

## Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Time:** 0915 HRS

**Venue:** LT18, NUS Business School

### **Attendance:**

### **Present:**

#### **Council Representatives (31):**

Toh Xiao Wee	Arts & Social Sciences Club, President
Marissa Chang	Arts & Social Sciences Club, Honorary General Secretary
Sarah Chew	Arts & Social Sciences Club, Marketing Director
Wong Jun Jie	Business Club, President
Wei Yi Chen	Business Club, Vice President (External)
Richmond Lee	Business Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Tan Yong Ming	Computing Club, President
Thenaesh s/o N Elango	Computing Club, Vice President
Lim Jia Min	Design & Environment Club, President
Choo Chia Jean	Design & Environment Club, Vice President
Tan Li Dan	Design & Environment Club, Honorary General Secretary
Hamza Naqvi	Engineering Club, President
Xuan Lin	Engineering Club, General Secretary
Alexander Noronha	Engineering Club, Secretary of Student Affairs
Liu Guiliang	Law Club, President
Teo Siu Ming	Law Club, Vice President
Chua Sin Hui Melissa	Medical Club, Vice President
Tan Kian Wei Alvin	Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary
Tan Li Ting	Science Club, President
Chua Zhe Xuan Royston	University Scholars Club, Vice President
Ng Aik Loong	Community Service Club, President
Chia Ren Bin	Community Service Club, Vice President
Lim Shiao Wei	Community Service Club, Vice President
Cindy Handjaja	Cultural Activities Club, President
Camille Zhao Yi	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President
Ong Shi Jie Jocelyn	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President
Glen Anthony Ooi	Cultural Activities Club, Assistant Financial Secretary
Shen Jiayi	Political Association, President
Jia Haolin	Political Association, Vice President

Loh Yi Chin  
Yeo Eng Way

Political Association, Vice President  
Political Association, Marketing and Communications Director

**EXCO Representatives (19):**

Chia Sheng Hui	Arts & Social Sciences Club
Megha Verma	Science Club
Gordon Wong Wei Jie	Medical Club
Lai Wen Shen	Medical Club
Kenji Ong Shao Qiang	Law Club
Lim Sin Yang Edmond	Business Club
Toh Wen Jun	Business Club
Loo Weng Heng	Engineering Club
Tan Wee Bian	Engineering Club
Javier Leong Lu Sheng	Computing Club
Tan Zheng Jie	University Scholars Club
Clement Eu Chun Kian	Sports Club
Goh Him Ling	Sports Club
Claire Ann Lois Abraham	Cultural Activities Club
Goh Suen Rong	Cultural Activities Club
Alvin Poh Leong Ann	Community Service Club
Manali Mehta	Community Service Club
Low Yi Yun	Political Association
Ong Zi Hao	Political Association

**Observers (20):**

Cui Wen Shuo	Engineering, Year 2
Nguyen Dang Hoang Yen	Science, Year 3
Tomoe Yoshida	Graduated
Jennifer Koh Hui Ni	FASS, Year 4
Siong Li Qing Jeannie	FASS, Year 3
Soh Yi Da	Graduated
Lim Kok Seng	Graduated
Hon Yih Loong	Engineering, Year 3
Eric Khong Mun Kit	Engineering, Year 4
Geoffrey Lee	Engineering, Year 4
Yohanes Lim	Computing, Year 4
Phua Han Siang	Engineering, Year 2
Rida Ather	FASS, Year 4

V Divya	FASS, Year 2
Gabriel Hon	Engineering, Year 3
Chia Li Qing	Computing, Year 4
Kellie Chong	SDE, Year 4
Terence Wong	Science, Year 4
Ong Soo Chin	Science, Year 4

**Absents with Apologies (5):**

Sandra Chen Ming Shu	Dental Club, President
Toh Wei Ni	Design & Environment Club, Vice President
Wong Wen Kai	Medical Club, President
Cedric Lim	Sports Club, President
Chua Khai Shing	Arts & Social Sciences Club, EXCO representative

**Absents without Apologies: 3**

**Union Elections Committee:**

Jeanette Flower Kwan	Union Returning Officer
Raynor Tan	Union Elections Officer
Kang Wee Jing	Union Elections Officer

**Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Presentation of Roles and Responsibility of Council Member by UEC**
- 2. Elections of the 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council Chairperson**
- 3. 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - President**
- 3. 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Vice President**
- 4. 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - General Secretary**
- 5. 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Assistant Secretary**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting was called to order at 0915 HRS by Ms Jeanette Kwan, Returning Officer of the 36<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.

<b>S/No.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Action By</b>
1.	<b>Presentation of Roles and Responsibility of Council Member by Union Election Committee</b>	Information No Action Required

2.	<b>Elections of the 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council Chairperson</b>	
2.1	<b>Nominations and elections for the position of Council Chairperson, NUSSU Council</b>	Elections procedures
2.2	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the Council Chairperson	No Action Required
2.3	<b>Opening of nominations proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b>	
2.4	<b>Nominee: Alvin (Medical) Proposer: Weng Heng (Engin) Secunder: Zi Hao (PA)</b>	
2.5	<b>Closing of nominations proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b>	
2.6	<b>Alvin Tan's (Medical) Elections Speech</b>  Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
2.7	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Richmond (Bizad)</b>	
2.8	Jiayi, PA Q: As potential council member, what do you think is the pertinent issue that you would like to address if you are elected as the Council Chairperson? Ans: The most pertinent issue that Alvin sees is the constitution. Alvin thinks that it is the duty of the NUSSU Exco to evaluate the constitution and present the document to the Council for review. The second pertinent issue is regarding Rag and Flag, which requires proper communications to the Council. For example last year the objectives of Rag and Flag and the need to drawdown Union reserves for the event was done hastily and not properly communicated to the Council. Alvin added that it is Important for all constituent club representatives to engage with the NUSSU Exco representatives. In Medical Club, NUSSU Exco representatives are given voting rights in their management committee meetings and holds responsibilities for the events held by the club. Therefore, Alvin encourages all council representatives to engage with their Exco representatives, vice-versa.	
2.9	Weng Heng, Engin Q: How do you see your role as a Council	

