

Minutes for 4th 37th NUSSU Council Meeting

Date: Saturday, 23rd January 2016
Time: 1000hrs
Venue: LT27, Faculty of Science

Attendance:

Present:

Council Representatives (27):

Toh Xiao Wee	Arts & Social Sciences Club, President
Sarah Chew	Arts & Social Sciences Club, Marketing Director
Wong Jun Jie	Bizad Club, President
Richmond Lee	Bizad Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Wei Yi Chen	Bizad Club, Vice President (External)
Tan Yong Ming	Computing Club, President
Andrew Koh Zheng Kang	Computing Club, Vice President (External Relations)
Ng Zi Kai	Computing Club, Vice President (Operations & Projects)
Lim Jia Min	Design & Environment Club, President
Choo Chia Jean	Design & Environment Club, Vice President (Internal)
Toh Wei Ni	Design & Environment Club, Vice President (External)
Tan Li Dan	Design & Environment Club, Honorary General Secretary
Eu Xuan Lin	Engineering Club, General Secretary
Liu Guiliang	Law Club, President
Teo Siu Ming	Law Club, Vice President
Tan Kian Wei Alvin	Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary
Tan Li Ting	Science Club, President
Ng Aik Loong	Community Service Club, 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
Loh Yi Chin	Political Association, Vice President
Yeo Eng Way	Political Association, Marketing & Communications Director
Cedric Lim	Sports Club, President

Exco Representatives (14):

Chua Khai Shing	Arts and Social Sciences 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

Clement Eu Chun Kian	Sports Club
Goh Him Ling	Sports Club
Claire Ann Lois Abraham	Cultural Activities Club
Alvin Poh Leong Ann	Community Service Club
Manali Mehta	Community Service Club

Exco Members (6):

Siong Li Qing Jeannie	Director of Public Relations
Eric Poon Chinn Wey	Director of Volunteer Development
Khwang Jia Ying	Deputy Financial Secretary
Michelle Loke	Deputy Communications Secretary
Lee Chun Chuan	Director of Video & Photography
Goh Zhen May	Deputy Welfare Secretary

Observers (1):

Phua Han Siang	Engineering Club
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Absents with Apologies (13):

Marissa Chang	Arts & Social Sciences Club, Honorary General Secretary
Sandra Chen Ming Shu	Dental Club, President
Alexander Noronha	Engineering Club, Secretary of Student Affairs
Wong Wen Kai	Medical Club, President
Chua Sin Hui Melissa	Medical Club, Vice President
Lim Cheng Lei	University Scholars Club, President
Chua Zhe Xuan Royston	University Scholars Club, Vice President (Community Life)
Chia Ren Bin	Community Service Club, Vice President
Jia Haolin	Political Association, Vice President
Chia Sheng Hui	Arts and Social Sciences Club
Megha Verma	Science Club
Low Yi Yun	Political Association
Ong Zi Hao	Political Association

Absents without Apologies (5):

Thenaesh s/o N Elango	Computing Club, Vice President (HR and Development)
Hamza Naqvi	Engineering Club, President
Hazel Tan Xin Wei	Design and Environment Club
Tan Zheng Jie	University Scholars Club
Goh Suen Rong	Cultural Activities Club

Meeting Agenda:

- 1 NUSSU EXCO's Updates
- 2 Constitution Review Committee Updates
- 3 Any Other Business (AOBs)

