

Minutes for 2nd 38th NUSSU Council Meeting

Date: 1st October 2016

Time: 1822 - 2131

Venue: LT27, Faculty of Science

Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Election of Council chairperson.
- 2) Election of Communication Secretary.
- 3) Passing of 1st Council Meeting Minutes
- 4) Passing of the EXCO's budget.
- 5) Presentation of the Constituent Clubs' budget.
- 6) Election of the Finance, Welfare and Publications Standing Committee
- 7) Briefing on Council Photoshoot
- 8) Student Leadership Camp (SLC) briefing
- 9) NUSSU welfare walkabout briefing
- 10) Any Other Business

Attendance:

Present:

Council Representatives (37):

Wei Yi Chen	Bizad Club, President
Cheryl Low	Bizad Club, Vice President (External)
Tan Jun Wei	Bizad Club, Vice President (Internal)
See Xin Yu	Bizad Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Tee Yan Yie	CAC, President
Tan Jie Yin	CAC, Vice President (Internal)
Glen Anthony Ooi	CAC, Vice President (Special Projects)
Chong Wei Ling	CAC, Honorary General Secretary
Loo Qi En, Benjamin	Computing Club, President
	Computing Club, Vice President (Human Resource and Development)
Low Yong Cheng	
Soh Wei Hao	Computing Club, Vice President (Operations and Projects)
Tan Li Kiat, Rebecca	Computing Club, Director of Publicity
Stanly Moo Jia Lir	CSC, President
Ang Shi Min Charmaine	CSC, Vice-President (Regular Volunteering Programmes)
Joscelin Ong Jia Xin	CSC, Vice-President (Special Projects)
Tan Yu Kiat	DE Club, President
Sun Zi Cheng	DE Club, Vice President (External)

Quek Jia Xin, Bevin	DE Club, Vice President (Internal)
Tan Shao Tao	DE Club, General Finance Secretary
Teo Yong Shun	Engin Club, Honorary General Secretary
Lim Yu Han	Engin Club, Secretary of Student Affairs
Wong Xue Wen Laura	Arts and Social Sciences Club, President
Sangeetha Krishnan	Arts and Social Sciences Club, Communications Secretary
Soh Wei Ren Alson	Arts and Social Sciences Club, Honorary General Secretary
Ryo Yap Zhe You	Law Club, President
Lee Yew Boon	Law Club, Vice President
Ivan Low	Medical Club, President
Hargaven Singh	Medical Club, Vice President
Thaddaeus Tan	Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary
Shen Yunni	PA, Vice-President (Engagement)
Elston Foo Sheng Kai	PA, Vice-President (Projects)
Benjamin Lem Han Wei	PA, Honorary Financial Secretary
Ng Shi Yuan Brandon	Science Club, President
Matthew Tan	Sports Club, President
Yvette Choo	Sports Club, Vice President (Internal)
Hong Li Wee	Sports Club, Vice President (External)
Cheah Wenjie	USC, President

EXCO Representatives (15):

Toh Wen Hui	Bizad Club, EXCO Representative
Lee Chin Shian	CAC, EXCO Representative
Quek Yan Tong	CAC, EXCO Representative
Ong Zhang Yao	CSC, EXCO Representative
Vivian Leow Hui Ying	CSC, EXCO Representative
Tan Wee Bian	Engin Club, EXCO Representative
Siong Li Qing Jeannie	Arts and Social Sciences Club, EXCO Representative
Kenji Ong Shao Qiang	Law Club, EXCO Representative
Soong Tse Kiat	Medical Club, EXCO Representative
Tseng Fan Shuen	Medical Club, EXCO Representative
Lim Jia Wei Elvin	PA, EXCO Representative
Nicole Jean Lau Yi Xuan	PA, EXCO Representative
Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey	Science Club, EXCO Representative
Kong Xiao Wei	Sports Club, EXCO Representative
Yue Yao Chong	Sports Club, EXCO Representative

Observers (16):

Bian Ruoyi	Arts and Social Sciences
Chao Yu Xun	Engineering
Chium Feng Yong	Pharmacy
Eu Xuan Lin	Engineering
Hor Zhang Rong	Business
Kou Kai Seng	Science
Lee Boon Hui Desmond	Business
Lee Chun Chuan	Pharmacy
Lin Kyaw	Medicine
Marcelina Viana	Engineering
Martin Indrawata	Arts and Social Sciences
Seah Yan Xiang (Brent)	Engineering
Seethamsetty Snigdha	Engineering
Tan Wei Shao Thaddus	Arts and Social Sciences
Wong Zhi Wei	Arts and Social Sciences
Zhou Ruohua	Engineering

Absents with Apologies (6):

Tan Zhi Hao Ian	DE Club, EXCO Representative
Tai Ben Wey	Engin Club, EXCO Representative
Woon Yongsheng Jedd	Engin Club, President
Loh Yi Chin	PA, President
Nguyen Dang Hoang Yen	Science Club, EXCO Representative
Soon Hao Jing	USC, EXCO Representative

Absents without Apologies (1):

Loi Wen Tian Jodie	Engin Club, Vice President (External)
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Union Elections Committee:

Loo Weng Heng	Returning Officer
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The 2nd Council Meeting was called to order at 1822hr by Mr Loo Weng Heng, Returning Officer (RO) of the 37th NUSSU Council.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	Election of the 39th NUSSU Council Chairperson.	Information
1.1	Nominations and elections for the position of Council Chairperson, NUSSU Council.	No Action Required
1.2	RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the Council Chairperson.	
1.3	Opening of nominations proposed by Wee Bian (Engin)	
1.4	Nominee: Glen Anthony Ooi (CAC) Proposer: Jie Yin (CAC) Seconder: Tiffany (CAC)	
1.5	Glen (CAC) accepted the nomination	
1.6	Closing of nominations proposed by Wee Bian (Engin).	
1.7	Glen's (CAC) Elections Speech Presented to the council his elections slides. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
1.8	Opening of Q&A session proposed by Weng Heng (RO)	
1.8.1	Tiffany (CAC) Q: How are you going to balance your commitments between CAC and NUSSU as NUSSU council chair? A: I think I really have to see how it goes for the year. From what I understand, a lot of things for the council chairperson other than the meetings are rather ad hoc, depends on the things that have to be addressed by either the exco or the conclubs. How I am going to balance my commitments. Just to clarify are you trying to ask me what my priorities would be if there were any commitment issues as my role as council chairperson or my role as vice president? It depends on the scale of the commitment. From what I see, my role as vice president of special projects, for overseas special projects, I don't really see much of a commitment issue. Only towards the	

	<p>actual event dates for cactus in early February, c-week in early January. Other than these period, I don't think there will be much clash of my commitments. And during that period I will just try to prioritize my time better I supposed. I hope that answers your question.</p>	
1.8.2	<p>Jeannie (Arts) Q: How do you intend to work closely with the president of NUSSU Exco as well as the general secretary, considering the position of the council chairman, there will be certain times where you have to communicate effectively and efficiently with them? So how will you work with them?</p> <p>A: I think that communication between the council chairperson and the exco as a whole is very important. Even as a neutral party, the role of the council chairperson actually acts a link between the exco and the conclubs. So, I think I will be meeting Wee Bian and the rest of the council and exco on a more (hopefully) regular basis and see what are the things that the exco are planning and if there is anything I feel that needs to be brought down to the conclubs I will be the one that communicate it, if the exco have not already done so.</p>	
1.8.3	<p>Charmaine (CSC) Q: Can you tell us one strength and one weakness of yourself?</p> <p>A: One strength I feel I think it should be in my role as the council chairperson, I am more rational minded in my group of friends. So, as the facilitator/mediator, my role is to be objective during discussions. I think that will aid me as my role as the council chairperson. One weakness, I think that sometimes time management. When there are many hanging items, I would like to resolve them as quickly as possible but sometimes when I leave things which I set aside to do at a later date, I will tend to forget to do I think. So, to counter that, I think my frequent meeting with the exco and the conclubs will be quite important in reminding me of these things.</p>	
1.8.4	<p>Jeannie (Arts) Q: Will you being doing anything about the Constitution?</p> <p>A: With regards to the constitution I think I will need to see what has been done by the CRC for the past year, what changes have actually been made. I can't definitively say anything yet until I have</p>	

	<p>gotten a clearer view on the constitution. If there is anything that needs to be resolved, it will not just be me looking at it but I believe that we should follow up on what the CRC have done in the 37th council to the 38th council.</p>	
1.8.5	<p>Jun Wei (Bizad) Q: What's one thing that you felt your predecessor didn't do so well and you want to improve on?</p> <p>A: I think I would say that Alvin, my predecessor, did a good job as the council chairperson in managing the relations between conclubs and exco. There's one thing I think that could have been improved on was the agenda for the meetings which I mentioned earlier, some things that should have been discussed wasn't really discussed. That is one thing I think I would like to improve on.</p>	
1.8.6	<p>Joscelin (CSC) Q: Just now, follow up to Jeannie's first question, you talked about as the council chairperson, you would want to bring the points from the exco down to the conclubs right, then as the council chairperson, do you think it is your responsibility to take any concerns that the conclubs might have to the exco? And how do you intend to keep in contact with the different conclubs.</p> <p>A: I think I forgot to mention it. Apart from meeting with the exco, I think it is also on me to meet with the representatives of the conclubs whether it be through messaging or face to face discussions, I would have to maintain my links with all of the different conclubs. In addition to meeting with the exco, my duty would also be to meet up with the conclubs on a regular basis or at least keep in contact with the conclubs on a regular basis. So, I see this as a 2 way door between the exco and the conclubs. If there is anything that you would like to bring up, whether it be through my contacting you or you contacting me, I am open to your input and also feedback to the exco if there are such cases.</p>	
1.8.7	<p>Yi Chen (Bizad) Q: I see from your presentation was based a lot on getting the right agenda. For example, for something that somebody wants to table and there are quite a lot of parties that feel that now is not the right time because something aren't planned ready for others to discuss it and don't really see a need to discuss it. But there are others who really see a need for it to be brought up for discussion. So how are you going to reconcile that and in the event that you agree that it's not going to be brought up for</p>	

