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Election Committee	Position
Tan Weile Warrick Ethan Chan Wei Ong Chong Li Philip	Returning Officer Election Officer Election Officer
Nominees for AY21/22 Management Committee	Position (Nominated For)
1. Ong Chee Choon 2. Naufal Zahin Bin Muhammad Effendy 3. Hannah Ong Xuan Ying 4. Koh Wen-I Marissa March 5. Athena Tan Jiaxin 6. Tang Sher Yee, Aurora 7. Neo Celene	Sports Secretary Sports Secretary Business Manager Social Secretary President Honorary General Secretary Financial Controller
Nominees for AY21/22 Union Executive Committee Representative	Position (Nominated For)
1. Ong Tze Kym	Union Executive Committee Representative
Outgoing Management Committee Members	Position Held
1. Justin Teo ZhongHeng 2. Wee Khee Xin Charmaine 3. Tan Weile Warrick 4. Leow Choo Ching 5. Athena Tan Jiaxin 6. Seth Low 7. Regine Seow Regina 8. Tang Bi Feng 9. Chloe Kai-Xin Wong 10. Vanessa Soh Khim 11. Ethan Chan Wei 12. Ong Chong Li Philip 13. Felix Kenneth Galistan 14. Chiong Chon Kit, Ryan 15. Rachael Lim Yan Yi	President Vice-President Honorary General Secretary Financial Controller Business Manager Business Manager Social Secretary Social Secretary Marketing Communications Secretary Marketing Communications Secretary Sports Secretary Sports Secretary Performing Arts Director Internal Liaison Officer Special Projects Officer

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	Agenda
1.	<p><u>Regulations Governing the Rally</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Candidates shall be entitled to 5 minutes for rally speech and 15 minutes of Question and Answer session. - Only the President, Vice-President(s), Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Financial Secretary (or equivalent) shall be entitled to 10 minutes for rally speech and 30 minutes of Question and Answer. - A proposer and seconder is required to pass the motion for a 5 minute time extension for Question and Answer. - All questions should be posted on the link provided by your Election Officers. - The Returning Officer shall have the right to reject a proposed question or time extension. All decisions made shall be binding and final. - The minutes and recording of the rally should be adopted by the candidates and vetted by the Election Committee before submission. Submission of materials should be done within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the Rally. - The election officers have the right to declare the election of any candidate of its Constituent Body's Management Committee due to procedural irregularities according to the Election Regulations.
2.	<p><u>Nominee for Sports Secretary</u> Candidate Name: Ong Chee Choon Proposer: Hoong Qi Rong Secunder: Goh Chiang Yang</p> <p><u>Speech</u></p> <p>I'd like to begin with a special mention of my friend. She goes by the name Kimberly. But I prefer to call her Huang Kai Li. I met her last year. She was a young woman, a beautiful young woman whose beauty can put to shame some of Nature's most beautiful scenery. I was still in National Service then, and she had enrolled in this school. Her eyes shone like the stars as she rambled to me about her excitement for what school had to offer. That burning passion burned so brightly that even I could feel the heat.</p> <p>But alas as we all knew, COVID hit. I came to this very campus to visit her but instead all I saw was this hollow shell of a woman. There is a wall, she told me. A wall that surrounds us. Its towering shadow reminds us that we are constrained, unable to roam and explore the world of endless possibilities. Disappointment and anguish had replaced where joy and hope flourished.</p> <p>At this point, almost every fibre of my being tells me to run. Run far away from this place before the flame within me gets similarly put out. Yet after a year's worth of deliberation, I decided to enroll in this school. I joined the orientation camp in August, and I have to say, my friends, that I have seen beyond the walls.</p> <p>A world in the South where men and women gather and make merry. Where people comfortably roam around regardless of the color of their hair, or the size of their clothes.</p>

A world where people play sports with one another, and childish laughter fill the air. A world where Sukho Thai stands at the top of the culinary food-chain. A world where the only form of suffering is the neverending thirst for knowledge. A world that she had once described to me.

You may ask, how did I manage to see it? Well ladies and gentlemen it is by standing on the shoulders of giants. Justin, Charmaine, Rachael, Choo Ching, Warrick, Felix, Chloe, Vanessa, Ethan, Philip, Athena, Seth, Regine, Bi Feng, Ryan. They have given their all during this difficult time. Never in the field of a worldwide pandemic, was so much owed by so many to so few. They have steadied for the ship amidst unsettling waters. And with that, I say thank you.

