Kang Wee Jing  
Koh Zhi Xun  
Lim Kok Seng  
Jeanette Flower Kwan  
Raynor Tan Jin Liang  
Loo Weng Heng  
Tan Kian Wei Alvin  
Ong Soo Chin  
Terence Wong Jia Hui  
Tan Mabelyn  
Soh Gill

Community Service Club  
Community Service Club  
Political Association  
Sports Club  
Arts & Social Sciences Club  
Computing Club  
Engineering Club  
Medical Club  
Science Club  
Science Club  
Bizad Club  
Law Club

## Observers:

Alvin Poh  
Chu Ting Feng  
Claire Abraham  
Alvin Arvind  
Andy Goh  
Kellie Chong  
Sean Ling  
Law Zhe Wen  
Kristabelle Tan  
Daniel Hakim  
Foo Jia Xin  
Janson Chan  
Dennis Lim  
Zelig Dhi Lee  
Cassandra Soh  
Goh Ren Kai

Engineering Year 3  
Engineering Year 4  
FASS Year 3  
Graduated  
FASS Year 2  
SDE Year 3  
Business Year 3  
Engineering Year 3  
FASS Year 4  
Law Year 3  
FASS Year 3  
SDE Year 3  
Engineering Year 3  
Graduated  
Graduated  
Graduated

## Absents with Apologies:

Samatha Lee Shea Min  
Ivalyn Lye  
Teo Pei Wen

Cultural Activities Club, External Relations Director  
Sports Club, President  
Sports Club, Financial Secretary

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Han Zheng Min Bryan

Belman Woo

Gabriel Lee Keng Yan

Chee Yen Min Madeline

Sim Jie Lin

Bizad Club, Vice-President

Bizad Club, Vice-President

Dental Club, President

Medical Club, Vice-President

Science Club, Alumni Relations Director

## Union Elections Committee:

Soh Yi Da

Shermon Ong

John Paul Chua

Geoffrey Lee Zheng Hwang

Union Returning Officer

Union Elections Officer

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## Meeting Agenda

1. Proposed Amendments
2. Elections of the 36<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council Chairperson
3. 36<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Execlutive Committee Internal Elections:
  1. President
  2. Vice President
  3. General Secretary

The 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting was called to order at 1508 HRS by Mr Soh Yi Da, Returning Officer of the 35<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>	Information No Action Required
1.1	Shermon's Presentation	
1.2	<b>Shawn Ng (DE) proposed for a 5 minutes Q&amp;A session</b>	
1.3	James, Law Q: What happens if the budget does not get passed through? Ans: There is a deadline imposed by OFS, legislative gridlock will prevent us from having a budget.	
1.4	Zhong Xian, Sports Q: What is stopping the Exco from proposing a vastly different budget to OFS? Ans: Exco would not want to have an adversarial relationship with the council.	
1.5	Zhong Xian, Sports Q: Is it fair for the council to endorse the budget of the various constituent clubs given that the various clubs would have their MCs that manage this. Ans: Both sides has its merits, what previous council has decided is to endorse this. If you think it's not fair, you can change it during your term.	
1.6	<b>Zhong Xian (Sports) proposed an extension of 5 minutes to the Q&amp;A session.</b>	
1.7	Joshua, Arts Q: Provisional budget for clearance, will any amendments be tabled? Ans: No, every budget submitted to council is a yes/no vote. There is no amendment to it.	
1.8	Zhong Xian, Sports Q: Was this in the agenda? I don't think it's wise to pass within 5 minutes as we don't have time to consider it carefully. Ans: Housekeeping motions, nothing substantial changes except the quorum	

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1.9 of AGM and you must appoint 10 people to sit on the board of discipline.

1.10 Kok Seng, Sports Q: Is it possible to pass the budget in bulk?

Ans: You can pass in bulk but no way to amend it in bulk.

