Minutes for 1st 38th NUSSU Council Meeting

Date: Saturday, 10th September 2016

Time: 1016 HRS

Venue: LT27, NUS Faculty of Science

Attendance:

Present:

Council Representatives (31):

Wong Xue Wen Laura Arts & Social Sciences Club, President

Soh Wei Ren Alson Arts & Social Sciences Club, Honorary General Secretary Sangeetha Krishnan Arts & Social Sciences Club, Communications Secretary

Wei Yi Chen Business Club, President

Tan Jun Wei Business Club, Vice President (Internal)
Cheryl Low Business Club, Vice President (External)
See Xin Yu Business Club, Vice President (Student Life)

Loo Qi En, Benjamin Computing Club, President

Low Yong Cheng Computing Club, Vice President (Human Resource)
Soh Wei Hao Computing Club, Vice President (Operations and

Projects)

Tan Li Kiat, Rebecca

Computing Club, Director of Publicity

Tan Yu Kiat

Design & Environment Club, President

Design & Environment Club, Vice President

Design & Environment Club, Financial Secretary

Woon Yongsheng Jedd Engineering Club, President

Loi Wen Tian, Jodie Engineering Club, Vice President (External)
Lim Yu Han Engineering Club, Secretary of Student Affairs

Ng Shi Yuan Brandon Science Club, President

Cheah Wenjie University Scholars Club, President Stanrly Moo Jia Lir Community Service Club, President

Joscelin Ong Jia Xin Community Service Club, Vice President (Special

Projects)

Ang Shi Min Charmaine Community Service Club, Vice President (Regular

Programmes)

Tee Yan Yie Cultural Activities Club, President
Tan Jie Yin Cultural Activities Club, Vice President
Glen Anthony Ooi Cultural Activities Club, Vice President

Loh Yi Chin Political Association, President

Elston Foo Sheng Kai Political Association, Vice President Shen Yunni Political Association, Vice President

Benjamin Lem Han Wei Political Association, Honorary Financial Secretary

Matthew Tan Students' Sports Club, President

Yvette Choo Students' Sports Club, Vice President (Internal)

EXCO Representatives (15):

Siong Li Qing Jeannie Arts & Social Sciences Club

Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey Science Club Nguyen Dang Hoang Yen Science Club Toh Wen Hui Business Club

Tan Zhi Hao lan Design and Environmental Club

Tai Ben Wey Engineering Club
Tan Wee Bian Engineering Club

Soon Hao Jing University Scholars Club Yue Yao Chong Students' Sports Club Kong Xiao Wei Students' Sports Club Lee Chin Shian Cultural Activities Club Cultural Activities Club Quek Yan Tong Community Service Club Ong Zhang Yao Vivian Leow Hui Ying Community Service Club Nicole Jean Lau Yi Xuan **Political Association**

Observers (6):

Kenneth Ng Arts and Social Science

Chium Feng Yong Science
Tan Yong Ming Computing
Ng Zi Kai Computing

Tan Wei Shao Thaddus Arts and Social Science

Seah Yan Xiang Engineering

Absents with Apologies (9):

Quek Jia Xin, Bevin Design & Environment Club, Vice President

Teo Yong Shun Engineering Club, General Secretary

Lee Yew Boon Law Club, Vice President Hargaven Singh Medical Club, Vice President

Chong Wei Ling Cultural Activities Club, Honorary General Secretary

Kenji Ong Shao Qiang

Law Club, EXCO representative

Soong Tse Kiat

Medical Club, EXCO representative

Medical Club, EXCO representative

Lim Jia Wei Elvin Political Association, EXCO representative

Absents without Apologies (4):

Ryo Yao Zhe You Law Club, President Ivan Low Medical Club, President

Thaddaeus Tan Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary

Hong Li Wee Vice President (External)

Union Elections Committee:

Loo Weng Heng

Manali Mehta

Leong Lu Sheng

Low Yi Yun

Goh Him Leng

Union Returning Officer
Union Elections Officer
Union Elections Officer
Union Elections Officer

Meeting Agenda

- 1. Presentation of Roles and Responsibility of Council Member by UEC
- 2. Elections of the 38th NUSSU Council Chairperson
- 3. 38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections President
- 4. 38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections Vice President
- 5. 38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections General Secretary
- 6. 38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections Financial Secretary
- 7. 38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections Communications Secretary
- 8. 38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections Student Life Secretary
- 9. 38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections Student Welfare Secretary

The 1st Council Meeting was called to order at 0915 HRS by Mr. Loo Weng Heng, Returning Officer of the 38th NUSSU Council.

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1.	Presentation of Roles and Responsibility of Council Member by Union Election Committee	Information No Action Required
2.	Elections of the 38th NUSSU Council Chairperson	

2.1	Nominations and elections for the position of Council Chairperson, NUSSU Council	Elections procedures No Action
2.2	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the Council Chairperson.	Required
2.3	Opening of nominations proposed by Tan Wee Bian (Engin)	
2.4	Nominee: NIL Proposer: NIL Seconder: NIL	
2.5	Closing of nominations proposed by Tan Wee Bian (Engin)	
2.6	Opening of nominations proposed by Matthew Tan (Sports)	
2.7	Nominee: NIL Proposer: NIL Seconder: NIL	
2.8	Closing of nominations proposed by Mathew Tan (Sports)	
2.9	Latecomers Tan Li Kiat, Rebecca (Computing) arrived at 1030 HRS.	
3.	38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - President	
3.1	Nominations and elections for the position of President, NUSSU EXCO	
	Union Returning Officer went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco President.	
3.2	Opening of nomination proposed by Jeannie Siong (Arts)	
3.3	Nominee: Tan Wee Bian (Engin) Proposer: Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Seconder: Lim Yu Han (Engin)	
3.4	Closing of nomination proposed by Jeannie Siong (Arts)	