	<p>Chairperson and how do you think you can work with the Presidential Candidate?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin thinks that it is Important for the Council Chairperson to be on the same page with the NUSSU Exco. He added that it is too early to conclude the plans with the Exco as the constitutional positions has yet to be fixed. Once the NUSSU Exco is formed, Alvin would like to immediately work out a term plan with the Exco President and his team.</p>	
2.10	<p>Sheng Hui, Arts Q: How will you go about with the constitution reform?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin aims to call for a taskforce made up of the NUSSU Exco and Council representatives. This taskforce will read through the constitution and flag out parts that requires the action of the Council. In the 35th, the constitution review started late and thus was too rush to be properly reviewed by the Council. Moving forward, Alvin would like the 37th Council to start on the constitution review early so as to get a good sensing from the Council representative before proposing any changes.</p>	
2.11	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: How do you concretely ensure that the communications between the Exco and constituent club representatives will not break down given that the 35th NUSSU Council started with peaceful state but ended rather unpleasantly</p> <p>Ans: Alvin thinks that having a constant engagement is the key to ensure that the Council representatives will know what is going on on the Exco side, vice-versa. Know what exco wants to bring up and find the sensing from the Council, bringing the information back to the exco. Thus being the link between both parties</p>	
2.12	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: Can you tell us who should be the party to engage each other (between Council member and EXCO representative)</p> <p>Ans: Alvin will work closely with the person spearheading the constitution review to talk to the council representatives. In previous year, this was done spearheaded by the Exco Vice president. Moving forward, Alvin hopes that the 37th Exco President be the one engaging with the council representatives instead.</p>	
2.13	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q: Which is more important to you between balancing the council view or exco view?</p> <p>Ans: Depends on the nature of the issue. For example Rag and</p>	

	<p>Flag which affects all con clubs. 2015 Council issue with tin can flagging, one particular club chose not to do flagging as they believe there is other form of flagging that can be done. Find out the exco view of flagging then bring it out to the council. Which side to take on depends on the arguments presented. Role of Council Chairperson is to stay objective and facilitate the discussion.</p>
2.14	<p>Tomoe, Graduate Q: Given that you were part of the 35th and 36th Exco and Council. Do you think that you know Exco better than Council or the other way round? And can you be fair when dealing with issues between Council and Exco?</p> <p>Ans: As part of the Medical Club management committee, it allows him to handle a dual portfolio. Using one example, which is the publishing of budget to the Council. The Medical' club budget has all along not been obligated to be published to Council. However, as a deputy financial secretary in the 35th and 36th Exco, Alvin was able to understand the Exco viewpoint of the budget presentation and feels that having transparency on the Medical Club's budget is important. Thus, he was able to be make decisions objectively.</p>
2.15	<p>Tomoe, Graduate Q: Follow up question, what about the four Non-faculty clubs?</p> <p>Ans: Alving agrees that there are lapses in previous Council batches with engaging all constituent clubs. However, he hopes that this gaps could be closed up. During the management committee elections period, he has already taken the initiative to engage with the constituent club representatives and to understand them.</p>
2.16	<p><b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Zi Hao (PA).</b></p>
2.17	<p><b>Voting Results:</b>  <b>Total Strength: 41</b>  For: 35  Against: 3  Invalid: 3</p>
2.18	<p>Mr. Alvin Tan has been elected as the Council Chairperson of the 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.</p>
2.19	<p>Thenaesh (Computing), Javier (Computing) and Li Ting (Science)</p>

2.20	<p>arrived at 1000HRS</p> <p>Xiao Wee (Arts) proposed for a 5 minutes recess.</p>	
3.	<p><b>37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - President</b></p> <p>3.1 Guiliang (Law) proposed to remove the restriction of usage of all communications devices.</p> <p>3.2 The UEC decision stands to restrict the usage of all communications devices</p> <p>3.3 Weng Heng (Engin) proposed Union Returning Officer to have proper explanation of the meeting procedures.</p> <p>3.4 Aik Loong (CSC) proposed for a demonstration and explanation on how to vote using the sample voting slips.</p> <p>3.5 <b>Nominations and elections for the position of President, NUSSU EXCO</b></p> <p>3.6 Union Returning Officer went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco President.</p> <p>3.7 <b>Opening of nomination proposed by Edmond (Bizad)</b></p> <p>3.8 <b>Nominee: Weng Heng (Engin)</b>  <b>Proposer: Hamza (Engin)</b>  <b>Seconder: ZI Hao (PA)</b></p> <p>3.9 <b>Nominee: Sheng Hui (Arts)</b>  <b>Proposer: Sheng Hui (Arts)</b>  <b>Seconder: Xiao Wee (Arts)</b></p> <p>3.10 <b>Closing of nomination proposed by Alvin Tan (Medical)</b></p> <p>3.11 <b>Weng Heng's (Engin) Elections Speech</b></p> <p>Presented to the council his elections slides.  Please refer to the attached slides for further information.</p>	<p>Elections procedures  No Action Required</p>