1.11 **Alvin (Medical) proposed to close the Q&A.**

1.12 Kok Seng (Sports) proposed to adopt the amendments in bulk.

**Voting Results:**

**Total Strength: 44**

Yes: 26

No: 5

Abstain: 13

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2.	<b>Elections of the 36<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council Chairperson</b>	
2.1	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Council Chairperson, NUSSU Council</b>	Elections procedures No Action Required
2.1.1	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the Council Chairperson	
2.1.2	<b>Opening of nominations proposed by Alvin Tan (Medical)</b>	
2.1.3	<b>Nominee: Seng Chiy (USC)</b> <b>Proposer: Joshua (Arts)</b>	
2.1.4	<b>Nominee: Derrick (Business)</b> <b>Proposer: Kok Seng (Sports)</b>	
2.1.5	<b>Closing of nominations proposed by Weng Heng (Engineering)</b>	
2.1.6	<b>Sengchiy's Elections Speech</b>  Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
2.1.7	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Alvin (Medical).</b>	
2.1.8	Alvin, Medical Q: Sometimes the council chairperson has to be the bad guy, how would you prevent people from being marginalized? Ans: All decisions will benefit some party more than the other. The idea is to come to consensus and to prevent any unfair marginalizing instead of policies not pleasing everyone. Engagement and understanding will be quite crucial to that to get people onboard with the ideas.	
2.1.9	Jennifer, CSC Q: In your presentation you mention that there are instances where, people block motions just for the sake of blocking. Can you provide us with some examples? Ans: Sorry I can't provide you with any concrete examples as I wasn't in the previous council. However, there are perceptions and feelings amongst those that I have spoken to that their voices are not being heard. Perception is very important. If people are feeling that they are not being heard, it will result in an unhappy council that will not have the best interest of the larger nus community at heart.	
2.1.10	Joshua, Arts Q: Why council chairperson instead of any other position? Ans: Council chairperson acts as a bridge and in that position will have the	

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	power to bridge the gaps.
2.1.11	<p>Joshua, Arts Q: Have you considered other positions, to deliberate and enforce plans?</p> <p>Ans: I believe this is the best position for me to engage everyone. To act as a mediator for differing opinions. If you are asking if I will consider other things, I can't give you an answer now as I would have to give it more thought.</p>
2.1.12	<p>Yi Da, Graduate Q: What do you think is USP perception of NUSSU? If USP is against an issue that the entire council, who will you side?</p> <p>Ans: Large majority of NUS population feels that NUSSU is not relevant. At the end of the day, it is a compromise; I will not exclude myself from this. If the majority decides to move in a certain direction, perhaps it's my role as the USC President to convince my constituent club. As a council chair however, I would definitely take the interest of the larger NUS population into consideration.</p>
2.1.13	<p>Jiaxin, Arts Q: My understanding of the council chair is to be a moderator and be objective. I believe you can't take sides?</p> <p>Ans: I want to understand everyone to understand why they have certain reservations and putting it on the table that you have these concerns, you have these concerns and how we should move forward as a council.</p>
2.1.14	<p>Jiaxin, Arts Q: Council meeting is a place for members to raise a motion and voice their opinions. Why do you have to engage members outside meetings?</p> <p>Ans: This will result in faster and more efficient meetings because people will understand what they are voting for before coming to the council meetings, unlike the case earlier where some of us are only aware of this before the council meeting.</p>
2.1.15	<p>Nicole, Medical Q: Applaud for taking personal touch. You wouldn't be able to discuss everything in a council meeting. However, my question is in regards to specific issue of interim review of the Exco. Can you elaborate?</p> <p>Ans: I would propose to hold it in February. This is what we have promise, compared to this is what they have done? If you promise this, but didn't do it, why? If I am able to defend myself, that's good, if not, I understand there are avenues to reprimand. It will serve as a deterrence to prevent people from overpromising.</p>
2.1.16	Joshua (Arts) proposed for an extension of 5 minutes to the Q&A session.
2.1.17	Shermon, Graduate Q: What are your personal view and USC view on rag?

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Ans: I am ambivalent about rag, my fop director wants rag, but the USC is subjected to participatory budget thus unless someone can come out with a solution we will be going on with rag.

2.1.18 Joshua, Arts Q: Interim review, what do you wish to achieve. Will it create any antagonistic relationship between the council and Exco? Will it prevent them from making any executive decision?

Ans: I don't think we should micro manage how the Exco works. The Exco has been given and should be given authority to make decisions based on what's best for the university. But in broad scale things, thrust, perspective and directions are those in the best interest of the community.