Now I am running for the position of sports secretary, for I have played sports. Sports has blessed me with friendships and pleasure that I never thought existed. And if the old phrase, sharing is caring is anything to go by, I must share. Everyone shall take a bite into this delicious fruit. Football, soccer, basketball, baseball, bowling, archery, muay thai, fencing, softball, badminton, swimming, water polo, canoe polo whatever it is. If you wish to try it, go for it. Let us make use of that solid foundation built by our predecessors and prove to the world that no wall can stop us! Even in the midst of darkness, our fire burns.

Now as I end off, I should be making an appeal to everyone, but my final message shall be for my special sweetheart. Hey. I know you don't like it when I use your Chinese name in public so... all I want you to know is that we, Kim Wee, shall reach that promised land! Thank you.

Question and Answer

Q: What are some ideas you have to improve the sporting and fitness culture in WKWSCI?

A: The previous sports secretaries have done a very good job in encouraging the sporting culture. I think they did the WeeFit? So more people can come. I think where we can improve right, now Covid-19, touch wood, it gets better. So we can have more physical gathering and interactions. So we can get more activities together. In terms of improving the sporting culture, there's a group of people who want to play sport, but they are afraid, they have this conception that you have to be very experienced back your younger days for you to play. I want to encourage them to try new sports, try new things! Don't be afraid, no one is going to scold you. A better sporting culture where you can jio them down to play sports all. I think they would be very nice

Q: If IFG does not continue again this year? What plans do you have instead?

A: I guess if you talk about IFG you are talking about competition right, you want to compete? I guess maybe what you can do is compete among yourself first right, just play with each other. But I would say that maybe instead for the IFG we can bring it online right? Sports now got two kind of sports—sports and e-sports. Maybe people want to play e-sports. E-sports now very popular, got Fortnite la, Valorant la, Minecraft la—maybe we can go into there, then those people whom otherwise don't play sports can play sports. For those very active one can just play among ourselves first lor. Hopefully when we open up more then we can organise more of such activities. But nevertheless health is wealth, we have to abide by the covid-19 rules first!

Q: If the Covid-19 situation gets better, what is something you want to bring back to the WKW school?

A: I don't think I can answer that question properly because I am not sure what we had la, even the seniors I don't a lot of you all had a chance to try out what's once the old normal. But what I'm excited to bring back is this world where people play sports and laughter fills the sweet air. Like I said just now, that is what I want. You walk around and everyone

	<p>is excited to play sports, regardless of how good you are—it's very accommodating for everybody. I think that kind of culture ah! I think we can make the WeeSports more active with more participants and encourage more people to join, people can sleep at night knowing that people can go enjoy their WeeSports the next day</p> <p>Q: What strengths and weaknesses do you have that may suit your role as sports secretary/hinder your ability to carry out your duty well. And if you have weaknesses how did you overcome them?</p> <p>A: For strengths I would say firstly, I play sports. I mainly play water polo back in school but I also play different type of sports like basketball, bowling ball, football the different types of sports. Not say I very good but I got play a bit. Then at least I know what kind of equipment is needed for each sport, whether we can get them or not. Strength is also I like working with people, and I think that it's important to work with everyone in the committee to able to push out events smoothly. My weakness is that I cannot work alone, I need to work minimally in a pair-which I think it will be very detrimental to me if I have to work alone to push out activities. I think that is something I can overcome if I have a partner to work together with.</p> <p>Q: If there's one word to describe who you are, what would it be and why?</p> <p>A: Respect. I think respect is very important and that we need to respect everyone, and I like to respect everyone. I think respect describes me.</p>
3.	<p><u>Nominee for Sports Secretary</u> Candidate Name: Naufal Zahin Bin Muhammad Effendy Proposer: Derrick Tan Rui Yang Seconder: Kaitlyn Cheong</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hey everyone, my name is Naufal (it's hard to pronounce but hopefully you'll get used to it heh) and I'm running for the role of Sports Secretary. When I started uni about 4 weeks ago, it dawned on me that it can be easy to forget to ATTEMPT to strike a balance between the most important things in life. In our context as uni students, I think most of us have a few things that we tend to put all of our focus on, which is our academic pursuits (our grades) and also our friendships (in school, hall etc.), which is actually a great thing! So we might find ourselves constantly going for suppers, or meeting people for quick run at Starbucks or for BBT. Don't worry, I might be running for Sports Sec, but I totally relate to yall because I'm guilty of it sometimes too. However, I'm here to be the voice of reason for every single one of us and say that we're in our primes and we should not neglect our physical health at the expense of other factors. If we can learn to juggle all of these things, I think it will go a long way to living a well-rounded lifestyle. Our old selves will thank us for it, I'm sure.</p> <p>Here's some stuff you should know about me: I picked up my first two sports alongside my two little brothers when I was 6 and they were 5 and 4 years old respectively. Those two sports were football and taekwondo. Two very fundamentally different sports; one is a ball sport, and the other, a martial art. We wanted to learn the first because we saw it everywhere on TV and had developed an infectious fanaticism for the sport while we learnt the other because our parents wanted us to be able to defend ourselves and be tough and strong kids. We went for our first classes/lessons for both and have never looked back.</p> <p>Ever since then, I've forged so many amazing friendships and memories through my love for sports, and experienced joy in positive experiences and hardships in the face of negative ones. At 13, I went to ACS(I) after PSLE, and it being a boys' school, most of us would play recess football or basketball. At 15, I stepped into my condominium's gym for the first time and tried a workout I'd learnt from watching a YouTube video so that I could jump higher and try to dunk a basketball. At 17, I got called a 'lightweight' at a commercial gym</p>