	<p>discussion and for the council, then how would you make sure that there are no underlying tension that arises because of this?</p> <p>A: As always, it depends on the nature of what is the issue in contention and how it affects the student body. Is it pertinent to a certain group of individuals in NUS or is it a broad group of people who is affected. I can't say for sure whether I will agree or disagree with what is being contended. In the event that I agree that it should not be brought up for discussion, I think for the relevant parties that feel that there is a need for discussion, I guess we would have to see what can be done.</p>
1.8.8	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: My question is with regards to one of the roles as the council chairperson. You mentioned that a lot of it will be on mediating when there are disputes between the exco and con-clubs or even between con-clubs, what gives you the confidence to say that you can fulfil your job well? Do you have any experience that you want to share with us?</p> <p>A: My direct answer to that would be no. There have not been any portfolios that I have held that can serve as my basis as experience for this role. Having said that, I think that ultimately, as the mediator, my main priority will be to maintain neutral if there is a conflict. If conflict does go out of hand, and it is an issue that needs to be raised to the council as a whole, I think the rational thing to do is to seek opinion of the rest of the council and at the end of the day, if there is a need for it, to put it to a poll.</p>
1.9	<p>Closing of Q&A session proposed by Wee Bian (Engin).</p>
1.10	<p>Voting Results: Total Strength: 46 For: 30 Against: 11 Invalid: 5</p>
1.11	<p>Glen Anthony Ooi (CAC) has been elected as the Council Chairperson of the 38th NUSSU Council.</p>
1.12	<p>Zhou Ruohua (Observer) joined the meeting at 1839. Low Yong Cheng (Computing) joined the meeting at 1843. Soon Hao Jing (USC) joined the meeting at 1901. Quek Jia Xin, Bevin (DE) left the meeting at 1901.</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>2.8</p> <p>2.9</p> <p>2.10</p>	<p>Election of Communication Secretary.</p> <p>Nominations and elections for the position of Communication Secretary.</p> <p>RO went through the Roles and Responsibilities of Communication Secretary.</p> <p>Opening of nominations proposed by Wee Bian (Engin)</p> <p>Nominee: NIL Proposer: NIL Secunder: NIL</p> <p>Closing of nominations proposed by Zhang Yao (CAC)</p> <p>Reopening of nominations proposed by Jeannie (Arts)</p> <p>Nominee: NIL Proposer: NIL Secunder: NIL</p> <p>Closing of nominations proposed by Matthew (Sports)</p> <p>RO explains that the Constituent Positions would have to elect someone as an acting Communication Secretary.</p> <p>Loo Weng Heng (RO) left the meeting at 1907.</p>	
<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3.1</p> <p>3.3.2</p> <p>3.3.3</p>	<p>Passing of 1st Council Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>Glen (CAC) explained to the Council the process of passing the minutes.</p> <p>Glen (CAC) presented the 1st Council meeting minutes.</p> <p>Jeannie (Arts) pointed out a typo error. Changed from “the” to “them”.</p> <p>Tse Kiat (Med) pointed out at 8.5.8 to change “procedures” into “procedure”.</p> <p>Jeannie (Arts) pointed out that at 9.6.11 there should be a “point of information” answered by Yiyun because she was unable to</p>	

	<p>answer it. Yiyun gave the example of biz, computing bus stop being removed and there was a huge uproar from the students and that is where nussu stepped in.</p>	
3.3.4	No objections from the council to leave the minutes without amendments.	
3.3.5	Hao Jing (USP) 9.6.13 proposed to change from “OPT” to “opt”	
3.3.6	Tiffany Tee (CAC) page 2, there was a mistake in the name of Chong Wei ling, from “Choong” to “Chong”	
3.4	Glen (CAC) requested the Council to vote for the passing of the 1st Council Meeting minutes.	
3.5	<p>Voting Results: Total Strength: 48 For: 45 Against: 0 Abstain: 3</p>	
3.6	The 1st Council meeting minute has been passed by the 38th NUSSU Council.	
4.	Passing of the EXCO's budget.	
4.1	Glen (CAC) presented the Finance Regulations to council.	
4.2	<p>Wen Jie (USC): For the point that you just raised, \$8 to the faculty clubs, non-faculty clubs and NUSSU EXCO respectively. Just want to clarify that 14 subsection 1 subsection b is still in order, meaning that for students who are in USP \$4 will go to the student's' home faculty and \$4 will go to USP.</p> <p>Glen (CAC): Yes if they are members of USP.</p>	
4.3	Glen (CAC) has requested the Council to vote for the equal allocation of the Union budget of \$8 for faculty clubs, non-faculty clubs and NUSSU EXCO respectively.	
4.4	<p>Vote Results: Total Strength: 47 For: 44 Against: 1</p>	

	Abstain: 2
4.5	The Council has passed the equal allocation of \$8 to the faculty clubs, non-faculty clubs and NUSSU EXCO respectively.
4.6	Xiao Wei (Sports) presented the EXCO budget to be passed by the council. Refer to slides.
4.7	Hao Jing (USC) proposed for a Q&A session.
4.8.1	Hao Jing (USC) Q: Referring to the first pie chart. I would like to know what are the sources of income for NUSSU council? Xiao Wei (Sports) A: For this I will break down to the projects first. Over here you can see that we have Open Day, ThankNUS and NUSSU Day. These are the 3 events which we think we can get sponsorship from. Also for NUSSU Student Leadership Camp (SLC), we are trying to see whether we can get NYC can sponsor us as the expenses on SLC is actually quite large. So we will see if we can get NYC to sponsor us. Also, OSA sponsored us quite a lot last year but we are not sure how much they can sponsor us this year.
4.8.2	Hao Jing (USC) Q: Could you show us the expenditure for the Ridge? Xiao Wei (Sports) A: For the Ridge, biggest portion is on the printing of the magazine because they will issue the magazine annually.
4.8.3	Hao Jing (USC) Q: Do you think it is necessary to spend on printing because I see a lot of issues of the Ridge sitting around at the various stands. So, do you think we can save more money if we just shift it fully to online? Xiao Wei (Sports) A: They are actually considering to shift the magazines and materials they produced in the article online. They used to issue 2 times for 1 year. They have already cut down the issue to 1 time for 1 year. I think that if the result is not very good, the Ridge will consider shifting online. For this, I think that it is not