3.12	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Wen Jun (Bizad)</b>	
3.13	<p>Jiayi, PA Q: In the event when the other Presidential candidate lost in the competition, will you continue to serve in the Union? And, can you share more about your past experience with us.</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng mentioned that he had already spoken with Sheng Hui and they both agreed to work together regardless of the outcome. Weng Heng's past experience taught him the importance of standing firm on decisions made despite the difficulties faced. This however does not mean that there will not be platform to reconcile views and move forward as an entire Union..</p>	
3.14	<p>Li Ting, Science Q: What does the NUSSU Constitution mean to you?*</p> <p>Ans: Constitution is a legislative manual that safeguards the Union. It is useful in ensuring that the entire Union works within a framework. However, it is necessary to have the constitution constantly reviewed by a constitution review committee and the Council. Weng Heng aims to work closely with the review committee to explain the rationale of why certain clauses are in placed and/or why is there a need for certain changes.</p>	
3.15	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: How feasible are your grand plans as presented? How different is your new Union vision as compared to Faculty Clubs in terms of welfare initiatives that are already in place. On top of that, how Union can value add the Faculty Club in terms of welfare initiatives</p> <p>Ans: The Union consist of many specialized bodies to carry out each part of the grand plan. However, constraints such as last minute changes will be difficult to implement within such a huge student organization. For example, such as the ease of accessibility of logistics items shared between all constituent clubs. Another example is the usage of NUSSU Bizcom to ease the constituent club's effort in sourcing of sponsorships for welfare packs giveaways.</p>	
3.16	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: What do you proposed to help the non-faculty clubs in terms of non-tangible welfare giveaways?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng would like to look into collaborative efforts to acknowledge and appreciate the general student volunteers efforts.</p>	



3.17	<p>Melissa, Medical Q: What is your personal stand on the drawing down of Union reserves from Rag And Flag last year?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng feels positive about the reserves drawdown as the stakeholders involved were consulted prior to the decision made. This was also discussed with the Provost and OSA to ensure that a proper drawdown procedures were ensured.</p>
3.18	<p>Jiayi, PA Q: What are your measure of success of the initiatives that you would like to implement?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng aims to inform students that the Union is not all about events. He wants to inform the general student population more on what happens in the backend. One example was that the working loop of the module feedback exercise was presented by the 36th Exco in a simple infographic manner. This allows students to be better informed of how their feedbacks for modules affect the future batches.</p>
3.19	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: Am I right to say that you would like to collate the voices of the council? On top of that, am i right to say that you are going to work with the other Presidential candidate in the Union context?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng feels that it is important for him to present and persuade the Council on certain view. However, this work on both ends, he would also like the Council to present their view. In the end, a point of reconciliation has to be met between all parties involved.</p>
3.20	<p>Alex, Engin Q: What is your motivation to run as a NUSU President?</p> <p>Ans: Many of the students sees the Union as a event planner. However, this is not true as many of the works with the offices take place in the background. He would like to improve on communicating that to the students.</p>
3.21	<p>Alex, Engin Q: What makes you different from the previous president?</p> <p>Ans: Every president is different. But one thing stands which is the heart of the presidents to serve the students. Weng Heng adds that the more important focus for him will be the bridging of information gap between offices and students. This will be the core difference between him and the past predecessor.</p>
3.22	<p>Alvin, Medical Q: In the event that if you win the election, what is</p>

	<p>your plan for the other Presidential candidate? Also in the event that if you lost the election, what is your plans in the Union?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng has already discussed with Chris to work together regardless of outcome. Once the results are out, he will discuss with Chris to see how both of their plans can complement.</p>	
3.23	<p>Jiayi, PA Q: What is the one outstanding problem in the Exco and how do you plan to resolve it?</p> <p>Ans: The problem that Weng Heng has identified and concerns him is student apathy. This was reflected in the low voting count in each year of elections. This however, is not the only indication that the Union should focus on. There should be multiple channels to engage with the student population and bridge information gap.</p>	
3.24	<p>Xiao Wee, Arts Q: What do you think you have compared to Sheng Hui?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng feels that he possesses more experience working in the Union for two years. These experiences are not just focused on events, but also affairs with the offices such as the Board of Undergraduate Studies meeting which was outside of his previous portfolio.</p>	
3.25	<p>Jun Jie, Bizad Q: Given your past experience, could you share with us one issue that the past presidents have failed to rectify? And how will your strengths add value add to or solve the issue?</p> <p>Ans: Core issues such as transportation and sheltered walkways on campus were not fully resolved. Thus, Weng Heng aims to work closely with the Office of Campus Amenities to discuss through solutions and methods of implementation.</p>	
3.26	<p>Wen Jun, Bizad Q: What is your major weakness and how do you think it will affect you in the event that you are elected as the President?</p> <p>Ans: Standing firm - it might be difficult as there are times whereby the President has to bend some of his stands for the sake of the majority. But with that being said, the students' concerns will always be placed first</p>	
3.27	<p>Li Ting, Science Q: Can you critique 2 initiatives were rolled out by the 36th NUSSU Council?*</p> <p>Ans: There were many grand plans for Thanks!NUS but it was not</p>	