The 4th Council Meeting was called to order at 1015HRS byt Mr Tan Kian Wei Alvin, Chairperson of the 37th NUSSU Council.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1	Loo Weng Heng - NUSSU EXCO's Updates	Information No Action Required
1.1	Please refer to slides.	
1.2	The following items are the summary for the EXCO's update.	
1.3	NUSSU Student Leaders' Camp 2015 Review Union Action Committee was proposed to solve the problems raised in Student Leaders' Camp. However, it was tough to tackle these issues as they are more internal and so meetings with all the Constituent Club's Presidents would be more appropriate.	
1.4	Academics We are working closely with Provost office on academics issue, if there are any academics issue, we can raise it to the office.	
1.5	Sem 1 Walkabout Feedback The feedback walkabout in several canteens was a joint effort conducted by NUSSU EXCO, a few Constituent Clubs and PRU. Some of the feedback were targeted at certain faculties while others provided feedbacks that were of concern to the general student population.	
1.6	Repositioning of Union Action Committee The UAC was set up to show that we are committed as a Union to tackle these issues raised against NUS administration office. Manali will be leading this committee.	
1.7	Proposed bus route changes On 21st Jan 2016, there was a meeting with OCA, Yi Yun (Welfare Secretary) and Han Siang (Engin Club) about the proposed bus route change.	
1.7.1	Sarah (Arts): Right now, the D1 buses are stopping at the museum after coming out from Utown? Weng Heng (Engin): That is the current bus route. In week 8, they are changing it to the previous route which is from the museum to Utown and then to YIH.	
1.7.2	Andrew (Comp): Why was there a change in the first place? Weng Heng (Engin): It was suppose to be only a trial run because the EA (in Engineering faculty) bus stop was removed and the previous batches of students requested for some measures to be put in place.	
1.7.3	Han Siang (Engin) : Engineering students requested for it and it turns out not working very well.	

<p>1.7.4</p> <p>1.7.5</p> <p>1.8</p>	<p>Andrew (Comp): What was the rationale for this? Han Siang (Engin): At that point of time, they were removing the Engin bus stop and because of that, there was no way to get from Utown to Engin except to walk. So students were suggesting to actually have the buses stop at the museum bus stop before going to YIH. This is to allow students to walk from the museum bus stop to their classes in Engineering faculty.</p> <p>Weng Heng (Engin): In the discussion with OCA, Buses B and C actually stop at the Japanese school, can I have a show of hands on who is using that bus stop? Because OCA wants to remove that bus stop for the bus routes of B and C. Xiao Wee (Arts): We have a Japanese society but I am not too sure whether they use it. I can check for you though since they sometimes have events there.</p> <p>Please refer to slides for upcoming NUSSU events and LoveNUS updates.</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>2.1</p> <p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p> <p>2.6</p> <p>2.7</p>	<p>Alvin Poh Leong Ann - Constitution Review Committee Updates</p> <p>Please refer to slides.</p> <p>The following items are the background on the Constitution review.</p> <p>7 members in the CRC have been working on the Constitution on our first meeting and will be meeting again next week or the week after. We will meet to discuss the changes and will share them with the Council.</p> <p>Last year, we met up with Dean from OSA and discuss on the Constitution as there were some concern that they raised. They suggested that we engage an external lawyer. The key benefit of engaging a lawyer is that there is continuity when passing on the work to next batch.</p> <p>To avoid the hassle of changing the Constitution line by line, a new set of Constitution will be presented possibly by the end of this term and to be passed by the Council. As Council members, if you have any feedback or concern, please let your respective club President know and they will inform me accordingly.</p> <p>Richmond (Biz) and Yi Chen (Biz) arrives at 1041HRS.</p> <p>Proposed Constitution amendments (refer to slides)</p>	<p>Information No Action Required</p>

- 2.7.1 Associate Bodies is a term used for the halls, JCRC and the CSC. Our Seniors actually included ABs in the Constitution which is technically wrong as it is against the NUS regulation 9. Therefore, they will be removed from the Constituent Bodies. Consequently, the ABs will also be removed from the Union Council.
- 2.7.2 The Adjudication Committee (AC) will be removed because its roles and responsibilities are redundant and its power shall be vested in the Union Council.
- 2.8 Jiayi (PA): How would the engagement of the external lawyer be managed?
Alvin (CSC): Weng Heng and I had our first meeting with OSA, OLA and the external lawyers. On their end, OLA is very interested to work on this because it has not been changed for about 20 years and many things are outdated. Therefore, OLA is looking into this matter starting from the NUS regulation for clubs all the way to NUSSU Constitution. As for the fees, it hasn't been clearly stated who is going to pay the fees, we are assuming that OSA and OLA will be paying the fees. The details of the fees are not clear yet; it is not clearly stated during the meeting.
- 2.9 Jiayi (PA): Would then I suggest that it to be clearly stated?
Alvin (CSC): If there is a need to come out from us, we will definitely inform you all.
- 2.10 Han Siang (Engin): If the lawyers are going to look through the Constitution all the way to us, what should we do in between after he is done on the NUSSU side?
Alvin (CSC): If it is something pertaining to your club, you can work on your Constitution, and propose the changes that you all have made. Once they are done with NUSSU, they will come and engage with you all. Then you can propose to them the changes and work with you all accordingly. One of the fundamentals is not to go against the NUS Regulation 9, otherwise it should be fine.
- 2.11 Han Siang (Engin): What happens when there is a contradiction between us and NUSSU?
Alvin (CSC): NUS Regulation 9 is like the higher order, even the NUSSU Constitution should not contradict with NUS Regulation. It will then be followed by the Constitution to the Constituent Clubs' constitution. The Constituent Clubs' constitution cannot contradict with those on top. For the NUSSU Constitution, we are working on something that is general and broad, and not dictating what the Constituent Clubs should be doing. It serves as a general guideline for all of us to follow. We hope not to contradict with each and every one of you. There will be a clear process in this case.