	<p>good to totally cut off everything at once. Currently, what we are doing is to cut the number of issues to once per year.</p>	
4.8.4	<p>Yi Chen (Bizad) Q: Can I check with you, for your movement of fund to AS8, is the movement of fund unforeseen or is it already pre-planned?</p>	
	<p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: It is kind of unforeseen. CommIT have been consulting OSA on the budget required for AS8 computing centre but OSA is unsure on the appropriate budget for the spending too. Thus, the expenses allocated for AS8 are only projected expenditure.</p>	
4.8.5	<p>Yi Chen (Bizad) Q: My concern is since the current projected expenditure is already 12.5K, if we under budget for the project, we might need to draw more fund from the reserves. And we will also need to cut away expenditures from other areas. Now, the total expenditure exceed reserve by 11K. Even if we remove away the expenditure of 12.5k for building AS8, there's only a surplus of 1.6K between income and expenditure. It seems that it is very likely that we will need to rely on drawing on reserves from our budget even if we do not consider the expenditure of building AS8.</p>	
	<p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: The 1.6K surplus is part of income left from the expenditure and it is not counting the 12.5K which will already be drawn from reserves.</p> <p>Yi Chen (Bizad): Yes my main concern is the 1.6K income left from the budget. It is very dangerous if we under budget for the printing room in AS8, and for fixed asset stuff, it is normally easier if we under budget than over budget so we will need to further draw from the reserves to keep it at status quo. Just for your information.</p>	
4.8.6	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: What are the procedures on drawing from the reserves? If there are any.</p>	
	<p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: Currently under the procedures, we will have to write a letter and get approval from myself, from the president, our staff advisor and Dean of students from OSA. Only if we have all these 4 people approving our request then we will send the letter to OFS for them to process.</p>	
4.8.7	<p>Stanrly (CSC) Q: I would like to follow up on Yi Chen's comment. I feel that much of your income allocation is centred on</p>	

	<p>sponsorships, in the event that you do not secure sponsorships, are you going to rely mainly on reserves to fund current projects? In this event, is there any way to cut down on what NUSSU is spending on? If you are projecting that you are already going to exceed and using the term's sponsorships to back this up, I don't think it will be a sustainable claim and even for this who AY, I don't think it is sustainable for NUSSU also as there is always a thought of drawing from the reserves to fund your own expenditure.</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: For our side, we will try our best to balance the income and expenditure. For this AY, due to AS8 printing, it's hard to balance. Although we have this area to cover, we try not to compromise our own committee and exco or council on doing their regular projects or events or initiatives that they have. With this proposed income and proposed expenditure, in the event if we really cannot secure sponsorships despite trying our best to reach the target, we will have to draw down from reserve to be honest. From our side, we try not to cut down too much because we cannot let our exco and committee to shoulder the cost from installation of AS8 facilities such as the CCTVs.</p>	
4.8.8	<p>Benjamin (Computing) Q: How much reserves does NUSSU have?</p>	
	<p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: I have yet to get the update from my predecessor yet. There's a different window where we will need to adjust the investments which I will send you all an email regarding this because we will also get the conclubs to let us know their percentage of reserves which they would like to put into investment and their workable reserves. There's a certain window and period to follow. I am not very sure about previous one but the upcoming will be around October. From there, together with the input from the investment, etc. we will know the amount of reserves that we have. Currently, OFS is also closing their account, some of the leftovers or surplus from the budget will be returned to the reserves and others like the accrual, OFS will put aside the money. OFS is actually still clearing up how much reserves we have. Even if we ask OFS, they are unable to give us a number too.</p>	
4.8.9	<p>Elvin (NUSPA) Q: For NUSSU committee there is no reserves, then there is a disincentive for committees to reduce their spending. Why is there no separate reserves for each committee?</p>	

	<p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: It is considered under NUSSU. There should not be a reserves for each committee because all committees are under NUSSU. But we will have a budget set aside for each committee so there's no mixing up of budget.</p>	
4.8.10	<p>Hao Jing (USC) Q: I would like to clarify why are the expenditures at AS8 area under NUSSU?</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: Actually the computers and all will still be provided by computer centre just that the area will be maintained by CommIT in the future. CommIT will need to allocate some of their budget to the maintenance fees. The first would be the installation of CCTVs, and also the desk for the supervisor.</p> <p>Wee Bian (Engin): The tables and chairs for the computers will all be provided at AS8 already. For the supervisor, the tables and chairs are there for them to ensure that everything is running smoothly.</p> <p>Viana (Observer): The place belongs to NUSSU hence the CCTV will be under the expenses of NUSSU</p> <p>Wee Bian (Engin): Since the place is under NUSSU, we will need to maintain the place and subsequently, the maintenance cost of the CCTV.</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports): It is kind of a service provided for the students as there are computers and also printing services.</p>	
4.8.11	<p>Hao Jing (USC) Q: This is a deadweight loss for us right? I would like to question how many tables and CCTVs are we installing at AS8 that you allocated so much of the budget for it?</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: The tables are mainly for the supervisor and not tables for the computers. Roughly 2-3.</p> <p>Viana (Observer) A: We are only purchase around 3 tables and 3 cabinet. Major spending will be on the CCTV which will be consulted with OCS consultant first before we move forward with installing. We are not the one deciding on the quotations. CommIT will be meeting OCS on Monday to recce the place and discuss how many CCTVs will be installed.</p>	