I signed up for membership at, just because I looked skinny and my form for a particular exercise wasn't correct. At 18, I played my last symbolic game of JC football against my 17 year-old juniors and scored a goal that I thought was never going in. At 20, I went through a life-changing experience, where I felt like I was never good enough and there were so many things about me that I wanted to work on, so I started going to the gym regularly with a friend I'd made during NS, and now it's an important part of my routine, and he's my best friend and roomie in Hall 16.

I'm sharing my experiences with you, the students of WKWSCI, because I want to show you the sporting culture I hope to create when I become the Sports Sec, where everyone can enjoy sports and a healthy lifestyle regardless of background and talent, where no one is judged based on their ability to play, where everyone is allowed to try something new, where it is TOTALLY OK to not be good at a sport, but where doing your best and potentially excelling is encouraged, where healthy competition is a norm, but camaraderie and building bonds and friendships is of the highest order. I want everyone to have fun under my charge as Sports Sec, and to have the time of their lives with the people around them.

I decided to take a leap of faith and run for this role because I have qualities which are suitable for it, on top of my strong beliefs. I offer my cheerfulness, tenacity and critical thinking. I can energize those around me and will do my best to rally the people around me and create a warm and positive atmosphere. I will dedicate all the energy I can to this cause that I believe in, and even if the culture and dream I envision for WKWSCI may not come true during my stint if I'm elected, I hope that I get to make a significant contribution towards that, and pave the way for future Weekids to enjoy. I think people should vote for me because of all these things, but above all, because I will do my best for the best of the people I serve, always.

Remember that you don't have to climb a mountain or destroy your legs and lungs on the field to enjoy sports and be healthy, it is all just about taking that first step forward, and I hope that my first step forward today has earned YOUR vote. Thank you.

Question and Answer

Q: How would you encourage the sporting culture in the Wee Kim Wee School.

A: First of all. I understand that we are going through a pandemic and it may be difficult to engage in sports that won't exceed the current guidelines. But I think that there are certain sports that can still be played if we follow the guidelines properly, such as volleyball, takraw etc. It may be difficult to organise inter-faculty games, So I suggest competing within ourselves, so we can organise some sort of intra-school tournament or competition of selected sports that follow the guidelines.

Q: How would you teach someone who had never had experience with certain sports like Volleyball and Takraw?

A: Last week I had my first session of WeeSoccer. It is my first WeeCan group that I joined. I think that the WeeCan groups have given us a good precedence to teach people who are total beginners to the sport, and teach them and introduce them to the sports without the element of intense competition. So I think joining these interest groups would be a good start. Because there might be others around you who might have just started the sport as well, and I think those who have been in the WeeCan group for a longer amount of time such as the seniors, and people who have more experience in the sport can teach the beginners how to play the sports. So something I think that can be improved on for the WeeCan groups would be to have an established way to teach people the sport, so it could be good to have a few sessions where it is just meant for training and teaching new participants how to play the sport.

Q: For a school that isn't known for being sporty, how would you rally Weekids to join in on sporting events, even for non-competitive purposes?