2.1.19 **Closing of Q&A session proposed by Shawn (DE).**

2.1.20 **Derrick's Elections Speech**

Presented to the council his elections slides.  
Please refer to the attached slides for further information.

2.1.21 **Opening of Q&A session proposed by Alvin (Medical).**

2.1.22 Hui Min, Science Q: In the previous Exco AGM report, communications are not very good. Elaborate on how you are going to change it?

Ans: Like I mentioned, I can be made available to both the council and Exco. It is important that everyone has the right information. It is ok to have reservations and inclinations but at the end of the day an "informed" decision has to be made.

2.1.23 Alvin, Medical Q: How can your experience help you in your role as a council chair?

Ans: I was previously Bizad club vice president. The skills of moderation, facilitations and ensuring all views are being heard without compromising the objective.

2.1.24 Alvin, Medical Q: What is your motivation?

Ans: Add value to the NUS Students. Playing an active role that the council does the same, the Union does the same in the best interest of NUS students.

2.1.25 Dominic, DE Q: If the council passes a motion that is detrimental to Bizad club.

Ans: I guess I would have to go with it. My vote will definitely be no but if the council has decided, I would not abuse my power to squash it.

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- 2.1.26 Joshua, Arts Q: What are some things that you think the council chair has done well and what are the areas of improves  
Ans: Areas of improvement would be better communication between the council and
- 2.1.27 Zhong Xian, Sports Q:  
Ans: Push the motion to the next council meeting. In the first place, such motions should not be tabled. Concrete steps would be emails, and informal means of communications such as WhatsApp.
- 2.1.28 Davis, Computing Q: You mention about bringing the council together and at the same page. What does that mean?  
Ans: Everyone must be informed and prepared. You are ready to hear council member's views.
- 2.1.29 Davis, Computing Q: Elaborate in general what your approach would be?  
Ans - If the issue is information being not disseminated, I would try to resolve it thru informal means of communication.
- 2.1.30 Jiaxin, Arts Q: What are the roles that the council chair should have other than communications?  
Ans: Other than communications, conduct would be very important. It is the role of the council chair to ensure that conduct is being maintained.
- 2.1.31 Yi Da, Graduate Q: Do you think you can work well with the incoming Exco?  
Ans: Whoever is the president, vice president or general secretary definitely I would be able to work with them.
- 2.1.32 **Shawn (DE) would propose the closure of Q&A.**
- 2.1.33 **Voting Results:**  
**Total Strength: 45**  
Seng Chiy: 28  
Derrick: 12  
Abstain: 3  
Void: 2
- 2.1.34 Mr. Goh Seng Chiy has been elected as the Council Chairperson of the 36<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.

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3.	<b>36th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections</b>	
3.1	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of President, NUSSU EXCO</b>	
3.1.1	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco President.	Elections procedures No Action Required
3.1.2	<b>Opening of nomination proposed by Eric (CSC)</b>	
3.1.3	<b>Nominee: Kok Seng (Sports) Proposer: Alvin (Medical)</b>	
3.1.4	<b>Closing of nomination proposed by Alvin (Medical)</b>	
3.1.5	<b>Kok Seng's Elections Speech</b>  Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
3.1.6	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Shawn (DE)</b>	
3.1.7	Dominic, DE Q: You plans are generally operation centric plans, how would you see yourself as a president in implementing such plans? As a leader how do you see yourself carrying this out? What are you plans for NUSSU Academy? Ans: Listen, synthesize ideas, and push the whole team towards higher horizon. I am a person who believes in continuous improvement, we are open to ideas. It would be a think tank for leadership renewal to look at how we can resolve crunches.	
3.1.8	Seng Chiy, USC Q: How can one NUSSU day solve all the problems? Ans: The idea is yes, to increase the engagement. What we actually layout here is what NUSSU Exco is capable of doing and how to address the student apathy issue is twofold. First approach is to make NUSSU more communicative, in other words, get people to start to talk about NUSSU, next thing is to get them to be involved with us – the direct effect of addressing student apathy. Once we have a stronger participant rate, and then will come up with bite sizes of what the NUS policy is like; why certain things are driven in a certain manner, it would be eventual that we could have a blog. And more importantly, this is how we are envisioning it. In the 36th Exco, we believe that through our websites we are going to address student apathy. But in the long run, we might not have the solutions. So what's next, we don't have an answer, right? So, this could be something that	

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is a bigger question for you all.