	<p>Wee Bian (Engin) A: CCTV is not as cheap. We also have to consider the maintenance cost. Previously, we installed a CCTV in the dungeon and 1 CCTV is more than 2k</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: Even though the revenue doesn't go to us, the main idea of implementing this area is for the students where they can use the area to print their study notes and the study area to do their coursework. Not only AS8, other areas such as YIH, we also have the printing area and logistics, events and welfare items, what we are looking at is to allow the students to benefit from it. Even though we are not getting any revenue from this, I think that there is a need to expand the usage or to provide the area to the students to study or use the computers. Hence, we support this idea.</p>
4.8.12	<p>Hao Jing (USC) Q: My concern is that the CCTV will be a recurring cost because I guess that you have to get an external vendor to provide them every month or year. Is there at least a tender process to make sure that we get the cheapest available CCTV? How many different quotations?</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: We will always ask for quotation. It is a standard procedure for every purchase. We will ask for a minimum of 3 quotations. If the total expenditure that we predicted is more than 10k, we will be opening up a platform where all the companies in Singapore will provide their best quotations and from there, we will interview the vendors and provide justifications to OSA. If OSA supports our justifications, we will proceed and engage the vendor.</p>
4.9	<p>Tse Kiat (Medicine) proposed to extend Q&A by 10 minutes.</p>
4.10.1	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: I would like to know what the breakdown of the cost is for SLC as the cost is rather high.</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: Currently we are predicting \$330 per pax based on the records from last year. OSA supported us last year and we spent around \$8k for SLC. This year, we have yet to get any confirmation from OSA but for income part, we predicted a portion of income that we can get from OSA and NYC. It is our duty to engage and secure sponsorship from NYC to support this event. With these expense, last year we went to Kota Tinggi in Malaysia for 3D2N, there are external vendor to facilitate the events. Based on the experiences of the participants last year, it is quite good. We</p>

	<p>can really get to learn and to know other people. We would like to continue this proposal and hence we use \$330 per pax for the projected expenditure this year.</p>	
4.10.2	<p>Hao Jing (USC) Q: Are you certain that we need to spend over \$100 per pax per day for SLC to achieve the objectives that you have mentioned?</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: From the outcome last year, I think it is quite worth it. There are a lot of locations that we can consider. We can even have it in school. However, we prefer to hold the camp outside of campus is so that everyone can focus on the event instead of using their phones. Also, since we are at foreign country, the only people we know is each other and thus will try to engage each other. Another thing, the venue that we went is a campsite where there are many facilities for usage. It is more like a leadership event.</p>	
4.10.3	<p>Yan Tong (CAC) Q: Do you know the retention rate? Like how many of the participants who went for the camp actually stayed on or assumed another leadership position post-camp? How many years have SLC been hosted?</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: Actually all of the participants for SLC are from council. For SLC, it is held in December so there are still 8/9 months of their leadership term after the camps. SLC have been held for about 3-4 years.</p>	
4.10.4	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: Again on the justification. You said that the camp is just for council members which is a very selective group of people.</p> <p>Wee Bian (Engin): We will open to all the MC members of clubs, FOCCs, committees, etc.</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports): During the camp, we will have a task force to come up with topics to be discussed. For this camp, it is not just about playing and using the facilities to improve teamwork but we will actually discussions on different issues which are deemed to be important to raise on a council level.</p>	
4.10.5	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: Apart from these, is there any justification and concrete indicators? Are the list of subjective feedbacks mentioned</p>	

	<p>available to justify \$330 per pax spent? Do we have anything concrete or objectives which we can base on? Are the feedback analysed and from the analysis is it enough to prove that SLC has substantial impact?</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: I would say not really a concrete standard. I would say that a lot can only be based on the feedback we received from the camp last year. During the camp, we have a discussion on issues to look at on Mahjong paper and they are kept them in the secretariat room. On the last day of camp, we have a debrief or feedback session and the groups will have inter-sharing session on how they felt about the camp. A lot of feedback but not much of concrete data to show what have been improved on after the camp.</p>	
4.10.6	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: So there isn't any justification on using \$30k on these selected group of students only. These are student's money and everything that you based on just now on the outcome of the camp. Do we really need \$330 for these? I am not very comfortable approving \$30k for a camp as my club's entire expenditure on FOP cost less than that and we went for around 2 months, including Rag. Unless I can see justifications, I won't be comfortable.</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports): The pie chart might be misleading. Although whole camp's expenditure \$30k, our projected income \$24k. \$15k is from OSA, the rest will be from NYC. From our end, we predicted this sponsorship and we will try our best to reach it. In the case where we cannot reach the targeted sponsorship, we will reduce the cost of the events. It is the same with projects. This is the ideal case that we hope that we can achieve. Although it may not seem reliable to base it just on the feedbacks from last year, I personally feel that it is a very good experience. On our side, we will try our best to secure the sponsorship and encourage leaders to take part. In the case where we cannot hit sponsorship, we will have to reduce the cost. That is definite.</p>	
4.10.7	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: My issue was really about justifying spending such a huge sum of money on such a selected group of people. I would like to propose to whoever is organizing this camp to think of a solid feedback system for future generations to better justify the amount spent.</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports): Last year OSA also took part in the camp. They want to know more about students and find out about issues that</p>	