	<p>A: I would think that people wouldn't join sports normally as a means to compete, usually it's just out of love for the sport. So I think it is important to start there—inculcating a love for the sport before we start encouraging them to join competitions. So in order to get them to join and participate, even though we're not known for our sporting culture, I think it'll be good if there are also ways to get them to want to compete. So for example, intra-school competitions which can promote a love for the sport which can encourage them to represent our faculty in competitions in places such as Inter-School Games</p> <p>Q: Tell us about a time you overcame an obstacle, and how you can use what you learnt and apply to your role as Sports Secretary, specifically.</p> <p>A: When I first wanted to make a change in myself by going to the gym, I got scorned and laughed at because I didn't look like I gym-med for very long, I think I'm still skinny, although I've made improvements. But to have someone laugh at you and tell you what you're never going to make it, is an example of a hardship that I overcame. Usually people would be intimidated and never go the gym again—but what I did was just laugh it off. I think that is an important memory that I have, and it always spurs me on whenever I am facing hardships. Because in the end the only person that you have to look at is the person in the mirror. You will always have to keep doing you, just being yourself and improving personally. I think if I continue to do that as a Sports Secretary then I'll make what I envision come through</p> <p>Q: As sports secretary you not only handle the sporting activities, you also handle the logistics for the club as well as the WeeCan groups. How would you translate what you know about sports to the management of the logistics and WeeCan groups?</p> <p>A: I think for starters, e-sports is quite a new scene and I think that there are a lot of people who do play games online, just that they may not be necessarily be interested in playing competitively or telling others that they play—it's just for leisure. And I think that from a sports perspective it's easy to get people to join WeeCan groups etc. For e-sports I think for starters it's important for people to indicate their interest and play within themselves first. It's similar to sports actually, first you find a group of people who have common interests as you—then you find develop your passion for the sports and eventually play competitively. That's something that we might have to work on for e-sports. If I'm not wrong, last year was one of the first years we had an e-sports tournament between faculties. But I don't think we had very good participation rates? I was scrolling through the Instagram posts the other day and not every group/game was represented. So I think it would be good to relate the WeeCan groups with the people who are interested in E-sports, because I believe there are some people who may be interested in E-sports who may not be represented in the WeeCan groups. For logistics, for sports there are quite standard equipment lists for each sport, but in terms of procurement I think we have to be quite smart with how we manage the existing equipment and how we get new equipment, so that's something I hope to work on as sports secretary.</p>
4.	<p><u>Nominee for Business Manager</u> Candidate Name: Hannah Ong Xuan Ying Proposer: Gerald Tan Zheng Jie Secunder: Ashley Thor</p> <p><u>Speech</u> A few days ago, I asked on my insta story whether anyone had a blonde wig I could borrow and unfortunately, I wasn't able to get one on such short notice, so I'm gonna be using my octopus, mochi, as a replacement. Not only that, but she's gonna be my stress ball during this extremely nerve wracking speech I'm about to give. Watching Hannah Montana as a child, I never understood how people couldn't tell that a world renowned pop star was Miley Stewart herself just because of her hair colour. I dyed my hair blue a few months ago, and the only remark I would get is that I looked like a stabilo highlighter</p>

or a smurf gone very wrong. But that's besides the main point. I may not have a wig to live a double life, but I do have the best of both worlds. My name is Hannah Ong, and today, I'm here to hopefully convince ya'll to elect me as your Business Manager.

Coming from an arts school, I was always too intimidated to try out for any leadership roles because everyone around me was so confident, unique and talented.. That being said, I was always more reserved and known as 'the quiet girl' who ironically specializes in theatrical arts. However, outside of school, my friends describe me as and I quote "the craziest person they know". So I may not be living an ordinary teen to celebrity kind of double life, but I can say that I've been able to live the life of both an introvert and extrovert, and that for me is the best of both worlds.

Being part of both crowds helped me to develop the qualities of adapting to the people I'm around and empathizing with a wide spectrum of situations. Likewise, if I get elected, I promise that I will be here to listen to any suggestions and bring diverse ideas to the table. Wee Kim Wee having many unique individuals, I will try my best to adapt to all your different interests and hobbies in the sponsors I reach out to.

Now you're probably wondering why I would be running for CI, considering I would have never done something like this if you asked me a few months ago. Well, aside from my very enthusiastic GLs constantly promoting CI on our OG group chat, I want to join CI to grow as both an individual and a leader, and I hope you all would give me the opportunity to do that. Creating a community that's inclusive and where everyone can feel comfortable in their own skin is also extremely important to me, and I do want to play a role in that. Making your Wee Kim Wee experience, would also make mine, and I promise to make it a good time and a memorable freshman year.