3.5	Nominee Tan Wee Bian (Engin) Elections Speech
	Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.
3.6	Opening of Q&A session proposed by Jeannie Siong (Arts)
3.6.1	Cheah Wenjie (USP) Q: WalkNUS is an interesting idea, but how feasible do you think WalkNUS is? A: Answering the first question about the terrain of NUS. We are only looking at short distances (e.g. KR to Science). For long distance, for example from here (science) to UTown, it will be challenging. The second question, why walk when there is another modes of transport. We are mainly targeting students with no other modes of transport other than the ISB.
3.6.2	Cheah Wenjie (USP) Q: Follow up, is it due to the fact that students choose to take transportation for short distances? Is that the motivation for this initiative? A: For me myself, I take the shuttle bus. Sometimes I will get stucked at the bus stop when I have class at 10 and I reach school at 9:45 a.m. Facilitate them to walk for short distances.
3.6.3	Cheah Wenjie (USP) Q: How do you plan to encourage students to take up WalkNUS? A: We want to place signages, posters and stickers on the floor. Inform students about the amount of time they will take to the location and so on. We are also looking at placing information on calories intake but this is for the long term.
3.6.4	Yichen (Bizad Club) Q: Tell us something the 37th NUSSU Exco didn't do so well? Tell us something your Direct predecessor didn't do so well? A: Something that they can improve on is having a better communications amongst different groups of people. For Weng Heng, I feel that one thing that he may not have do well is that he tend to keep things to himself and that he can handle it himself. I would like to encourage my team to speak up and share with everyone else on the team their concerns.

3.6.5	Matthew Tan (Sports) Q: How can NUSSU ensure that the new shared spaces, such as AS8 be better utilized as there are like a lack of study spaces that students can use to study? A: In my slide, when I mentioned about shared places, I was referring to YIH as a platform for students to come together to interact and talk to each other. What we can do is to update the relevant offices to tell them about these issues and they can help us rectify these issues. It will also be good if the council reps can join us and collaborate with us to update the offices to make it more effective.	
3.6.6	Matthew Tan (Sports) Q: Why do you want to promote sportsman victory? A: All these, as you can see, it is for long term planning. This is something that we can look into. In the long run, that is what we want to do. We want to recognise Sportsman victory because they are the one representing NUS.	
3.6.7	Yi Chen (Biz) Q: For your celebration of your sportsmen, how is it different compared to IFG/ Rag appreciation activities? A: IFG celebration is a type of celebratory activity. For now I am referring to the varsity team. Students are not very updated about the issues surrounding the team that is why we want to update them.	
3.6.8	Woon Yongsheng, Jedd (Engin) Q: It is impossible to ensure even engagement with the various con clubs. How do you ensure that different con clubs are engaged at a similar level? A: Previously for the few NUSSU EXCO, lack of interaction between con clubs and EXCO. However, for 37th NUSSU EXCO, there was a few people that took the effort to engage the con clubs. I would want to follow in their footsteps and to work on and improve what my predecessors have done.	
3.6.9	Laura (Arts) Q: How do you plan on making YIH more accessible for students as it is quite an inaccessible place A: there are certain plans that we have. One of which is to establish signage's around YIH to direct them to the nearest lift and slopes.	

There are existing infrastructures for them, and we just need to direct the.

3.6.10 Jun Wei (Biz) Q: One strength and one weakness of yourself, and all your conposts?

A: For me myself, I feel that sometimes when I have a certain plan, I have a certain perspective and may neglect other perspective. My team, to me, will be able to compensate for me.

For my strength, I know how this union should be working towards and that is what I want to run for president.

Vice-president candidate, Zhang Yao, he is someone who is able to look at things from different perspective. He will be able to compensate for my weakness. Now to the weakness, he may be too nice. In a sense, when we need him, and he has other commitments, he may just tank it.

Xiao Wei, she is someone that is very in touch with how some people feel. When there are certain plans, I don't take into account the emotions of others, she will always be in the position to do so. For her weakness, but not so much of now, when she initially decided to step up to the position, she was worried that she may not be able to take up this position. To compensate, she has a lot of plans...

Yao Chong, he is someone that have many grand plans and he knows what he is doing. Maybe he didn't have the experience in the executive committee, he knows what he needs to do. For his weakness, maybe there are certain things that he is not informed of. I believe that we can guide each other

Jeffrey, biggest strength is he totally knows what he is doing. Came from flag background, interacted with them a lot. I am very confident that he will do very well.

For his weakness, sometimes he knows what he is doing too well and he will sometimes overcommit to something that he is doing.

For Jeannie, her strength is that she is a confident person, she can talk well, in good relationship with everyone. She can interact very well with other people. The role of Welfare Secretary requires lots of meeting and engagement and she is suited for this role. Sometimes she might be affected by certain things that happens in her life and her emotions might be affected. However, as of now, she is alright and I have yet to encounter any of such issues while working with her.

3.6.11 Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Q: Are there any plans to make the NUSSU Secretariat and non-faculty club rooms more connected and accessible?

A: You are right, there is only one stairs that connect these rooms. Not good to disabled students to reach them. Infrastructure suggestions to NUS Office to allow these people to reach these places easily. Have signages and infrastructures to inform students of these places and have some other students to help them when the need arises in the meantime as infrastructure needs time to implement.

3.6.12 Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Q: You have mentioned a lot about the change to infrastructure, other than that, what other changes will other NUS Students odd to see?

A: Previously mentioned, direction for this year is student-centric. We will include different group of students from different places. Make students have the awareness that there are different group of students doing different things for them.

3.6.13 Tan Yu Kiat (DE) Q: In the event that there is conflict between us, what plans do you have to resolve this conflict?