	<p>we face. This event have received the support from OSA and they really see the value in it.</p> <p>Jeffery (Science): I was actually one of the participants that went for SLC last year. I think that the \$330 is very well spent. Although it is only for a selected group of students, these are all student leaders who will change things. You can ask your predecessor who went for the camp and ask them. I was the PD for Flag last year and it helped me a lot in terms of knowing people and getting things done effectively. There were around 100 people last year, quite a big camp. We are going to Kota Tinggi: We can hold it at campus or Ubin. It is cheaper to hold it overseas than in Singapore. . We decide not to do it in campus, partially because there are a lot of things we cannot achieve by doing in Singapore as there are things that we take for granted. We want to cut off everything and start afresh. As for who stepped up after their term, there are quite a few of us.</p>
4.10.8	<p>Wen Jie (USC) Q: Not to discount your experience but this is \$30k spent and it is the students' money. I would think that something more concrete could be done to show that the camp is a success and that spending this amount of money is necessary to achieve this kind of objectives.</p>
	<p>Wee Bian (Engin): I understand Wen Jie standpoint of view. We agree that this is something we will look into to ensure that the future batches can justify this cost. Another thing to note is that the exco wants to be able to help everyone fund for their expenses and so the cost for the camp is kept as low as possible. We can easily ask the leaders to pay the full cost and subsidize \$50-\$100 per pax but we feel that if that was done, nobody will go. What we want is to get everyone to go down for the camp and to do so encourage by sponsoring a sum of money. We strongly believe that this camp will benefit. We understand that we will need to come out with concrete evidence for future batches too.</p>
4.10.11	<p>Xiao Wei (Sports): Your suggestion is very valid. It is to support our accountability on such expenses to the students and this is something we will look into it.</p> <p>Glen (CAC): There has been a fair discussion on this, and it has been revolving around the intangible results from SLC. This is something that exco will have to look at. The council can choose</p>

	<p>whether to pass the budget or not. We should end the discussion on the SLC funding if there are no further points.</p>
4.10.12	<p>Hao Jing (USC) Q: I have an objection. I would think that we will at least need a symbolic cut to set an example as student leaders. To justify to the students that we are not just enjoying ourselves. I think going overseas to change the setting, etc. is nonsense. Student leaders at camp should at least have the decency to put aside their devices. I don't see a very strong reason to go all the way to Kota Tinggi. I would like to propose a 5% cut on the whole sum of the budget allocation to be deducted on the NUSSU side. I think it will be better to have some hard constraints. I don't see a strong reason to endorse this \$30K. Thus I propose a 5% budget cut.</p> <p>Xiao Wei (Sports) A: NUSSU side is sponsoring 12k because we are projecting a sponsorship of 20k. On our end we will try to get as much sponsorship as possible.</p>
4.10.13	<p>Wenjie (USC): I object to Hao Jing's proposal. I don't think cutting the budget sends any symbolic message at all. Students can see that we are treating this matter seriously and our intention can be seen from the minutes. Instead, cutting the budget will adversely affect the preparation of the camp. Whatever reason there is if we want to cut the budget, we should take it to next year batch.</p>
4.10.14	<p>Benjamin (Computing): I think everyone has their own opinion on this subject. I feel that it is no point continuing this as we all got the message. You can just vote no when we are voting. We should just move on from this topic.</p>
4.10.15	<p>Xiao Wei (Sports): We will continue to look into this matter. In the event that we are unable to secure the sponsorship, we will look at ways to lower the cost.</p>
4.11	<p>Tse Kiat (Medicine) propose to close the Q&A.</p>
4.12	<p>Glen (CAC) has requested the Council to vote for approval of NUSSU Exco's Budget.</p>
4.13	<p>Vote Results: Total Strength: 50 For: 35 Against:9</p>

	Abstain: 6	
4.14	NUSSU Exco's Budget has been passed	
4.15	Glen (CAC) encourage the exco to take this matter into consideration.	
4.16	Sangeetha Krishnan (Arts) joined the meeting at 1931. Fan Shuen (Medicine) joined the meeting at 1939 Xin Yu (Bizad) joined the meeting at 1952. Yu Han (Engin) joined the meeting at 1958 Wen Jie (USC) left the meeting at 2011.	
4.17	Jeffrey (Science) proposed a 5 minutes toilet break.	
4.18	The meeting resumed at 2014.	
4.19	Glen (CAC) clarified to the council regarding the procedure for leaving the meeting and also for toilet breaks.	
5.	Presentation of the Constituent Clubs' budget.	
5.1	Xiao Wei (Sports) presented the constituent clubs' budget at 2008.	
5.2	Presentation of Bizad Club Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.	
5.3	Presentation of Computing Club Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.	
5.4	Presentation of DE Club Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.	
5.5	Presentation of Engin Club Budget	
5.5.1	Jeannie (Arts): Why is there expenses and income for lockers? I thought that lockers would be from the faculty, under OFM? Yong Shun (Engin): Lockers are under Engin Club. Xuan Lin (Observer): To add on, the lockers are under property under Engin Club. Income comes from renting of lockers and the expenses from the changing of the locks.	