If I were to be elected as Business Manager, I will give my 100% to vigorously email and convince companies to sponsor your future events. Being someone who is relatively trendy, I will make sure to scout for prizes that are popular and attractive, and sponsors that will bring comfort foods and drinks to you. I know when it comes to selecting prizes, many of you may expect and want prizes from big brands and companies, considering that they probably will be selling what's high in demand. However, if I were to be elected, one of my main goals would be to support our local small businesses as they definitely suffered more than others during these unprecedented times. To add on, it's no question that the school year is just going to get more busy from here, and balancing school and CI could get really stressful. But if I were to be elected, I will try to manage my time as efficiently as possible, for the sake of creating a more vibrant and enjoyable school life for all of you.

Lastly, the common hypophora that's asked in every other school election, why should you vote for me? It's only been 4 weeks into the semester, and I'm not gonna lie and say that I've been at the top of everything, because like some of you, I'm still pretty lost, literally walking into the wrong tutorial classroom on the first day of school and staying there for 20 minutes

because I was to paiseh to leave. However, one thing I can say is that I'm a hard worker and I persevere, and I will continue to do that through serving the school through CI. I've also had some experience that is similar to the work the BizMags do. I was in charge of recruiting sponsors for a dance competition I helped organize, where I had to communicate and meet up with people from various companies to convince them to support our event. Furthermore, I was also responsible for recruiting prizes for Prudential's 90th anniversary lucky draw, the company I interned at during the summer. Ultimately, joining CI would be a great platform to connect with all of you, and I hope to

be that person that you can rely on and trust to help make your time here at Wee Kim Wee.

Vote for me for BizMag, and I will bring the best of both worlds to your experience here at Wee Kim Wee, you won't regret it. Thank you!!

Question and Answer

Q: Beyond prizes, are there any other initiatives you feel you can bring on to the table as Business Manager?

A: I definitely want to use it as an opportunity to help charities as well because I know that because of covid-19 a lot of these organisations have started receiving less support. So just little mini things that I can give to people during the school term to just make their experience here better, so outside of prizes for events, maybe like small souvenirs or little gifts to support the community and motivate them.

Q: What would be your strategy for communicating with sponsors, knowing that it's one of the more important and delicate processes of being a business manager.

A: Definitely, continue making connections throughout the year, I am a person that doesn't have a lot of connections to a lot of people or companies. So I will continue to do my research, for example check Instagram pages, Facebook pages, or check word-of-mouth to take note of any like small or big companies who need support during these times. As I said during my speech I would like to support them during these times, I will reach out on e-mail and social media and if I have time, even go down myself to propose and share my ideas.

Q: Let's say I am a sponsor that is going back on the pre-agreed terms that we have decided one day before an event and the deliverables are to be submitted.

A: If there was a small loophole, I would take it like post more Instagram posts according to what the company wants. But if they pull out completely, then I may have to go out and make some last minute arrangements like going out to buy the prizes myself and figure it out later, because at the end of the day my work cannot be pushing back the entire event. So maybe try to improvise from there But if there is just a small agreement that we can come to, even just a day before I will do myself to work it out

Q: Many times, the interest of your sponsors will come into conflict with the interests of your friends and the committee. How would you negotiate this balance between the two parties?

A: Definitely try to give both sides of what they want, and I myself will discuss with both parties so we can come to an agreement. Because as the end of the day if everyone has conflicting sides it's never going to work. I will try my best to communicate with the sponsors and the committee so they can try to understand the stakes and intents of both sides so that we can hopefully come to a compromise or an agreement.

Q: What kind of brands or sponsorships will fit the Wee Kim Wee school and our branding?

A: WKWSCI is a very trendy school, like I've seen people do TikToks all around and everyone's fashion sense is very lovely. So hopefully reach out to fashion brands that are very "in" at the time and popular maybe among TikTok and social media, because I know that most WKWSCI students would relate to that culture more. So reach out to more trendy and more popular brands. I also know that a lot of Gen Z-ers now like buying home-based businesses so I do want to hopefully reach out to them as well.