	<p>rolled up by the end of the term. This could be due to the tight timeline and the wide engagement needed with the stakeholders involved. Another initiative was NUSSU Day, i believe NUSSU Day is a good platform to engage students. In my opinion, the Day had failed to reached its objective to engage the students in wider and a more comprehensive manner.</p>
3.28	<p>Jiayi, PA Q: What does the NUSSU spirit means to you?  Ans: A sense of belonging to the NUS Community and having diverse opportunities for the students.</p>
3.29	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q: Do you feel that someone has to combine the identity given that we have a diversity of clubs available in NUS. In the event that you feel it is important, how are you going to make sure that it is achievable?  Ans: The end goal is the retain a sense of belonging to NUS. Such an example of European Union, where different members identify closely as their respective nationalities but not as an entire Union. This is similar in NUS context. Thus, with all the initiatives planned, the Union must note the end goal of bringing in a common identity.</p>
3.30	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: In the event that you elected as President, what is your measure of success at the end of your term?  Ans: More approachable Union so that students will know who are the leaders that they can look for. Weng Heng chooses to engage students with more personal touch and on the ground to have a closer relationship.</p>
3.31	<p>Jun Jie, Bizad Q: Have you met your KPI as Director of Project in 36th NUSSU Council. On top of that, do you see Rag and Flag 2015 as a successful event?  Ans: Weng Heng declared his KPI for Rag and Flag during the 36th Council meeting which was 25,000pax audience and S\$450,000 donations. However, he feels that Rag and Flag might not be sustainable and thus more measures have to be taken. Anyhow, Rag and Flag met the KPI and brought positive experience to all participants and thus successful in his viewpoint.</p>
3.32	<p>Siu Ming, Law Q: How are you going to resolve the problem when there are conflicts between council and exco. On top of that, how are you going to make sure that the minority is not marginalised?  Ans: Having the director of relations to reach out to the Council</p>

	<p>representatives. In another group, C-cube which comprises of all the Presidents of the constituent clubs is another channel to discuss matters that could not be done in the Council meetings.</p>
3.33	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: What is the one thing that you would like to change in Union if you are elected as President?</p> <p>Ans: Weng heng would like to have a more approachable Union image towards the general student population. Once step up into position, he would like to have more closer and frequent engagement with the students. Through active engagement to change the perspectives of students.</p>
3.34	<p>Tomoe Q: What is the role of the President in EXCO context?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng said that the President of NUSSU Exco is responsible to ensure that Exco members fulfil their tasks under their portfolio well. Weng Heng followed up that he would also like to reach out to more external community partners for collaborations.</p>
3.35	<p>Li Ting, Science Q: Can you list out the important stakeholders in NUSSU? And who is the most important stakeholder in NUSSU?*</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng felt that the most important stakeholders are the students. The other stakeholders would involves our constituent clubs, halls, college, NUS offices, sponsors and external partners.</p>
3.36	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: What is the role of president in the context of Union?</p> <p>Ans: Weng Heng felt that the NUSSU President is the figurehead of NUSSU Exco. However, his role is not on the top of the hierarchy but with the students. He thinks that he has to understand them and work out solutions with the students.</p>
3.37	<p><b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Richmond (Bizad).</b></p>
3.38	<p>Richmond (Bizad) proposed for a 5 minutes recess.</p>
3.39	<p>Guiliang (Law), Siu Ming (Law) left the meeting at 1200HRS</p>
3.40	<p>Glen (CAC), Cindy (CAC), Him Ling (Sports) and Zheng Jie (USC) arrived at 1200HRS</p>
3.41	<p><b>Sheng Hui (Arts)'s Elections Speech</b></p>

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

3.42 **Opening of Q&A session proposed by Edmond (Bizad)**

3.43 Jia Yi, PA Q: Why are you pledging the issues now and not during the other 3 years? And why are you running the presidential position now and not during the other 3 years?

Ans: His commitment can be pledged through his commitment in other student groups. He started in Hwa Chong Institution where he served in the student council in publications. Sheng Hui wanted to serve in CAPT as he felt that they were many problems that they are facing which he would like to solve. Political science community started off with a group that are skeptical and apathetic about student groups. However, through his two years as President, he managed to achieved a community that were closer and more involved with the initiatives by the society.

3.44 Alvin, Medical Q: In the event that you win, potentially with the six other candidates who support Weng Heng, how do you intend deconflict it? In the event that you lose, what are you going to do next?

Ans: Sheng Hui makes his commitment to work with whoever the elected members are. This is because the members are elected by the Council and thus he respect that and try to work a solution out for the Exco.

3.45 Richmond, Bizad Q: After your 3 years in leadership role, why are you only come to contest NUSSU President now? And what is your motivation for running that position?

Ans: It was a newly conceived plan of Sheng Hui. If he had knew this, he would have started his plans in his first year. As he approaches the end of his term, his friends who worked with him have encouraged him to take on the position. He was initially skeptical of taking up the position due to his commitment as a year 4 undergraduate. However, he soon got persuaded and had ensure that he could commit by skipping his thesis. His past experiences in uniform group, JC and in CAPT as well as the problems he saw that were in NUSSU makes him determined to take on the position.