A: IF there is a conflict between EXCO and Con clubs, I will definitely try to understand your POV and to explain my rationale and viewpoint. I will prioritize student interest over our differing POV. I will try to improve communication between EXCO and Con Club.

3.6.14 Wong Xue Wen Laura (Arts) Q: How you determine the importance of the feedback you receive, is it based on the number of people it affect?

A: For feedback, to me it doesn't matter if it concerns the big group or small group. An issue could be the number of halal stalls in the canteens. Although the impact may not be that great, it is still something that we need to look into as it is raised as a concern.

3.6.15	Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin Club) Q: Part of the feedback process, is to make sure that the people have given the feedback are aware that NUSSU has taken steps. How do you ensure that students are aware of these efforts? A: So if you can remember, when student's feedback and it is pressing, we will inform the students that we have taken notice of their feedback and the various necessary actions will be taken.
3.6.16	Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Q: Just to clarify, you will be contacting them directly? A: There are various ways in we will response depending on the nature of the query and issue.
3.6.17	Cheah Wenjie (USC) Q: You spoke just now that the SEP is a large part of student life. You mention that NUSSU works with the current administration to give out these bursaries. Can I understand a little more on how the EXCO will work with the office with regards to this? A: Student Exchange Programs and Summer programs are the highlights of a student's university experience. NUSSU will give out money to NUS OFS and these will be given out as financial bursaries to students.
3.6.18	Cheah Wenjie (USC) Q: Follow-up: What is the criteria for selection? A: OFS will set the financial criteria and they will take charge of the process. The OFS will administer the amount to the students based on the criteria that was set with accordance to NUS standards
3.6.19	Wen Jie (USC) Q: You also spoke about this Union Sponsorship management, how would you allocate the sponsor to each of the club? Is there a criteria in which you follow when handling out these sponsorships? Do the con club approach us to get the sponsors, or do you approach the conclubs with regards to this? A: Different Con clubs to come out with a list of their own events. When there is a certain sponsor that fits the particular event, USM will approach the relevant club to inform of the sponsor and link them up.

3.6.20 See Xin Yu (Bizad) Q: What are you changing and what are your plans with regards to Orientation? A: With regards to this issue, Provost has set up a committee to overlook this issues. As of now, there has not been any information passed down to me. If I were to be elected, the information will be passed down to me. 3.6.21 See Xin Yu (Bizad) Q: So, just to elaborate, are there any plans that you wish to keep or change for FOP regardless of whether you're in the committee or not. A: For me, as the President of the Union, I will provide my point of information after consultation with the Con Clubs. My point of view is that certain camps should stay on, certain criteria's should be agreed between the clubs themselves but I am in favour of the camp staying on. 3.6.22 Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Q: From your presentation, are there any ways in which the conclubs can help you reach the vision of one union. Any plans that you have that involve us in creating your vision of One Union. A: For my direction of One Union, to make sure different groups of students are represented. We should have good relationships with different Con Clubs. We have many different platforms to engage and have fun with everyone. One example, would be Union Tea. Making use of these platforms, we can come together and talk and work together on how to better improve the overall working relationships with each other and to achieve more together as One Union. 3.6.23 Joscelin Ong Jia Xin (CSC) Q: You mentioned about various feedback channels earlier on. Could you evaluate the effectiveness of the various feedback channels that you presented earlier on and how do you intend to improve them. A: We will go down to the different canteens and to talk to different students. We will talk to them and most of the time they are very receptive and they give us valuable feedback. As for the email and the Facebook channel, from what we gathered during our

campaign, some of them may not know of these channels and they are not keen to get through to it. We would like to introduce an

	instant messaging feedback and to let students get feedback instantly without the hassle of going through the long process.	
	Closing of Q&A session proposed by Loh Yi Chin (PA).	
3.7	Voting Results Total Strength: 40 For: 31 Against: 4 Invalid: 5	
	Tan Wee Bian (Engin) has been returned as the President of the 38th NUSSU Exco.	
	Jeffrey (Science) proposed for a 5 minutes toilet break.	
3.8	Tan Yu Kiat (DE) left the meeting at 1153.	
4.1	Meeting resumed at 1205.	
4.1	Meeting resumed at 1203.	
4.2	38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Vice President	
4.3	Nominations and elections for the position of Vice President, NUSSU EXCO	
	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Vice President.	
4.4	Opening of nomination proposed by Jeannie Siong (Arts)	
4.5	Nominee: Ong Zhang Yao (CSC) Proposer: Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Seconder: Ang Shi Min Charmaine (CSC)	
4.6	Closing of nomination proposed by Wong Xue Wen Laura (Arts)	
4.7	Ng Shi Yuan Brandon (Science) joined the meeting at 1205.	
4.8	Nominee Ong Zhang Yao (CSC) Elections Speech	

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4.9 Opening of Q&A session proposed by Tan Wee Bian (Engin)