	<p>Q: What do you think are the trendiest brands right now? So given that what do you think you can offer as a Business Manager to offer them so they would want to work with our school?</p> <p>A: Ironically a lot of trends from also time are coming back like Crocs and chokers and all those things, and everyone seems to be really into thrifting, and all the brands that sell thrifted goods and have little pop-ups. I would e-mail them and get them to try and understand our culture. WKWSCI being a well-known school, hopefully they can see how their brand suits our culture—show them some Instagram posts and events that comes out of the Wee Kim Wee school so they can generously sponsor us, because I feel like they would really suit the culture of the students here.</p>
5.	<p><u>Nominee for Social Secretary</u> Candidate Name: Koh Wen-I Marissa March Proposer: Vernice Chua Seconder: Chloe Tan</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Imagine two weeks left before the event, which your group has been tirelessly sourcing for external vendors for 8 months, and has already finalised the program outline and ordered the necessary logistics, for a handful of these vendors to say that they were no longer interested to come?</p> <p>Imagine being told to facilitate and conduct a programme for a group of 50 younger students, but not knowing what to do in, and not knowing anything about the programme, as you were only informed to take over on the day itself?</p> <p>Imagine planning activities for an overseas trip to Kanchanaburi, Thailand, to help and assist underprivileged kids, only for these plans to fall through due to unforeseen tumultuous weather conditions, multiple members falling ill, and military unrest as you are situated in an area where Myanmar’s soldiers could cross the border?</p> <p>Well, believe me when I say that it would be VERY ideal to not imagine these scenarios from happening. Unfortunately, as the saying goes “not everything in life would always go the way we want it to”, these were some of the unprecedented incidents that I had to face during my CCA experiences in my previous school.</p> <p>Fortunately, all of these unexpected challenges were such a piece of cake to handle, and my team and I managed to resolve all of them without breaking a sweat...is what I would really love to say.</p> <p>In actuality, not only was I absolutely sh00k when all these projects and events, which we had poured our blood, sweat and tears into planning, organizing and executing, were getting disrupted by unforeseen circumstances, it was also extremely demoralizing seeing our group’s efforts go to waste.</p> <p>My teammates and I really tried our hardest to come up with alternative plans and improvise on the spot. Unfortunately, although we managed to pull through most of the time, knowing that our plans could have been better, and that our mistakes had caused things to be subpar, would always keep us in low spirits.</p> <p>However, the more obstacles and challenges I faced, the more I began to realise something important.</p>

When working on something, it is easy for us to become perfectionists, and beat ourselves up when something does not go according to plan. But, we need to remind ourselves that at the end of the day, we are just humans. Whether we like it or not, we are bound to make mistakes, and there are just certain things that are just out of our control. And I know, making mistakes is something that not everyone likes to admit or confront, but from my past experiences, I learnt that in order to achieve self-improvement and growth, one has to learn to be comfortable with the uncomfortable.

With this in mind, although I was initially hesitant at the start, I slowly became less afraid of making mistakes, and realised how important it was to embrace them instead. With every new challenge that happened, I couldn't help but notice that it got easier to handle the next, and with every new challenge, I now saw it as an opportunity to learn and improve.

This mindset had not only changed the way I viewed challenges, but it also changed the way I worked. Instead of being a perfectionist, I become a risk-taker. By stepping out of my comfort zone, I learned how to persevere and always push through to find solutions to resolve difficult problems, and be willing to take risks and enter uncharted territories in order to push for changes, especially if it was for the greater good.

It taught me how to improvise on the spot, utilising everything that I have at that very moment to just make it work. If plans fall through, at least I have logistics to work with. If I have no logistics, at least I have my group mates to work with. If plans fall through, and we are short of logistics, and I am alone, at least I have myself to work with.

It also taught me to be humble and more empathetic towards the people I work with. By acknowledging and accepting the mistakes I made, I went to others for advice on how I could improve. In return, I also lent them a helping hand whenever they encountered difficult problems or challenges. Through this, I had unknowingly learned how to build genuine relationships with my groupmates, and foster a support group in which members would always back or hype you up whenever you need it, and create a system of positive affirmation.

All in all, these were all skills I learned not from my victories, but from my setbacks and challenges. With this, I want to encourage everyone to remember that you are not defined by your mistakes, and that "behind every success are multiple failures".

With that being said, if elected for the role of social secretary, I hope to be able to cultivate a supportive and bonded school community, be of service to the student body, and I can guarantee that I will give it my all to bring about improvements that would benefit the school community.

Question and Answer

Q: What is the most prominent thing you have noticed about Weekids, and how would you apply that to your role as Social Secretary?

A: I think one thing that strikes me the most is definitely how inclusive the Weekid community is. How everybody is so friendly—something I noticed during the orientation programme, and it just made me feel very comfortable. Because of this atmosphere and seeing how everyone treated one another. I realised that If I wanted to become the Social Secretary, I would have to continue promoting this sense of love and acceptance

Q: Going on from the previous question, how would you apply what you learn in the events you rolled out specifically?