3.1.9

Shawn, DE Q: What form of interaction do you envision between the Exco and the constituent clubs?

Ans: The idea is that for unity, we would be outsourced to the NUSSU public relations unit. In other words, NUSSU Exco will be focused on engaging the cons in a diff manner. Our Exco representatives will be constantly active.

Secondly, we would like to seek improvements in the things we do. For the past few years, 2 distinctive groups of people: people who has a problem but don't dare to say and people who has a problem and anyhow say that really disrupts the flow. If NUSSU can work with the cons, a better relationship is forged, an Exco representative can look at the situation and resolve it to the best of their abilities if any cons member has an issue.

3.1.10

Shawn, DE Q: How do you ensure that people that run the events share the same vision as NUSSU Exco. Constituent clubs have been heavily penalized for not adhering to the timelines in the past. How do you ensure that such things do not happen?

Ans: How to improve communication model, three things would be c-cube, council meetings, union tea – we are going to improve on all these things. In portions of subsequent meetings or unities as well, we would want to discuss to look at what actually went wrong. Because the information may be passed down correctly from the original source, but as it goes down the chain of commands, there could be slight changes and thus causing the information to be passed down incorrectly. So, we want to identify the influence factor and try to address it. It is a pyramid effect. For the FOP side, we want to increase the stakeholders/ view of the constituent clubs in NUSSU.

3.1.11

Jiaxin, Arts Q: What does outreach mean to u?

Ans: To put it simply, outreach means that one person is informed with what's happening in the school. The approach now here is through projects and more engagement through the constituent clubs, it would improve overall student apathy issue. We have to look at other engagement models, for students to be more involved or to understand what NUS is going through. Through greater collaboration and cooperation, not only by the constituent clubs but essentially through our other communication channels like the OAR, we can increase the networks and tap on the same information.

3.1.12

Shermon, Graduated Q: If a five-men constitutional post can function without any problems why is there a need for seven-men constitutional post?

Ans: Through the interactions with the officers, they did mentioned that they do not know who the constitutional post were and thus did not know who to

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approach. The vision for the seven men constitutional post is to be responsible, listening leaders. Trying to increase people to that have the same mindset to influence both Excos and cons. To develop greater sense of leadership amongst a larger group of people.

3.1.13 Zhe Wen, Engineering Q: What are the shortfalls of the 35th Exco and council and where to improve?

Ans: One of the greatest issues to improve on is in terms of communication. In 35th, students did not know which Exco to approach for their problems; we manage to drive our project well due to good experience. We have to continue to improve to get the constituent clubs and their representatives to understand what's going to happen in the next meeting.

3.1.14 Joshua, Arts Q: What does student representation mean to you?

Ans: It means someone, a student, has a stake on the issues happening in nus and is able to voice the issue. Able to represent students, able to be accountable to the students, as well as able to report all the findings to nus administration to look at ways to resolve the issue.

3.1.15 Cassandra, Graduated Q: What is the role of the council and what sort of relationship do you envision between the Exco and the council?

Ans: Council and Exco are separated due to Exco acting on decisions made by council. What's important is that the relationship between the Exco and council is that it has to be cordial, collaborative and effective. Cordial in terms of having no petty squabbles. Collaborative in terms of crowd sourcing ideas to look at solutions.

Effective in terms of not delaying issues. Hope to be able to close down on information gap between Exco and council.

3.1.16 Renkai, Graduated Q: What is the role of council?

Ans: Council to deliberate NUS wide issues. Here to represent NUS students as a whole, to be able to shake off backgrounds from constituent clubs, but as neutral party for the general students.

3.1.17 Zelig, Graduated Q: Union centric and student centric, any difference?

Ans: No difference. Student centric essentially means union centric. Student centric means union is operating based on student. Thus there should not be any differences.