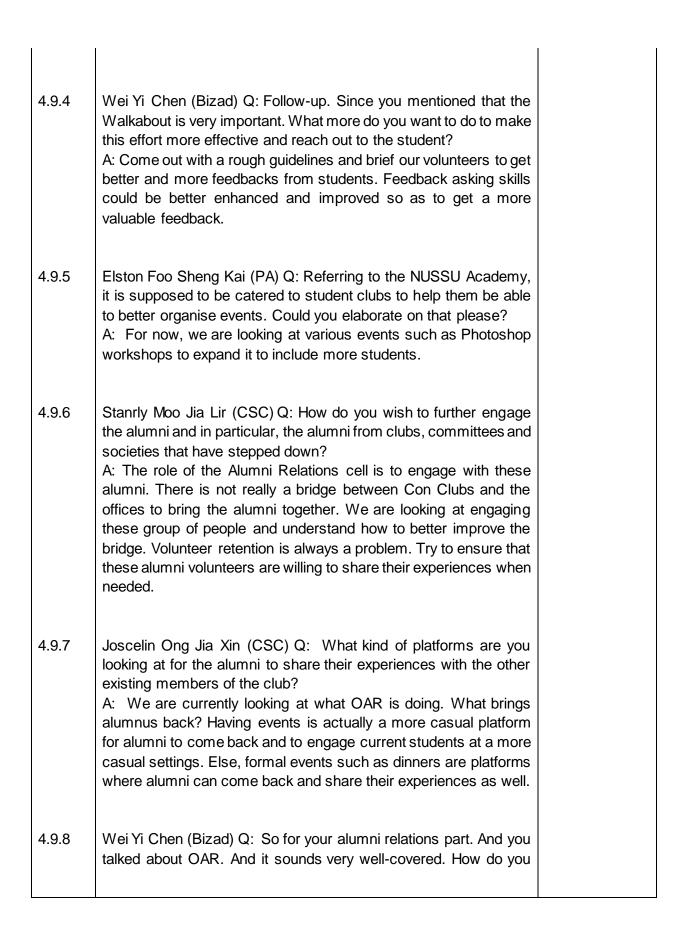
- 4.9.1 Yvette Choo (Sports Club) Q: Why did you not run for president?

 A: Thank you for your question. I believe that this question targets my own motivation. I wanted to run for VP, because I have seen people on the ground and saw the effort of the people of the ground and I wanted to be in the exco to help them in whatever way I can. I believe it is a consensus all the candidates have met up and what suits our personality. I personally work behind the scenes and support the people that way. Having said that, even though I prefer to work behind the scene I would engage you guys in my capacity to understand your needs.
- 4.9.2 Yvette Choo (Sports Club) Q: As NUSSU is very complicated and students don't really know what NUSSU does. Do you have any plans to improve the publicity of NUSSU? Do you have any plans to let the student population, who don't know what NUSSU is doing, how you wish to improve the publicity? This is especially so when students don't really understand or know what NUSSU does.

A: Let me start off with the current channels. Firstly, we have email blast. Another aspect is the on the ground. It is a very personal thing. Although the outreach will won't be very wide, the people will know about the Union. While people don't know about what the union does, I believe that everyone here is all in a MC and a member of the Union. We can start something small, Start off with our own friends and pass the message around.

4.9.3 Wei Yi Chen (Bizad) Q: So just now you talk about the Walkabout. Your president also mentioned that 99% of the time, students are very willing to talk to NUSSU and are very interested. How effective, in your opinion, do you think the walkabout is?

A: Before this, we did several walkabouts to engage students. Most of the students that we talked to are quite interested to know what we do, we let them know what we do and how they can give back to the student population. We gathered a broad base of feedback and these feedbacks are filtered to the Welfare Secretary and these feedbacks are then brought to the attention of the relevant offices

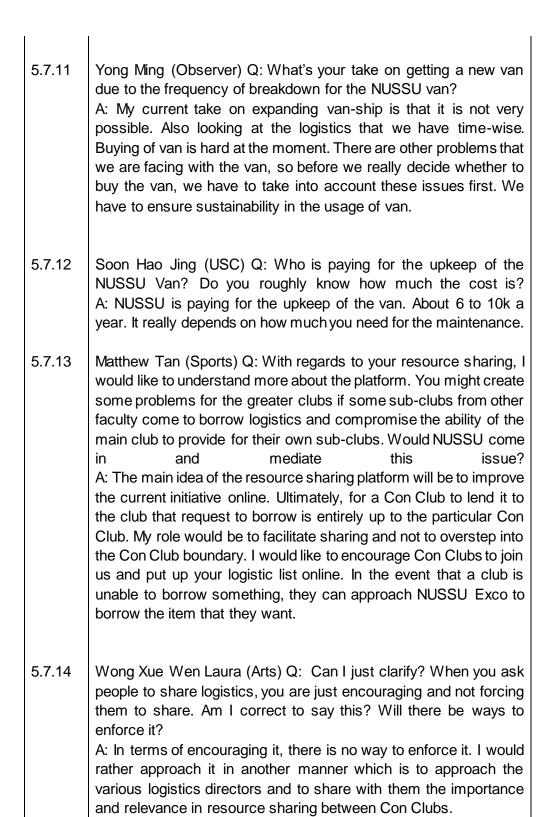


	think NUSSU could further distinguish from the current efforts of OAR? A: I foresee as having a centralized platform could be the way to go. Look at how these events can be combined by sharing experiences with each other.	
4.9.9	Wei Yi Chen (Bizad) Q: So the part about differentiating yourself from OAR? A: So the idea is that Oar covers all these events. Their events may lack in the sense whereby there is no sector-specific event. I really want to have a director to look at what we could do and to really target and brainstorm what improvements we can make.	
4.9.10	Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Q: Moving on from alumni relations, what other concrete plans do you have to engage the international community that comes to NUS? In view that there is committees like GRU A: So actually for GRU, their main idea is to do hosting for international students. Their scheme is really about Friends of NUS. Interested students can join this scheme. See how GRU can work together with the current schemes that we have and how to further expand these schemes with the current NUS offices.	
4.9.11	Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Q: Could you further elaborate on the NUSSU Academy. What are the strengths and the changes that you foresee during your term? A: The programs under NUSSU Academy are open to everyone. Let committees see the bigger picture on how their events can improve the overall student population. The different perspective that can be gathered via feedback channels and engagement with Con Clubs is what further value can add to NUSSU Academy.	
4.9.12	Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Q: So just to clarify, right now NUSSU academy is opened to everyone in the school. Now you are looking at getting members of conclubs to come down and share their experiences A: Yes.	
4.10	Closing of Q&A session proposed by Jeannie Siong (Arts).	