3.46 Jeannie, Observer Q: How do you propose to understand the nine

	<p>committees under NUSSU and how are you going to include them in your plans?</p> <p>Ans: He left out the nine committees because he felt that he wasn't in the right position to list them out in his presentation. He felt that he is not familiar with the committees as he was fairly new.</p>
3.47	<p>Li Ting, Science Q: Which do you think is important? (Internal affairs and external affairs)</p> <p>Ans: All the plans that he has are internally focus but builds from externally inwards. Making the Union more prominent to the students will improve the availability of students taking up leadership positions.</p>
3.48	<p>Zi Hao, PA Q: How are your plans in retaining the volunteers?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui presented his viewpoint on retaining talent but will have problem presented an entire concrete plan as of now. Recruitment is a tedious process, it requires excessive understanding of how the Union works. Sheng Hui feels that there is a need to scout people out, and not just waiting for members to step up. It can be through private conversations and not just through facebook page publicity.</p>
3.49	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: It may be audacious to run as NUSSU President in Year 1, but is it audacious to expose yourself to NUSSU keynote events in Year 1? If not, why didn't you participate in any then?*</p> <p>Ans: He felt that it is audacious to join as a NUSSU President in the first year. But no, it is not audacious to expose in NUSSU event in his junior years.</p>
3.50	<p>Nguyen, Observer Q: How are you going to bring the NUSSU Committee in the council given that the chairperson is not in part of the NUSSU Committee? Why have you not meet up with the committee chairperson to bridge the gap?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui posed a couple of questions to the Council. Should the council be aware of what the nine committees are doing? Should the committee chairperson be present in council meeting to be aware of what is going on in the council? Sheng Hui shares that he currently lacks the personal relationship with the committee chairperson to approach them and understand them better.</p>
3.51	<p>Cindy, CAC Q: What kind of mindset would you like to set given</p>

	<p>that you mentioned that you are an outsider coming in as an insider?</p> <p>Ans: Just by looking at the summary for the committees, it was enough for him to understand what is happening in the committees. He felt that he should have done his due diligence in approaching the committee chairperson to look deeper into matters. He added that he has an outsider view to bring fresh viewpoints to NUSSU.</p>
3.52	<p>Wen Jun, Bizad Q: Could you kindly share with us some important initiatives that you would like to see? And how are you going to make it happen?</p> <p>Ans: Constitutional reform - Sheng Hui feels that the very rule of NUSSU needs the attention. He would like to work closely with Alvin and the Council to review on the constitution.</p>
3.53	<p>Alvin, Medical Q: What is your opinion in getting the clubs to publish their club budget?</p> <p>Ans: The questions to ask is the ability to bring out all the financial information to publish and ensure transparency. Whilst he understand that the SOA may contain too much of details to be presented; minimally, the budget of the constituent clubs should be published</p>
3.54	<p>Alvin, Medical Q: What if the constituent club is unwilling to publish their budget?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui mentioned that he is not a dictator, thus there is nothing he can do about it. He will seek the understanding and the stand from the club regarding this matters.</p>
3.55	<p>Jeannie, Observer Q: Follow up from Wen Jun's question, what form of collaborations are you looking at?</p> <p>Ans: His experience in CAPT has benefited him to build collaborations between various parties. His concern is that the collaboration between faculty and non-faculty clubs poses many challenges thus collaborations would depends on how much the clubs can offer to one another.</p>
3.56	<p>Rida, Observer Q: What do you think you can value add the council given that you are an "outsider" for Union?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui shared that he run big events and was involved in small organizations. He overcame huge challenges with these experience. He felt that the internal reform of the Union poses a</p>

	<p>huge challenge and requires people that can overcome huge obstacles along the way.</p>
3.57	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q: Are the faculty camps in place in a good way? What can be done better for the camps?          Ans: Camps are generally good. The problems he identified is getting people to step up into the club committees. He felt that the clubs can look at how many people are in that camp and how many students are left out in part of proportion. He mentioned that having alternative platforms for students to be a part the Union is important. Many of these initiatives should be done by the faculty level as they are closer to the masses of students.</p>
3.58	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q : In the event that you are elected as President, how are you going to value add the faculty camp then?          Ans: While a lot can be done, there are many ways to improve on it. Sheng Hui stated that he does not have a solution for this at the moment.</p>
3.59	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: Why do you prefer to be outsider given that you can have a chance to participate in it in your previous 3 years?          Ans: He do not see himself as an outsider as he is still a Union member and he has been to events such as matriculation fair but not as key role positions. He felt that it is the duty of the incumbent to look out and seek members to take on leadership positions.</p>
3.60	<p>Ren Bin, CSC Q: How would each exco cell fit into your plans?          Ans: His priority in engagement falls heavily on communications to bring out information to the students. Welfare holds an important position as well as to bring out initiatives to the students.</p>
3.61	<p>Sarah, Arts Q: What kind of plans do you have to promote and let more students know about NUSSU, Faculty Clubs and Non-Faculty Clubs          Ans: The students cannot be interested in NUSSU if they do not know what NUSSU does. His plans which target on key issues such as wi-fi and transportation which will bring awareness to students about the Union.</p>
3.62	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: Have you spoken to Weng Heng regarding his aims about NUSSU? And have you shared with him about your aims</p>



	<p>about NUSSU?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui has met up with Weng Heng and felt that his plans are relatively in line in term of representation. He said that he did not know that Weng Heng is keen to focus on constitutional reform and thus cannot comment much on it.</p>	
3.63	<p>Wen Jun (Bizad) proposed to extend the Q&amp;A for an hour.</p>	
3.64	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: How are you going to work with Weng Heng given that he or you win the election?</p> <p>Ans: He mentioned that he was unfortunately not able to sit in Weng Heng's presentation, therefore any changes from what was being mentioned earlier on might be missed out upon. Sheng Hui views Weng Heng as an operationalist that with strong experience in the Union. If Weng Heng were to lose, Sheng Hui would gladly take him in as Vice President to complement their ideas.</p>	
3.65	<p>Guiliang, Law Q: What plans do you have for Law Club and how do you see Law Club fitting into your plans?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui do not has the data and the solutions to the transportation from Bukit Timah Campus to Kent Ridge Campus. Thus, he do not want to make any firm commitment but would like to make this his focus once elected.</p>	
3.66	<p>Kenji, Law Q: Could you elaborate on the structure of the EXCO that you foresee?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui did not mention the removal of General Secretary from overseeing the projects. But instead, bring back the President to take Presidential Cell under his purview. Thus able to bring back the focus of the NUSSU core objectives to the projects.</p>	
3.67	<p>Nguyen, Observer Q: What do you think are the students' needs and wants?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui feels that any request from the students are legitimate and thus will look back into what he can do.</p>	
3.68	<p>Megha, Science Q: What can you value add NUSSU compared to the other candidate?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui felt that it is not proper for him to comment about Weng Heng without his presence to defend himself. He felt that instead he can comment on the directions that he and Weng</p>	