	<p>A: I really cherish being able to hear ideas form different perspectives. Which is why I feel that giant group discussions are very good. Because you are not only hearing ideas from one perspective, but from many differing perspectives. Sometimes as an individual, we forget that other people have very different perspectives and can offer an idea or alternative that could even be better than yours. So I feel that as a social secretary, in order to initiate these discussions and plans, I would also want to give a wide platform to not only the students, but also my members, a platform where they can be free to share their ideas. Also to cultivate a sense of understanding and non-judgement when hearing what someone else has to say.</p> <p>Q: Using the props laid in front of you, using 3 out of 5 types of items (with hypothetically an unlimited quantity), plan a game.</p> <p>A: A game with a time element, to rush against the clock. It could be trying to balance the ping-pong ball from one cup at one end to another cup at the other end, and then we can have two teams competing for a competitive element. Given that there is an unlimited number of ping-pong balls, the winning team is thus one that has successfully transferred more ping-pong balls from one cup to the other. The prize would most likely be snacks.</p> <p>Q: If you are elected as Social Secretary you will be part of the 29th CI Club which has a part in organising WKWSCI's 30th anniversary, given that it is such a big event in which you will spear-head, what is one activity that you can think of to help celebrate the school's 30th anniversary.</p> <p>A: I think based on past experience in my previous school, I was also kind of in the student council equivalent. And we had to plan for something similar to this? We also had a lot of problems in light of the covid-19 restrictions. So what we did was to create a hybrid kind of thing—where some performances would be live, such as music ensembles and open mics. We would also have some videos played out that showed people singing acapella and skits, what was interesting about the skits is that we planned for the skits to be both virtual and physical. It kind of brought an interesting element to it, because the story would continue on the screen, and subsequently on stage as well. To plan for WKWSCI's 30th anniversary I think I would do something like this.</p> <p>Q: As the school advisor, I tell you that a skit cannot happen but a social-distanced carnival event is do-able. How would you translate the skit into what the school wants?</p> <p>A: First I would have to see the layout of the space that I want to use for the skit, the stage doesn't have to be one location in order to have a socially-distanced production, so we can spread the actors out across various stages. Perhaps the skit could be one that is interactive so the audiences can respond while the skit continues, so you can retain audience interaction for the various actors and actresses.</p>
6.	<p><u>Nominee for Union Executive Committee Representative</u> Candidate Name: Ong Tze Kym Proposer: Alycia Lee Ann Rei Seconder: Lim Ying Wei</p> <p><u>Speech</u> A big hello to everyone! I am Kym, a Year 2 student and I am running as the Union Executive Committee Representative of WKWSCI.</p> <p>I would like to begin by sharing more about my background, followed by my experiences which I hope can contribute to my role as a WKW's Union Rep.</p> <p>In my first year in WKW, I joined PAPARAZZI's Main Committee as the Business Manager, was a volunteer in WeeVo's WeeTrip and even went on to become a Group Leader in our own Freshman Orientation Programme.</p>

Speaking from my heart, I truly loved being so involved in WKW – from joining ad-hocs, partaking in theme weeks and even the simple joys of talking to my friends at our benches. Look, there even came a point in time in last sem where I took part in 5 out of 5 days of theme week, and to my surprise, I actually won 4 out of 5 of them with different friend groups. That... was an experience to remember. I genuinely had so much fun – bringing people together and connecting my friends across WKW, to come together and formulate our ideas and plans for our theme week submission.

Being so actively involved in both activities and events in WKW helped me to learn about the interests, passions, the likes and dislikes of my fellow peers. While all of us came from different walks of life, as WeeKids, we were similarly brought together with our common love for communication and all things media. I was able to work with so many brilliant peers of mine, learning and growing alongside one another. Through these experiences, I believe that I have a strong understanding of what the students in our school needs and my confidence in representing WKW that is my second home.

Outside of WKW, I was also part of NTUSU's Communication Division and was involved in the Union Orientation Committee as a Chief Group Leader. While I did take on many commitments, I had a clear vision of my own goals that kept me grounded throughout the academic year. It is an honour to serve, and I will always hold myself accountable to the roles and responsibilities that others have trusted me in. Being part of the Student's Union allowed me to give back to this University experience that I have come to truly enjoy and greatly benefited from. Since then, I have learnt various lessons and gained invaluable insights that I only hope to contribute in improving the experiences of fellow students.

Through the meaningful interactions that I forged in the past year in both WKW and in NTUSU, I also gained a new perspective in viewing issues within the student population. I got to better understand the back-end work in the Union as they worked towards resolving issues for the student population.

I am grateful for being heavily involved in both WKW and in the Student's Union, giving me the confidence to fall back on a multitude of experiences to tap on. With these tangible contributions, I hope that I can assure you with confidence to place your trust in me to be your bridge between WKW and the Union.