	Voting Results Total Strength: 36 For: 29 Against: 4 Invalid: 3	
	Ong Zhang Yao (CSC) has been returned as the Vice President of the 38th NUSSU Exco.	
4.12	Jeannie Siong (Arts) proposes for a 40 minutes lunch break.	
4.13	See Xin Yu (Bizad) left the meeting at 1247.	
4.14	Loi Wen Tian, Jodie (Engin) left the meeting at 1327.	
5	38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - General Secretary	
5.1	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco General Secretary.	
5.2	Opening of nomination proposed by Tai Ben Wey (Engin)	
5.3	Nominee: Yue Yao Chong (Sports) Proposer: Tai Ben Wey (Engin) Seconder: Nguyen Dang Hoang Yen (Science)	
5.4	Closing of nomination proposed by Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC).	
5.5	Soh Wei Hao (Computing) left the meeting at 1338.	
5.6	Nominee Yue Yao Chong (Sports) Elections Speech	
	Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
5.7	Opening of Q&A session proposed by Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey (Science)	
5.7.1	Joscelin Ong Jia Xin (CSC) Q: Just now you talked about the minutes and you mentioned that you want to have proper minutes and archival. What are the procedures?	

	A: After speaking to my predecessor, there is no black and white procedure about how to write minutes. I would like to find out a most efficient way to maximize efficiency in writing minutes and to pass it on to my successors.	
5.7.2	Siong Li Qing Jeannie (Arts) Q: How would you enforce the buddy system for the NUSSU Van? A: One big concern that I foresee for the buddy system for the NUSSU Van, is the enforcement. Students that comes for the theory test will be subjected to the inclusion of a vehicle commander and to inculcate the habit. I would like to also encourage students to take pictures and report it through the instant feedback system if the van is driven alone, in addition to giving stern warnings.	
5.7.3	Kenneth Ng (Observer) Q: If there are any constituent clubs caught using the van without 2 drivers, will there be penalty involved? A: As of now, I wish to impose the penalty as the student's safety are compromised.	
5.7.4	Kenneth Ng (Observer) Q: What would the penalty be? A: I would have to look into it. One will be monetary penalty. Second, a more serious one will be to impose a ban list for drivers that failed to adhere to the rules for several time.	
5.7.5	Ang Shi Min Charmaine (CSC) Q: If you find out the most efficient way to be a General Secretary, how would you enforce it? A: After finding the most efficient way, I will be very happy to share the idea. But, I would like to exchange ideas with the general secretary about the best way. I do acknowledge that different people have different working style. I won't enforce, but it will be good to exchange ideas.	
5.7.6	Wong Xue Wen Laura (Arts) Q: Would the vehicle commander have to go through training? A: In terms of the vehicle commander rule, it is not necessary for him/her to go through trainings. It is important that the vehicle commander be a guide for directions and to assist in parking. As of	

now it is not compulsory for the vehicle commander to go through the training as he/she just acts as the second pair of eyes. 5.7.7 Ng Shi Yuan Brandon (Science) Q: Given that there is only one operational van. How can you effectively assist the con clubs given that most of the times, the events will clash? A: I do recognise that NUSSU Van is important. Ultimately we come to a first come first serve basis. But I will help both parties to come up with the best situation if possible. In the event that it is not possible. First come first serve still occurs and I will assist the other party to source for alternative transportation. 5.7.8 Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Q: In the event that a conclub approaches early to book the van and they may book a few dates/slots. So what will you do? A: To ensure more consistency and fairness, we only allow the booking van up to three weeks in advance. That will result in a lot of problems if we were to allow pre booking 6 months in advance. 5.7.9 Tee Yan Yie (CAC) Q: Regarding with the sharing of logistics, how would you be facilitating the platform of logistic sharing? A: In terms of logistics sharing, so the main focus will be whether I will enforce rule in logistics sharing. I won't enforce rules for logistics sharing to all con clubs. My aim is not to push the responsibility to all con club. I understand that all con clubs have their own system in ensuring this. They have a system. I just want to have a common platform in which the members from other clubs can take a look at the list of available logistics. 5.7.10 Yong Ming (Observer) Q: The NUSSU Van broke down many times over the past year and the events that requires the NUSSU Van had to be rescheduled, sometimes extremely last minute. Do you have a solution for that? A: Yup. So, in terms of solution in case of such an incident. As of now, since we only have one van. In a practical manner, there is not much that we can do. However, I can help provide help and advice to clubs with regards to external vendors and sourcing. We can come together and come out with solution to this.



5.7.15	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: I would like to ask about the plans for the YIH and the Student Lounge. As it is an ad hoc event, how are you looking at improving the facilities and the number of students visiting YIH in the long run? A: I think students who come to perform could be an ad-hoc thing. But long term collaboration with other clubs may be possible. What I want to show that this is a free platform for all to come in and use the space. You might think that it is not very sustainable. I will decide with the director of services to see how we can make it more sustainable. Thank you so much for your feedback.	
5.7.16	Loo Qi En, Benjamin (Computing) Q: I am quite interested in your idea of logistic sharing. In the event that there are damages to the logistics loaned and the 2 Con Clubs cannot decide who to be responsible. Will you step in and mediate? A: In the event that damage has been done and that there are conflict between the clubs, I believe that I can step in to help. If problem arises and I don't step in, it may affect the sustainability of the issue.	
5.7.17	Loo Qi En, Benjamin (Computing) Q: Just to clarify, do you have the last call on who is the one that will be responsible? A: I wouldn't say that I have the last call. It is up to my responsibility to help mediate rather than make final decisions.	
5.7.18	Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Q: You mentioned that you need to liaise with the council chairperson to set up a council meeting. Do you mind elaborating on how to set up a council meeting? A: To set up a council meeting, there are several thing to be done. One thing is the venue booking. I will work closely with my team to book the room. We will also work on the agenda. I will then ask the council reps to see if they have any item to chair. I would have to prepare for the next meeting. I will also have to be notified of the attendance and leave of absence.	
5.7.19	Stanrly Moo jia Lir (CSC) Q: In the event that there is no council chairperson, would your work be affected? And if so, how would you go about doing it.	