2.12	<p>Alvin (Med): We are now attempting to correct the current NUSSU Constitution since it is for the benefit for all of us to protect ourselves, so that people do not use it against us. At any point of time, if you wish to make any clarification, you can approach the 7 of us in CRC. OSA is also involved in correcting this Constitution and will be there to help us out. This will be one of the major thing that you will see in your own club's term.</p>	
3	<p>AOBs</p> <p>3.1 Claire - Communications Updates</p> <p>3.1.1 Please refer to slides.</p> <p>3.1.2 Jiayi (PA): For the one page booklet info, is there a stipulated design template that we have to adhere to? Claire (CAC): We will work on the design but we will need your contribution in terms of the messages.</p> <p>3.1.3 The following items are the discussion on the idea of consolidating of Club shirts to be sold on an online portal.</p> <p>3.1.4 Han Siang (Engin): So the idea is to have an online portal, to allow students to purchase the shirts that are not in their faculty. For exchange and graduating students, they can go to this portal and contact the person in charge to purchase the shirts. We hope this can be reach out to all faculties and collaborate together. Claire and her team will be the one to contact on this.</p> <p>3.1.5 Xiao Wee (Arts): I need some clarification on the identity purposes. Claire (CAC): The idea is to promote their identity and connection to the faculty, that is how we are branding it.</p> <p>3.1.6 Xiao Wee (Arts): Is there a guideline on what kind of shirts that can be sold? Claire (CAC): We are looking at faculty shirts but there won't be sub-committee and event shirts.</p> <p>3.1.7 Han Siang (Engin): The key idea is to have the portal so that general students could purchase the shirts. For example, if I don't think that a mechanical engineering shirt should be sold to students in general, I will not put it on the portal to sell. It is the decision of the faculty clubs on what shirts they would like to sell and put up in the portal.</p> <p>3.1.8 Cindy (CAC): It can be like a gallery of shirts and everyone can know what shirts that can be purchased. Also, it shows the creativity of the shirts that some of our students actually designed.</p>	<p>Information No Action Required</p>

3.1.9 Jiayi (PA): Would there be a standardised cost on the shirts?
Claire (CAC): We won't be placing restriction on the cost since I understand that some of them will be using for fund raising purposes. The way we brand it would be more of an identity.

3.1.10 Cindy (CAC): Can we get a show of hands on who is supportive of this initiative?
Claire (CAC): Computing Club, Arts Club, Law Club, Sports Club, Design Environment Club, Engin Club, Med Club and Political Association Club. So we will go ahead with this idea but due to the tight schedule that we have, this will probably be launched after the semester.

3.1.11 Yong Ming (Comp): Before you launch this portal, could you come out with a detailed plan on this?
Claire (CAC): Can, no problem. We will inform the Council once the plan is out.

3.2 Alvin (Med) has reminded the Council members to be punctual for the meeting in the future.

3.3 **Welfare Updates on Internal Shuttle Bus (ISB)**

3.3.1 Please refer to slides.

3.3.2 Kenji (Law): This will be the dates for ISB focus group discussion. For faculties which are on Kent Ridge Campus, it will be mainly at YIH. OCA has requested for Law side to be in BTC.

3.3.3 Khai Shing (Arts): We actually want to request at least 2 representatives from your faculty Main Committee to attend. This is to discuss on the ISB changes or improvements that you might have.

With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr Tan Kian Wei Alvin (Med) proposed to close the meeting at 1106HRS.

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