3.1.18 Shermon, Graduated Q: Your take on LGBT matters.

Ans: First to seek Exco views to see if council should view this issue to get a real understanding to exceed to the request, hopefully we can get the council to look at this matter. If Exco needs to resolve the issue due to time

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	<p>constraint, they will resolve it but at the same time inform the council of the issue and decision. If council has no ideas then consult offices.</p>
3.1.19	<p>Zhong Xian, Sports Q: Is the council that is deciding or the Exco? Ans: The idea is that the Exco will report, council will be deciding.</p>
3.1.20	<p>Zhong Xian, Sports Q: What if there are differences between the school admin and council? Ans: We are representatives the students. Exco will reply to the request. We stand firm on the union's meaning – the general students' interest.</p>
3.1.21	<p>Jiaxin, Arts Q: What do you think is the difference between executive decisions and legislative decisions? Ans: Executive decisions would be operative decisions like operations. Relates to more than one faculty, we would open up to the council which is for the council to deliberate on the wider issues.</p>
3.1.23	<p>Jiaxin, Arts Q: Why does a high turnover rate concern you? Ans: I will take this in two separate issues. First issue is to increase volunteers, but need to increase volunteers to be mentors for incoming projects, Exco and committees. If someone seasoned is willing to partake in this, then that someone may be advisory and we should continue to increase volunteers through projects. We need to motivate them to serve. We have 7 returning members from 35th Exco and about 12 from committees. This is what we want to foster, for more people to come aboard</p>
3.1.24	<p>Yih Loong, Engineering Q: To what extend do u think students are in the decision making process? Ans: Student participation has always been there, we rep the students in different meetings. Student rep is thus fulfilled and adhered to. To go for the different meetings. Diff proposals and ideas were given and there was obvious disparity and individualism, to ensure that our students would not be marginalized.</p>
3.1.25	<p>Davis, Computing Q: What do you suggest constituent clubs should do to engage more stakeholders? Ans: In terms of networking, if we are able to get industry speakers that are willing to share this context. Strategic plan is the start of a framework to have better outreach.</p>
3.1.26	<p>Dominic, DE Q: Wider outreach to general student welfare leads to major burden in resources. Please comment. Ans: If we want to look at NUS wide events, council must be involved.</p>

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<p>3.1.27</p> <p>3.1.28</p> <p>3.1.29</p> <p>3.1.30</p> <p>3.1.31</p>	<p>If there are issues we can solve via own resources, we would want to do so. We want to for as long as possible, to be one Union for our outreach channels. If we are unable to, we would shelf the idea for the next council to take over the plan</p> <p>Jennifer, CSC Q: What circumstances will you consider to add and drop a committee? Ans: How we intend to engage is to create networking sessions and at the same time, Non faculty clubs has the highest volunteer pool we want to learn and appreciate what our volunteers want. A careful issue we've talked about in the 35th Exco, and we were impeded in our decision. We want them to be organic, to be passionate instead of planting ideas in their heads. And also how to relocate the volunteers – we don't want active volunteers to marginalized. We need to continue to build on this. Something we should learn on and not give up on student volunteers.</p> <p>Shermon, Graduated Q: What do you think is the greatest constrain faced by the Exco? Ans: The greatest constrain is to thing on the same wavelength as others – to understand needs and wants of the other presidents. We don't want to second guess each other. We have a common platform so we can all input our ideas and thoughts.</p> <p><b>Voting Results:</b> <b>Total Strength: 43</b> Yes: 37 No: 5 Abstain: 1</p> <p>Mr. Lim Kok Seng has been returned as the President of the 36<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.</p> <p>Zhi Xun (PA) proposed for a 10 minutes recess.</p>	
<p>3.3</p> <p>3.3.1</p> <p>3.3.2</p>	<p><b>Nominations and elections for the position of General Secretary, NUSSU EXCO</b></p> <p>RO went through the roles and responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco General Secretary.</p> <p><b>Opening of nomination proposed by Weng Heng (Engineering)</b></p>	<p>Elections procedures No Action</p>