5.8	necessary for a council meeting. Therefore, I will work with my team to help elect the new council chair. In the event that there is no council chair, it will affect my workload, but it is my responsibility and I will have to prepare to take it. Closing of Q&A session proposed by Matthew Tan (Sports).	
5.9	Voting Results Total Strength: 39 For: 36 Against: 1 Invalid: 2	
	Yue Yao Chong (Sports) has been returned as the General Secretary of the 38th NUSSU Exco.	
5.10	Ong Zhang Yao (CSC) proposed for a 5 minutes toilet break.	
5.11	Sangeetha Krishnan (Arts) object and proposes for a 10 minutes toilet break.	
6	38 th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Financial Secretary	
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6.4	Nominee Kong Xiao Wei (Sports) Elections Speech	
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6.5.1	Siong Li Qing Jeannie (Arts) Q: With regards to the bursaries, do you feel that it is better for the Office of Financial Aid to give them out or is it better for NUSSU to hand these out. A: OFS is at a better position in understanding the financial situations of students.	
6.5.2	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: What other union partners do you want to reach out to except NYC? A: Currently, I am working together with Bizcom in trying to bring in Singtel as they have expressed interest in joining.	
6.5.3	Elston Foo Sheng Kai (PA) Q: There were some issues with Sponsors due to the orientation saga. How will you deal with the implications of effects on these sponsors? A: On my side, I will have to keep looking out for new sponsors. On the side of NUSSU Exco, we would have to work together with the communication cell to ensure that the reputation of NUS is upheld.	
6.5.4	Wei Yi Chen (Bizad) Q: You don't want students to sign the contract but instead the club. May I know how does it work? A: For small sponsorships, the project director of the particular event or a student will sign the document. Hence, they may be held liable. In order to protect student's interest, the document will therefore be signed by the club itself.	
6.5.5	Wei Yi Chen (Bizad) Q: As mentioned, some cases they need student to sign and some don't need to. In that case, would the student still have to sign? A: Unless the sponsor requires that the sponsorship needs to be signed by someone, the dean will be signing the document. No student will sign the document.	
6.5.6	Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Q: Can you elaborate more on your plans for cashless payment? A: The initiatives is actually brought up by DBS. They are currently working on an app for that. It is at a predominantly stage and the app is aimed at providing cashless payment for students to purchase food or pay for miscellaneous fees within NUS.	

6.5.7	Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Q: Follow-up. Beside this cashless app payment, are there any other methods that you plan to implement to ensure accountability? A: My predecessor did pretty well in terms of accountability. Hence I do not see a need to further improve that.	
6.5.8	Quek Yan Tong (CAC) Q: How does the NUSSU Funding (bursary) value-add to the existing scheme that has already been in place given that there are already so many schemes covering these students? A: There will always be a demand as there are always many applicants applying for a financial scheme. I believe that it will be able to reach out to more students as it is parked under the OFA.	
6.5.9	Quek Yan Tong (CAC) Q: How will NUSSU bursary reach out to more students? A: If there is one student that manage to get financial aid, OFA will allocate the remaining aid to other students.	
6.5.10	Quek Yan Tong (CAC) Q: Could you evaluate the work done by the financial standing committee in the 38th and could you state the way in which it can be improved. A: Last year I was not part of the Financial Standing Committee. But what I understood was that various project directors were interviewed. And given the number of people applied and interview, the financial standing committee has done sufficient work in ensuring that the outreach of events has been achieved.	
6.5.11	Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Q: So, do you have any expectations of the council reps that join the Financial Standing Committee? A: Looking for someone that is willing to put in the time and the effort to interview many project directors.	
6.5.12	Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) Q: Regarding the Finance Standing Committee, what is your priorities. To fund more projects or to fund only projects that are in-line with NUSSU's aim.	

	A: To reach out to more students is actually NUSSU's goal. The financial standing committee will release a list of criteria's on how it access the application but the main purpose is to ensure that there is a bigger outreach of students and projects applying.	
6.5.13	Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC): You mentioned that you want to further existing union partners, how would you like to go about doing it? A: Currently, our strategic partners are actually doing very well. Moving forward, we will looking at how we can provide more value in kind to them so as to maintain a better and longer working relationship with them.	
6.6	Closing of Q&A session proposed by Elston Foo Sheng Kai (PA).	
6.7	Tan Wei Shao Thaddus (Observer) joined the meeting at 1512.	
6.8	Voting Results Total Strength: 39 For: 35 Against: 2 Invalid: 2 Kong Xiao Wei (Sports) has been returned as the Financial Secretary of the 38th NUSSU Exco.	
7	38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Communications Secretary	
	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Communications Secretary.	
7.1	Wei Yi Chen (Bizad), Tan Jun Wei (Bizad) and Cheryl Low (Bizad) left the meeting at 1523.	
7.2	Opening of nomination proposed by Elston Foo Sheng Kai (PA)	
7.3	Nominee: NIL Proposer: NIL Seconder: NIL	