	<p>Heng actually discussed on. He mentioned that he is more ideological and yet Weng Heng is more towards operational of Union.</p>
3.69	<p>Wee Jing, CSC Q: What is the one thing you want to change in the Union other than constitutional review?          Ans: Sheng Hui mentioned that he would like to focus on the intangibles. He wants to see how the Union can be more open to members who wants to join the Union.</p>
3.70	<p>Melissa, Medical Q: What is the biggest setbacks that you have seen in your leadership role thus far?          Ans: Sheng Hui said that his past experience focus mainly on outcomes, deliverables etc. This was his view back then. However, midway through his journey, he faced accidents and errors which changed his fundamentals perspectives. He felt that rather than just stating what the Union does, it is more important to bring in memorable and meaningful experience to the student population.</p>
3.71	<p>Terence, Science Q: How do you concretely ensure that the experience of all Union members is meaningful and memorable provided that the Union reaches out to a large-scale and diverse student population?          Ans: Sheng Hui seeks the Exco and all working partners to follow the vision of bringing meaningful and memorable experience to the Union members.</p>
3.72	<p>Geoffrey, Engin Q: How long do you need to understand all the NUSSU events in order for you to understand it?          Ans: Sheng Hui answered that he will do it by end of december 2015.</p>
3.73	<p>Eric, CSC Q: How do you intend to break through the cycle of constitutional reform that the past batches of Council that has been trying push through?          Ans: Sheng Hui mentioned that he get to know the information from Alvin that the constitutional review only presented during the last council meeting. Sheng Hui mentioned that it takes time to reform and the process is endlessly.</p>
3.74	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: What are the ways that you going to do in order to understand everything in time given that the budget proposal</p>

	<p>need to be passed in September?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui mentioned that the initial question was a broad , however the answer that he gave was a conservative one. Thus, he felt that even though he gave the wrong answer given that the timeline is in september, a lot earlier than previously perceived, there requires some due diligence to relook at the budget and review it.</p>	
3.75	<p>Nguyen, Observer Q: Are you going to passed the budget without reviewing it?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui feels that the Exco representatives that takes up the position will still need to look through the budget. But however, due to time constraints, a full thorough review may not be possible thus a review should be done after.</p>	
3.76	<p>Li Ting, Science Q: What do you think are the difficulties that are currently faced by the constitutional club? And how are you going to address it in the capacity as NUSSU President in the event that you are elected as one?*</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui felt that the Union is having problems with the recruitment of new members at all levels. Sheng Hui added on that to focus on constituent clubs, both faculty and non-faculty clubs as they do varies significantly. From his understanding, faculty club will involve academics and non-faculty club will focus more on the responsibility of the club.</p>	
3.77	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q: Is it necessary for you to be President given that you can be Vice President and give advice to the President regarding the reform issue?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui mentioned that he do not want to draw the line between President and Vice President as they are almost equal on level. However, being the President provides the energy to push through tough reforms. And thus, NUSSU President, is a critical position for what he wants to achieve.</p>	
3.78	<p>Wen Jun, Bizad Q: What do you think is your major weakness that you possessed and how are you going overcome it?</p> <p>Ans: Sheng Hui felt that he is an outcome-oriented person who has experience losing friends along the way. This has unfortunately also occurred during the elections period which he regrets upon.</p>	
3.79	<p><b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Alvin (Medical)</b></p>	

<p>3.80</p> <p>3.81</p> <p>3.82</p> <p>3.83</p> <p>3.84</p> <p>3.85</p>	<p>Alexander (Engin) proposed for closed voting</p> <p><b>Voting Results:</b>  <b>Total Strength: 40</b>  Candidate A - Weng Heng (Engin): 24  Candidate B - Sheng Hui (Arts): 14  Invalid: 2</p> <p>Mr. Loo Weng Heng (Engin) has been returned as the President of the 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.</p> <p>Aik Loong (CSC) proposed for a 45 minutes recess.</p> <p>Royston (USC), Marissa (Arts), Xiao Wee (Arts), Sarah (Arts), Li Dan (DE), Hamza (Engin), and Melissa (Medical), left at 1420HRS.</p> <p>Suen Rong (CAC) arrived at 1505HRS.</p>	
<p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p> <p>4.7</p> <p>4.8</p>	<p><b>37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Vice President</b></p> <p><b>Nominations and elections for the position of Vice President, NUSSU EXCO</b></p> <p>RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Vice President.</p> <p><b>Opening of nomination proposed by Edmond (Bizad),</b></p> <p><b>Nominee: Manali (CSC)</b>  <b>Proposer: Weng Heng (Engin)</b>  <b>Seconder:Aik Loong (CSC)</b></p> <p><b>Closing of nomination proposed by Edmond (Bizad)</b></p> <p><b>Manali Mehta's (CSC) Elections Speech</b></p> <p>Presented to the council her elections slides.  Please refer to the attached slides for further information.</p>	