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3.3.3	<b>Nominee: Terence Wong (Science)</b> <b>Proposer: Zhi Xun (Science)</b>	Required
3.3.4	<b>Closing of nomination proposed by Alvin (Medical)</b>	
3.3.5	<b>Terence's Elections Speech</b>  Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
3.3.6	<b>Q&amp;A session opened by Zhixun.</b>	
3.3.7	Jennifer, CSC Q: How would you engage the non-faculty clubs and interest groups for events like Rag and Flag? Ans: For example, CSC has their own beneficiaries to let them come down to appreciate the events. Interest group can have platforms to explore, like food carnivals. Understand that it can be straining for the different constituent club to man different booths, and I'm not saying we have to decide on this as an entire council. Having such movements is a good way for them to be involved. Ultimately what we want to achieve is really to integrate NUS body together we should not exclude certain bodies because of financial constraint we can explore a way to work it out in the end we want the whole committee to come together.	
3.3.8	Jacqueline, Arts Q: What is your vision for Rag and Flag? Ans: The objective for rag and flag is clear, but what I want to work on is the foundation of how we work out the management and have effective communications in the committee to be open to discussions and prepare for upcoming challenges and rectify any obstacles. Increase the efficacy and how we work as one as NUS body as a whole	
3.3.9	Ting Feng, Engineering Q: What does the director of special projects do other than the two events mentioned? Ans: Target of the director of special projects is to focus on current students. The 2 events are already very taxing as they are council wide initiatives. However, the special projects director will also be in charge with any ad-hoc events the pop up along the way.	
3.3.10	Alvin, Engineering Q: What do you plan to do for Thanks!NUS. Ans: The idea is to get people involve. Try to get sponsors for products that the older people can use. For the exact details, I have to sit down with the director of special projects before getting back.	

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- 3.3.11 Jeanette, Arts Q: What's your opinion on SLF?  
Ans: Work more on different people and groups to get involved in. There are a lot more student groups around campus that we can use the only issues is that we are not fully utilizing the things we have
- 3.3.12 Alvin, Engineering Q: What is your view on the resource constraints we have on organizing events? Both logistical and financial.  
Ans: In terms of resources we have enough to support the event the issue would be more of co-ordination thus we have to be open we don't want issues to be brought up only after the event or way later when it is too late to rectify any problems. So we should stay in close contact and keep in touch if there's any issues to solve them early instead of it being untouched
- 3.3.13 Alvin, Engineering Q: Have you consulted OSA on FIC?  
Ans: OSA has been notified, but this year could be a special case. This year we have discussed and came up with plan together.
- 3.3.14 Yi Da, Graduated Q: Who is going to continue the union heritage project?  
Ans: The UHP is reaching the end phase so right now whoever is involved would stay involved. It is going back on what union is about. The entire 60 years of history. We hope to end it asap, but we cannot just hand it down to just anyone.
- 3.3.15 Zhong Xian, Sports Q: What other purpose does Thanks!NUS serve other than just building a positive campus spirit?  
Ans: We can look at this in various ways. Other than positive campus spirit, I think it is a good platform for us to work together and there is a lot of space to explore how we can collaborate effectively and better for projects together and how we can work things out together. It is there to build connections and good relationships.
- 3.3.16 Jacqueline, Arts Q: How is SLF different from matric fair?  
Ans: I cannot give a direct comparison but we can look 2 diff ways  
We are not forcing things down people's throat and we are not just limiting it to year ones but also to other students who are in their midpoints of their NUS lives
- 3.3.17 Seng Chiy, USC Q: What is the purpose of Rag and Flag? Have we been doing well to meet this objective?  
Ans: Personally I think rag and flag's original purpose is to give back. It is a traditional heritage and bringing nus body together. We have not been doing great to represent NUS in our Rag and Flag that's why we have these going

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	out once every 3 years. There is multiple objectives for Rag and Flag. The idea is publicity to attract the public to create awareness. We do it in school, that's why we have the beneficiaries down which is a bit difficult that's why we have to work on how to bring the beneficiaries down for the event
3.3.18	Yi Da, Graduated Q: Off the cuff, what event would you organize if you are given \$3000? Ans: At the moment, it is impossible for me to come out with an event. But essentially, I would create an event with the objective of students' welfare and interest in mind.
3.3.19	<b>Close of Q&amp;A session proposed by Kok Seng (Sports)</b>
3.3.20	<b>Voting Results:</b> <b>Total Strength: 36</b> For: 32 Against: 2 Abstain: 2
3.3.21	Mr. Terence Wong has been returned as the General Secretary of the 36th NUSSU Exco.

With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr Alvin Tan proposed to close the meeting at 2149 HRS.

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