7.4	Closing of nomination proposed by Tan Wee Bian (Engin)	
7.5	Opening of nomination proposed by Tan Wee Bian (Engin)	
7.6	Nominee: NIL Proposer: NIL Seconder: NIL	
7.7	Closing of nomination proposed by Matthew Tan (Sports).	
7.8	Tan Li Kiat, Rebecca (Computing); Woon Yongsheng Jedd (Engin) and Lim Yu Han (Engin) left the meeting at 1527.	
8	38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Student Life Secretary	
	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Student Life Secretary.	
8.1	Opening of nomination proposed by Ong Zhang Yao (CSC)	
8.2	Nominee: Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey (Science) Proposer: Ng Shi Yuan Brandon (Science) Seconder: Nguyen Dang Hoang Yen (Science)	
8.3	Closing of nomination proposed by Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC)	
8.4	Nominee Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey (Science) Elections Speech	
	Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
8.5	Opening of Q&A session proposed by Soon Hao Jing (USC).	
8.5.1	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: In light with the various events that has happened, University administration will want to intervene in these events. How will NUSSU step in and help to monitor the entire situation? In the event of Union Camp, how will the person that raised the concern through the neutral party be addressed? A: First, I think a lot of things are unconfirmed right now. Ultimately it depends on the committee that has been set up by Provost. Ultimately, NUSSU's aim is to restore the faith in all the student activities happening in NUS. We should not compromise the	

	interest of the students. We should look at ways that our freshmen can still enjoy the welcoming and positive experience. For your second question, the neutral party is someone from the Student Life Cell, obviously the PD can't be inside. The neutral party has the power to stop and launch an investigation. We must also make sure that there is no overwhelming response.	
8.5.2	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: How will you pick the neutral party? A: It could be anyone. Perhaps someone from the council. If no one wants to do it, in the last resort, it will be me. But in any case, I will try to make sure there is someone else other than me and the PD.	
8.5.3	Loo Qi En, Benjamin (Computing) Q: so regarding the neutral party, does it roster or is it one person? A: I am looking at having a committee and rostering will be good. Nonetheless, regardless of who is in the committee, they will be briefed about what are the rights and wrongs.	
8.5.4	Loo Qi En, Benjamin (Computing, Club) Q: Will there be bias-ness from your own position. A: If you are from the faculty, you will not be part of the neutral party in the committee.	
8.5.5	Ang Shi Min Charmaine (CSC) Q: Is the neutral party for Union Camp or will it be for the other camps? A: Ultimately we have to trash it out with all the directors. It will be too early for us to come out with something and force it on someone.	
8.5.6	Joscelin Ong Jia Xin (CSC) Q: In what ways would you seek to expand your engagement for Rag and Flag? A: What we ultimately want is for students to not lose touch with their beneficiaries. It is for flagging students to understand who their beneficiaries are and to ensure that their beneficiary's needs are well-taken care off.	

8.5.7	Ng Shi Yuan Brandon (Science) Q: You mentioned more collaboration initiatives for SLF and Open day. How are you intending to go about doing it? A: Right now we have many student participating bodies. But it will be great if everyone can come down and join for SLF.	
8.5.8	Tan Jie Yin (CAC) Q: What are the structural changes you suggest for Union Camp? A: Extra training for the OGLs and Councillors. They should not conduct the activities based on their experiences. There should be a proper, structured procedure.	
8.5.9	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: How to better engage with the public for Rag and Flag instead of having it within NUS? A: For Rag and Flag, of course, we would like to do it outside, if the budget permits. We will collate the surpluses from the past 4 years and use it for the major event. Ultimate aim is that within the 4 years, every undergraduate should get a chance to see the Rag and Flag to happen once in their university education.	
8.5.10	Ng Zi Kai (Observer) Q: What are some of the ideas to overcome the lack of engagement with beneficiaries? A: At the moment, we do not restrict the participating bodies to adopt their beneficiaries. Looking at alternative ways in trying to engage with the beneficiaries.	
8.5.11	Ng Zi Kai (Observer) Q: There was a debate promoting a T-shape education system to encourage students to take up more CCAs. The conclusion was that students are still concerned about their grades. What will you do to encourage higher participation in the CCAs? A: Ultimately, we will do our best to encourage students to sign up but this depends on individuals. We shouldn't put a good front just to pull them in but ultimately if they want to join or not is up to them. We will do our best to show them who we are.	

8.5	award. Closing of Q&A session proposed by Elston Foo Sheng Kai (PA)	
8.5.15	Ng Zi Kai (Observer) Q: On the topic of rag and flag, what are your opinion on incentivize flagging? Are you intending to do so? Please explain. A: Incentivizing flag is actually a component that is included in the flag scoring system. After conducting an AAR, the feedback was that it was still relevant and it does not affect too much in the overall score for the Rag Award. We are trying to make rag and flag into one event, and that could be achieved by including it in the Rag	
8.5.14	Kenneth Ng (Observer) Q: What is your perspective on the relationship between rag and flag and how do you ensure that their motivations align? A: These two activities have been in place for a long term. Over time rag has evolved to an NUS honoured activity/event. It is more than thanking the project. It is a project cherished much by the NUS students. The freshmen orientation and the NUS spirit is also something that we hope to inculcate through rag and flag as well.	
8.5.13	Kenneth Ng (Observer) Q: Given that your focus is on beneficiary's engagement, do you have any ideas on how faculty clubs can go about engaging the beneficiaries throughout the year in their various events. A: The list of beneficiaries are submitted to auditors for auditing. Hence we chose the list of beneficiaries from Community Chest. We actually rely on Community Chest to assist in verifying the identity of the Community Chest as the amount of money that we raised is public funds and accountability is paramount.	
8.5.12	Kenneth Ng (Observer) Q: How much are you willing to sacrifice on the quantity of flag for the quality of flag given that one of your biggest aim is to engage the beneficiaries? A: Ultimately I understand that all students are willing and want to go down to the beneficiaries What I want to ensure is that all the flaggers know who they are flagging for. They need to understand the motivation for flagging.	