4.9	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b>	
4.10	Jia Yi, PA Q: What is a strength of yours that will compensate for Weng Heng's weakness? Ans: Manali mentioned that Weng Heng was right to state that she is emotional. Apart from that, Manali feels that her people-oriented approach will complement Weng Heng's logical and operational style.	
4.11	<b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Zi Hao (PA).</b>	
4.12	Aik Loong (CSC) proposed for a closed voting for the Vice President nominee and for all other constituent positions nominees.	
4.13	<b>Voting Results:</b> <b>Total Strength: 39</b> For: 37 Against: 1 Invalid: 1	
4.14	Ms. Manali Mehta (CSC) has been returned as the Vice President of the 37 <sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.	
4.15	Aik Loong (CSC) proposed for a 5 minutes recess.	
4.16	Sheng Hui (Arts), Wen Shen (Medical), Gordon (Medical), and Megha (Science) left at 1548HRS.	
5.	<b>37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - General Secretary</b>	
5.1	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco General Secretary.	
5.2	<b>Opening of nomination proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b>	
5.3	<b>Nominee: Alvin Poh (CSC)</b> <b>Proposer: Zi Hao (PA)</b> <b>Secunder: Yi Yun (PA)</b>	
5.4	<b>Closing of nomination proposed by Wen Jun (Bizad)</b>	

5.5	<p><b>Alvin Poh's (CSC) Elections Speech</b></p> <p>Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.</p>	
5.6	<p><b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b></p>	
5.7	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q: What kind of themes are you looking at for this year Rag and Flag? Ans: Themes can change over the years thus not decided and will not be the same as 2014 Rag and Flag.</p>	
5.8	<p>Alvin, Medical Q: What kind of engagement would you consider to engage the constituent clubs in Rag and Flag? What kind of conceptualisation are you looking at when engaging the Council to join Rag and Flag? Ans: In terms of engagement and relations, though it's for the Vice President by portfolio. Alvin feels that he should take on the engagement part as well so as to facilitate closer collaborations with the involved stakeholders. Alvin looks forward to consult all the constituent clubs and hall members in an informal manner to discuss on the concept of Rag and Flag. Alvin aims to bring in non-faculty clubs which have not be closely involved with Rag and Flag in the past years.</p>	
5.9	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: In your personal opinion, how will you address student apathy and attrition rate that was mentioned previously by the elected President? Ans: Alvin has seen the attrition rate over his two years of volunteerism and admits that there are no straightforward reasons and solutions to this. He hopes to work closely with the volunteers to inspire them that the purpose of the Union is more than just the event but about serving the student population. Thus, this close relationship will allow volunteers to see how they can volunteer more in the Union.</p>	
5.10	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: Do you sometimes lose sight of the overall objectives when you overfocus on the details of the project. Ans: The detail-oriented part of Alvin mainly when handling paper work which should be handled meticulously. The key thing that Alvin would like to bring in his perspectives. He hopes to bring in a bigger perspectives into the Union projects.</p>	

5.11	<p>Jeanette, Arts Q: What is your take when one committee do not want to collaborate in Rag and Flag especially tin can flagging.</p> <p>Ans: He agrees that flagging can be done through various forms. There is nothing wrong for USC to contribute to the event through beneficiary engagement.</p>
5.12	<p>Jun Jie, Bizad Q: Given your past experience, do you think this year Rag and Flag is a successful event?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin has spoken to some of the PBs involved and learnt that they felt positive of the event. Yes, the KPI has been met but the counterargument is on the amount of funding needed to run this event. Alvin felt that though the high amount spent, the outreach was far beyond monetary worth, reemphasizing that the target of reaching out to the public, freshmen, beneficiaries and PBs have been met,</p>
5.13	<p>Ren Bin, CSC Q: In your opinion, what is the objective of Union Camp?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin mentioned that the Union Camp is a platform to know more friends and understand more about the school.</p>
5.14	<p>Ren Bin, CSC Q: In your opinion, do you think Union camp achieved the objective that you mentioned above?</p> <p>Ans: Union camp did forged many friendship through the event. However, Alvin mentioned that he would like to see more lasting result of that friendships. This could be done through bringing these members onto other events such as volunteerism.</p>
5.15	<p>Alvin, Medical Q: In what extend you going to adjust the KPI given the success of this year Rag and Flag</p> <p>Ans: Alvin will not focus solely on the amount of donations raised in flagging but consider other flagging alternatives.</p>
5.16	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q: Are you going to include or modify the scoring system of the Rag and Flag? Are you going to include the community engagement as part of the scoring system?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin hopes to create more discussion platforms with the PBs to look at the alternative channels of flagging.</p>
5.17	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: Is there a potential overlap between your idea of Rag and Flag and SLF? If yes, how are you going to tackle it?</p> <p>Ans: By targeting more events, Alvin hopes to target more</p>

	students who might have been left out in the other events.	
5.18	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: How do you feel the current NUSSU event and how are you going to improve it?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin hopes to sit in the committee meetings to see how are their working styles are like for the events. From there, he would have some of his inputs and changes to the events.</p>	
5.19	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: How do you intend to include Constituent Club in Union Camp?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin does not want to overtax the constituent clubs. Thus, would only share on what each club does.</p>	
5.20	<p>Han Siang, Observer Q: What is the current status of the community engagement? Can you comment it? How are you going to bring in Constituent Club in it?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin hopes to look into having a quantitative scoring system for those who hope to participate in flag through beneficiary engagement and not flagging.</p>	
5.21	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: How do you foresee or envision the concrete ideas for ShareNUS?</p> <p>Ans: Alvin aims to encourage the various constituent clubs volunteers to wear their club shirts to collect goodies from the Union events.</p>	
5.22	<p>Yi Chen, Bizad Q: Follow up question, are they only needed to wear their faculty shirts and collect free goodie? How do you see the feasibility of this event and how are you going to make sure that the event can happens?</p> <p>Ans: He also aims to have other photo and video competition ideas to see how students have built their friendship over the years. Alvin aims to have the different constituent club members to pass on the message and not to overtax the members.</p>	
5.23	Richmond (Bizad) proposed 30 mins extension of Q&A	
5.24	<p>Richmond, Bizad Q: Is it worth the effort and money to implement this idea?</p> <p>Ans: During conceptualization, Alvin and team has not work on the phase to predict the outreach and effort needed. He hopes that this event will ultimately achieve the aim of appreciation towards the volunteers.</p>	