5.5.2	<p>Jeannie (Arts): If you all want to increase the number of lockers in the faculty, is it possible for you all to do this?</p> <p>Xuan Lin (Observer): For that we would have to discuss with the faculty.</p> <p>Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.6	<p>Presentation of Arts and Social Sciences Club Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.7	<p>Presentation of Medicine Club Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.8	<p>5.7 Presentation of Law Club Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.9	<p>Presentation of Science Club Budget</p>	
5.9.1	<p>Shao Tao (DE): Why is there an individual Rag and Flag account and also a combined Flag and Rag account?</p> <p>Brandon (Science): We have a combined account for Flag and Rag to engage our alumni for rag and flag to come back as we organize BBQ session for them to come back to share their experience with the current rag and flag. The individual Rag and Flag accounts are for the various projects under Rag and the various projects under Flag respectively.</p> <p>Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.10	<p>Presentation of USC Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.11	<p>Presentation of CAC Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.12	<p>Presentation of Sports Club Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
5.13	<p>Presentation of CSC Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	

5.14	<p>Presentation of NUSPA Budget Glen (CAC) proposed to move on.</p>	
6	<p>Election of the Finance, Welfare and Publications Standing Committee</p> <p>6.1 The Council Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of the Finance Standing Committee.</p> <p>6.2 Opening of nominations for Finance Standing Committee proposed by Wee Bian (Engin).</p> <p>6.3 Nominee: Stanrly (CSC) Proposer: Matthew (Sports) Seconder: Jun Wei (Bizad)</p> <p>6.4 Stanrly (CSC) accepted the nomination</p> <p>6.5 Nominee: Yvette (Sports) Proposer: Matthew (Sports) Seconder: Xin Yu (Bizad)</p> <p>6.6 Yvette (Sports) accepted the nomination</p> <p>6.7 Closing of nominations proposed by Matthew (Sports).</p> <p>6.8 Stanrly (CSC) made his elections speech to the 38th NUSSU Council.</p> <p>6.9 Opening of Q&A session proposed by Wee Bian (Engin).</p> <p>6.9.1 Tiffany (CAC) Q: So part of the duties includes reviewing financial matters. From your past involvements, are there any recommendations that you would like to make?</p> <p>A: In my current opinion, I would say no as I have yet to see any big loopholes that people can really exploit in any financial constitution. But definitely I think if it really happens if we discover one along the way, then the duty is on the financial standing committee to really look into it and discuss, even amongst each other, to come to a consensus to solve this loophole in the constitution. But for now, if you ask me, I really do not have any thing that I want to completely change yet.</p>	

6.10	Closing of Q&A proposed by Laura (Arts). Yi Chen (Bizad) seconds.
6.11	Yvette (Sports) made her elections speech to the 38th NUSSU Council.
6.12	Opening of Q&A session proposed by Laura (Arts).
6.13	Closing of Q&A proposed by Sangeetha (Arts). Matthew (Sports) seconds.
6.14	Glen (CAC) informed that it will be an open voting for standing committees unless someone from the council objects.
6.15	Vote Results for Stanrly (CSC): Total Strength: 49 For: 46 Against: 0 Abstain: 3
6.16	Vote Results for Yvette (Sports): Total Strength: 49 For: 48 Against: 0 Abstain: 1
6.17	Both Stanrly (CAC) and Yvette (Sports) have been elected as part of the Finance Standing Committee.
6.18	The Council Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of the Publications Standing Committee.
6.19	Opening of nominations for Publications Standing Committee proposed by Wee Bian (Engin)
6.20	Nominee: Tan Shao Tao (DE) Proposer: Yu Kiat (DE) Secunder: Zi Cheng (DE)
6.21	Shao Tao (DE) accepted the nomination

6.22	<p>Nominee: Rebecca (Computing) Proposer: Wee Bian (Engin) Seconder: Benjamin (Computing)</p>	
6.23	<p>Rebecca (Computing) accepted the nomination</p>	
6.24	<p>Closing of nominations proposed by Brandon (Science).</p>	
6.25	<p>Rebecca (Computing) made her elections speech to the 38th NUSSU Council.</p>	
6.26	<p>Opening of Q&A session proposed by Jeannie (Arts).</p>	
6.26.1	<p>Jeannie (Arts) Q: I understand you have a lot of background, a lot of knowledge on this but this is more of branding the Union. Do you foresee any ideas on how to unify the branding?</p> <p>A: I am not too sure about current state of publication here. Basically, for my side, I have been in the brand revamping process for my own company so I see through the entire formation of brand guide, I see through the entire formation of implementing what is in the brand guide in an actual company and using it to actually re-publish it into publication materials. So I do see the value in having a consistent branding throughout and I am not sure about the current publicity state, whether the branding has been consistent throughout the branding materials. Basically any point of contact for example freshmen, I hope that their impression of us, their impression of NUSSU will be aligned instead of NUSSU being one identity and NUS being another identity. We should actually make them feel that it is integrated. We are the ones that actually enhance their identity and make their experiences better. I want them to be able to see the value in that. So I feel that the key in branding is consistency and making them see the value of NUSSU.</p>	
6.26.2	<p>Matthew (Sports) Q: Under the duties of the publication standing committee is also to co-ordinate the work of all publications of the Union. From my understanding, conclubs also part of the union. So for conclubs that do not have their own outreach for example the non-faculty clubs, how would you help us to improve the outreach to the student population as we do not have the entire student population as our members?</p>	