8.6	Voting Results Total Strength: 33 For: 32 Against: 0 Invalid: 1	
	Name Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey (Science) has been returned as the Student Life Secretary of the 38th NUSSU Exco.	
8.7	Tai Ben Wey (Engin) proposes a 10 minutes toilet break.	
8.8	Elston Foo Sheng Kai (Science) left the meeting at 1620.	
8.9	Seah Yan Xiang (Observer) joined the meeting at 1621.	
9	38th NUSSU Executive Committee Internal Elections - Student Welfare Secretary	
	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the NUSSU Exco Student Welfare Secretary.	
9.1	Opening of nomination proposed by Tan Wee Bian (Engin)	
9.2	Nominee: Siong Li Qing Jeannie (Arts) Proposer: Wong Xue Wen Laura (Arts) Seconder: Soh Wei Ren Alson (Arts)	
9.3	Closing of nomination proposed by Soh Wei Ren Alson (Arts)	
9.4	Nominee's Siong Li Qing Jeannie (Arts) Elections Speech	
	Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
9.5	Tan Yu Kiat (DE) joined the meeting at 1635.	
9.6	Opening of Q&A session proposed by Tai Ben Wey (Engin)	
9.6.1	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: (1) Feedback survey form, it has been quite long, after doing several pages, I will start to speed through. This might affect the data reliability. Do you think it will be useful to	

	issue a few surveys at different points of time to ensure data reliability rather than a major one. A: The idea of the welfare survey is that it meant to be tagged with the welfare pack. If we separate it out it may not be possible to ensure maximum effectiveness. It is inevitable that it is lengthy.	
9.6.2	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: Would you consider using the NUSSU Facebook page to collect feedback from students? A: We are looking at collaborations with Singtel and we are looking at having the instant messaging service to assist in the feedback collection by the welfare secretary.	
9.6.3	Tiffany (CAC) Q: How do you intend to carpool idea? A: the idea is to implement dec for people who are willing to offer a ride. The idea in long run is to pair up with uber and grab or to create our own app to facilitate this.	
9.6.4	Benjamin (Computing) Q: Do you have any plans to improve the environment in the biz/computing canteen? A: I'll take that as a feedback and work on improving it.	
9.6.5	Laura (Arts) Q: ChangeNUS. What is it and is there a specific problem that you are looking at. A: I believe that one of the most pertinent and addressable issue would be mobility around the campus.	
9.6.6	Brandon (Science) Q: In order to tackle the issue of outsiders occupying seats in the student's canteen, how would you enforce it? A: I would like to say that it is not so much of enforcement rather than a friendly reminder. Definitely, this is a very serious issue, and I won't deny it and I hope to work with Science club to rectify this issue.	
9.6.7	Matthew (Sports) Q: May I know currently what you do with feedback that doesn't fall under the jurisdiction of NUSSU? e.g. if it's a sports related question.	

	A: There has not been much feedback about Sports Club and if there are concerns it will have already been channelled to the relevant office. Students usually approach the relevant Con Clubs to raise the relevant feedback.	
9.6.8	Stanrly Moo Jia Lir (CSC) Q: With respect to ChangeNUS, which school/board will you be approaching to judge the competition. What will be the judging the criteria? A: Definitely OCA. Maybe OSA as well since they are in-charge of NUSSU initiatives. Monetary amount will be the most important criteria.	
9.6.9	Kenneth Ng (Observer) Q: Previously, there was ChangeNUS. There isn't much follow-up to the ideas because the students did not continue with it. Do you have any plans to further continue with this or to ensure that good ideas are put into place? A: The feasibility of the idea will be a judging criteria. However, the NUSSU EXCO will be the body that continues the idea, with the guidance of the student that suggested the idea. The prize money will be used to "buy" over the idea from the particular winner.	
9.6.10	Kenneth Ng (Observer) Q: Given that you have taken over this idea and implement the idea. How do you ensure that the next batch carry out the idea. A: This is the idea that I am looking at. Whatever we plan is should not be within a year period but over a longer period of time.	
9.6.11	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: To your knowledge, how big a role does NUSSU play in the redevelopment plans in school? If this role is limited, how can you overcome this and ensure that NUSSU play a bigger A: I apologise as I would not know at this point of time.	
9.6.12	Joscelin Ong Jia Xin (CSC) Q: There are a lot of plans that you want to roll out. How do you ensure that they are all rolled out according to plan? And how to you ensure that they are all up to quality.	

	A: I am looking at least 2-3 deputy welfare secretaries and provide them with the autonomy to implement the ideas.	
9.6.13	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: With regards to the mid-term review of modules, how will it be implemented and if CORS points will be awarded? A: The idea is to not have CORS point for it but rather opt in system. This is because not everyone has an account. It is an opportunity for those who have feedback for their professors.	
9.6.14	Soon Hao Jing (USC) Q: Does CORS fall under your purview? Is it possible for us to collect feedback about CORS A: CORS does not fall under my purview. CORS falls under the registrar office.	
9.6.15	Ng Zi Kai (Observer) Q: Taking into account the difficulties faced previously with regards to the Midterm review, how will you deal with it? A: I completely agree and that is why I suggested pushing the midterm review to Week 4 to provide ample time for the results to be published to the relevant bodies.	
9.6.16	Ng Zi Kai (Observer) Q: You mentioned there are things like welfare survey and walkabouts and this overlaps with the communications secretary. Do you see an overlap of interest or conflict of interest between the con clubs and NUSSU and how can they better work together? A: To address the first point whether there's overlap, we are all aiming for student interest in mind. If the con club asks for something in specific, the nussu walkabout is for the general feedback. We actually worked together with the con clubs in my previous involvement in the public relations unit.	
9.7	Closing of Q&A session proposed by Wong Xue Wen Laura (Arts)	
9.8	Voting Results Total Strength: 31 For: 24	

Against: 4 Invalid: 3	
Siong Li Qing Jeannie (Arts) has been returned as the Student Welfare Secretary of the 38 th NUSSU Exco.	
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With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Tan Wee Bian (Engin) proposed to close the meeting at 1714 HRS.

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