<p>5.25</p> <p>5.26</p> <p>5.27</p> <p>5.28</p>	<p><b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Alvin (Medical).</b></p> <p><b>Voting Results:</b>  <b>Total Strength: 34</b>  For: 32  Against: 1  Invalid: 1</p> <p>Mr. Alvin Poh (CSC) has been returned as the General Secretary of the 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.</p> <p>Alexander (Engin), Eng Way (PA), and Xuan Lin (Engin) left at 1651HRS.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p> <p>6.6</p> <p>6.7</p> <p>6.8</p>	<p><b>37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Assistant Secretary</b></p> <p>RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Assistant Secretary.</p> <p><b>Opening of nomination proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b></p> <p><b>Nominee: Clement Eu (Sports)</b>  <b>Proposer: Wen Jun (Bizad)</b>  <b>Secunder: Yi Yun (PA)</b></p> <p><b>Closing of nomination proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b></p> <p><b>Clement Eu's (Sports) Elections Speech</b></p> <p>Presented to the council his elections slides.  Please refer to the attached slides for further information.</p> <p><b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b></p> <p>Haolin, PA Q: Who will be the personnel in-charge of the inventory list?  Ans: The Director of Logistics</p> <p>Haolin, PA Q: From what I understand, there is a list that is available and all the constituent clubs can tap on it. Are you going</p>	

	<p>to publish it in the web?</p> <p>Ans: This list is available for the other students to borrow. The members can feel free to approach Clement for any logistical assistance.</p>	
6.9	<p>Haolin, PA Q: Do you foresee a better communication platform in terms of resource sharing</p> <p>Ans: Clement intends to push through for the publishing of all the logistical items on the website to facilitate efficiency in the borrowing process.</p>	
6.10	<p>Kellie, Observer Q: Are you going to implement any changes for the current Student Lounge and NUSSU Storage Bay. Follow up question, there is an inventory logbook available for the student to sign in and out.</p> <p>Ans: The current procedures are that the constituent clubs will seek the usage of the storage bay freely to put their items temporarily. Clement hopes to have more control over the flow of items in more details apart from the current system. Clement targets to push out movie night event at the student lounge. He also would like to invite more students to participate with a NUSSU-NUS Pieces collaboration; extending publicity on the existing facilities.</p>	
6.11	<p>Li Ting, Science Q: How do you value add the student lounge given the variety of student interest?</p> <p>Ans: Student lounge by default is not a study place for students in the first place. Clement suggested to implement it to become an entertainment hub to let students chill in the lounge. On top of that, he will be collaborating with other student interest group to bring entertainment to the lounge and to attract more students.</p>	
6.12	<p>Alvin, Medical Q: Do you intend to shift the student lounge from a study area to the entertainment area?</p> <p>Ans: Yes</p>	
6.13	<p>Raynor, Computing Q: Do you think if you can do something to ensure that the student lounge is kept clean?</p> <p>Ans: The arrangement of the furnitures are supervised and managed by the student assistants present.</p>	
6.14	<p>Jia Yi, PA Q: Would you implement live time updates for the booking facilities?</p>	

	<p>Ans: Booking of facilities under the Assistant Secretary purview will be given impartially and on first-come-first-serve basis. The lecture theatres are not under NUSSU management thus unable to add this to the update list.</p>
6.15	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: To what extent will you be involved in the resource sharing between 2 parties? Especially when it concerns about the deposit payment.</p> <p>Ans: Any damages in the items will be up to the involved parties to resolve.</p>
6.16	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: Follow up question, in the event that no deposit is placed before that for the equipment and given that the equipment is spoilt, how are you going to resolve it?</p> <p>Ans: Clement would then investigate into the matter and look for a way to resolves it.</p>
6.17	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: What is the criteria that you will be setting to allow or disallow of booking system?</p> <p>Ans: 1) Purpose of the event, 2) Duration of booking</p>
6.18	<p>Aik Loong, CSC Q: Are your explanation earlier on against the first come first serve basis?</p> <p>Ans: Once the DOS sees the booking, he will make a decision on whether to approve the booking. Unless when in doubt, which he would approach the clubs to clarify.</p>
6.19	<p>Han Siang, Observer Q: What is your view of NUSSU Van given that it is absolutely important for the student events?</p> <p>Ans: In an event if the van is unavailable, Clement would ask for the items needed to be transported and work with the clubs for alternative solutions.</p>
6.20	<p><b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Zi Hao (PA)</b></p>
6.21	<p><b>Voting Results:</b>  <b>Total Strength: 31</b>  For: 26  Against:3  Invalid: 2</p>
6.22	<p>Mr. Clement Eu has been returned as the Assistant Secretary of the 37<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Exco.</p>

With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr Alvin Tan proposed to close the meeting at 1730HRS.

\* Amendments are made to Question 3.14, 3.27, 3.35, 3.49 & 3.76 in Part 3 - 37th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections – President.

\* Amendments are made to Question 4.10 in Part 4 - 37th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Vice President.

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