	<p>A: I understand where you are coming from. I feel that I still need more knowledge about publications committee in general. But what I feel may be beneficial for you is that NUSSU outreach is definitely stronger than non-faculty clubs' outreach because of the long established reputation and basically the limitations of what you can reach basically. I am not sure how it works currently but we can make use the NUSSU branding to actually garner more reach and potentially help you for example in securing more sponsors because of the branding. It is better since we have the reputation and outreach already for your potential sourcing of sponsors for example. I will need more knowledge on that.</p>	
6.26.3	<p>Wen Hui (Bizad) Q: In what way will you work with the communication cell in order to fulfil your responsibilities for the publications standing committee?</p> <p>A: I think the first two things that Wee Bian wanted me to work on is the consistency of branding throughout publication materials and also maybe talk about new initiative to enhance the publication materials. It is basically to be more consistent and generate new ideas for the publicity materials.</p>	
6.26.4	<p>Wen Hui (Bizad) Q: You mentioned that you want a unified branding. If there is an opposition from conclubs to have a unified branding with NUSSU, how will you deal with it? What if they are not willing to use our branding? Will you take any measures in order to persuade them?</p> <p>A: I feel that it is not so much about imposing the views onto the other conclubs. I don't think we will impose them to put our branding everywhere on their marketing materials. I don't think we should do that. Instead, we give them the option to put our logo somewhere, make use of our branding to actually gather more support and outreach. In my personal opinion, I do not think that it should be a hard and fast rule to force them to use it. Instead, it is more of a platform if they want to use our branding they should use it. This is just my personal opinion. I really need more knowledge as I do not know much about it.</p>	

6.27	Closing of Q&A proposed by Joscelin (CSC).	
6.28	Shao Tao (DE) made his elections speech to the 38th NUSSU Council.	
6.29	Opening of Q&A session proposed by Elston (NUSPA).	
6.29.1	<p>Matthew (Sports) Q: What can you do as a standing committee member to improve the outreach of non-faculty clubs?</p> <p>A: Frankly I can't answer this question because I never thought that outreach for non-faculty club is an issue. When it comes to publication wise, I do know that we have the Ridge under us and their outreach is rather controversial as well. How can I do more non-faculty clubs, I think first and foremost, I would like to sit down with the non-faculty clubs and ask them what exactly do they want to have more outreach. In terms of membership? In terms of advertisement for events? What do they want as an outcome from the outreach? I think that is the first thing that we would need to tackle. We can then formulate better strategies or ideas to help them publicize. I can't be saying that we will put them more in the Ridge, put them more on Facebook. We need to find out the core of the issue before we implement any solution. So for that, I would like to work with the non-faculty clubs more if it has to be done.</p>	
6.29.2	<p>Elvin (PA) Q: Do you have any relevant experience in publications?</p> <p>A: Just for NUS, I was from the Ridge as their finance. So more or less, I have a bit of understanding on how they work. I am from Raffles Hall, I am currently in the Phoenix Press so I am also working on publications. I wouldn't say that I am an expert in publications but I am not very far off too.</p>	
6.30	Closing of Q&A proposed by Jun Wei (Bizad)	
6.31	<p>Vote Results for Rebecca (Computing): Total Strength: 48 For: 37 Against: 1 Abstain: 10</p>	

6.32	<p>Vote Results for Shao Tao (DE): Total Strength: 48 For: 22 Against: 6 Abstain: 20</p>	
6.33	<p>Glen (CAC) asked the council to reconsider their votes carefully for Shao Tao (DE) as there are too many abstain votes.</p>	
6.34	<p>Vote Results for Shao Tao (DE): Total Strength: 48 For: 30 Against: 12 Abstain: 6</p>	
6.35	<p>Both Rebecca (Computing) and Shao Tao (DE) have been elected as part of the Publication Standing Committee.</p>	
6.36	<p>Yan Tong (CAC), Zi Cheng (DE) and Kou Kai Seng (observer) left the meeting at 2112</p>	
6.37	<p>The Council Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of the Student Welfare Standing Committee.</p>	
6.38	<p>Opening of nominations for Welfare Standing Committee proposed by Zhang Yao (CSC).</p>	
6.39	<p>Jeannie (Arts) explained what the Welfare Standing Committee will be focussing on this term and informed the council that the nominations can also be pushed to the next council meeting if any members are still considering.</p>	
6.40	<p>Nominee: NIL Proposer: NIL Seconder: NIL</p>	
6.41	<p>Closing of nominations for Welfare Standing Committee proposed by Wee Bian (Engin). Seconded by Elston (NUSPA)</p>	
6.42	<p>Yu Xun (Observer) left the council at 2034 Lin Kyaw (Med) left the meeting at 2101</p>	

7	Briefing on Council Photoshoot	
7.1	Chun Chuan (VPC) presented to the council on the briefing for the photoshoot. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
7.2	Chun Chuan (VPC) reminded the Council that for those who cannot make it, please send an email to him for rescheduling.	
7.3	Glen (CAC) reminded the council to disseminate the information to other council representatives who are not around.	
8	Student Leadership Camp (SLC) and Union Tea briefing	
8.1	Zhang Yao (CSC) presented to the council on the briefing for SLC and Union Tea. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
8.2	Benjamin (Computing): What should the slides for Union Tea be about?	
8.3	Zhang Yao (CSC): The audience would be from NUSSU Exco, NUSSU Committees and the Conclubs. So what you want to tell the rest of us, what your committee is about. You can include the key events organized by your club, introduce your members. These are just examples.	
8.4	Elvin (PA): Just to add on. I am from PRU. The presentation will be a very short one, 1 minute or so. You can refer the email sent to the C-Cube. Basically, to introduce the club quickly i.e. mission, goals and activities organized by the Club.	
9	NUSSU Welfare Walkabout and Welfare Survey briefing	
9.1	Jeannie (Arts) presented to the council on the briefing for NUSSU Welfare Walkabout and Welfare Survey. Please refer to the attached slides for further information	
10	Any Other Business (AOB)	
10.1	Wee Bian (Engin) presented the first Presidential Updates to the council. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	

10.2	Wee Bian (Engin) informed the council that the Presidential Dialogue will be postponed to 1st November.	
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With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr Glen Anthony Ooi (CAC) proposed to close the meeting at 2131hr.

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