What I hope to demonstrate in my run would be my heart to serve as the pillar of support for WKW, in which my firm understanding of the Union and our students, would work hand-in-hand with the upcoming CI members to support WKW. As the Union Executive Committee Representative of WKW, I strive to be conscientious and persevere in safeguarding the interests of WeeKids.

With that, I look forward to representing WKWSCI on the Union Executive Committee level. I am thrilled to be working with all of you in this academic year.

Question and Answer

Q: In your opinion, what is one key issue that WKWSCI students are concerned with that you can raise up to the Student Union.

A: For a little bit of context, WKWSCI didn't have a union rep for the past two years, so NTUSU has been working very closely with the CI President thus far, and they are thankful that Justin was so open able to work very closely with them. So what I want to do in this run is better represent WKWSCI at the Student Union, and better represent the Student Union back in WKWSCI, so that we can really form that bridge between the faculty and the union.

	<p>Q: Why do you think we need a Union Rep if we have been doing good without it for the past two years?</p> <p>A: In WKWSCI while we can excel on our own, there is sometimes there a lack of communication between NTUSU and WKWSCI. I think that being a middle person between CI and NTUSU with one feet in both, I will be able to offer both perspectives, in case either parties have any issues, I can be the bridge between both parties. This is something that I felt was lacking within these two years, even though the president really stepped up the help the union, after all the CI president will stand to represent the interests of CI, but being a union rep will allow me to better represent both parties.</p> <p>Q: What do you envision your role within the CI Club to be?</p> <p>A: I will kind of be like the NTUSU spokesperson, while offering the best opinions for both parties and interests. I will do my best to participate actively in CI meeting, and bringing in the best insights from the NTUSU side and help WKWSCI be more aligned with the overall school and NTU in general.</p> <p>Q: When CI events roll around, because we have not had a union rep in a long time, we don't know what that would like with a Union Rep, so could you tell us a bit about how you will be involved in the events moving forward?</p> <p>A: What I really look forward in doing is to work very closely with the upcoming CI President and the upcoming CI Club members. I don't really see myself either NTUSU's Rep or WKWSCI's Rep specifically, but I want to see myself as middle ground who belongs to both committees. I already participate a lot in WKWSCI activities and you will see me around school. In the case where schedules collide, then it is a bit bopian, but in the case where I am available I will do my best to help out whenever I can.</p> <p>Q: Let's say the Union concerns conflict the CI concerns, how would you negotiate that?</p> <p>A: Being someone that will potentially be part of NTUSU and WKWSCI, while WKWSCI is my home faculty, my ultimate responsibility lies within SU. What I will do is I will do my very best to get as much insights and concerns from the WKWSCI-side, and then bring them to SU and then as much as possible resolve and bridge this conflict. I would say I wouldn't take sides, I will take manage to situation objectively and ensure the best solution is found.</p> <p>Q: Let's say that you find yourself disagreeing with the CI President during a CI Meeting, how would you navigate the situation within your capacity as Union Rep?</p> <p>A: I definitely play a more supportive role within the CI Club, I won't actively raise it outright since it's clear that the President has the final say within the hierarchy. In the case of any conflict I will find an opportunity to have 1-on-1 discussion with the President, to really tell them why there is such a concern and issue in the first place from the position of NTUSU, and after discussion we bring it back to the CI Club.</p>
7.	<p><u>Nominee for President</u> Candidate Name: Athena Tan Jiaxin Proposer: Vanessa Soh Khim Seconder: Janellia Kwan Rui Wen</p> <p><u>Speech</u> People are at the centre of whatever I do. So being here with all of you makes me feel very happy and very at home, because the friends I've made here in school, at the benches, in class, at the Patch, in ci -- have really taught me what love and home means.</p> <p>And I want that for all of you.</p>

Now, I remember finding Wee Kim Wee daunting as a Year 1 student. I was scared, afraid of a new school system, making new friends, and taking on new experiences. My first few weeks in school were spent tentative, unsure of who exactly to turn to. Plus, we were in and still are technically, in a semester affected by Covid-19, and opportunities for physical interactions were rather limited. Sure, I was talking to people, having fun before the actual lesson crunch hit in -- but I was still a little afraid of whether I could belong in a place where so much was going on.

And the thing is -- my story right here, isn't something uncommon. Because beginnings are tough. In our first year, we grapple with finding our place with friends. In our second year, finding our pace with commitments, school, and passion. My seniors have shared that in our third year, we struggle with leaving the nest for internship, and coming back just to begin again, where the air seems a little bit different at the benches. Sometimes, it was difficult to reconnect. And in year 4, FYP knocks on our doorsteps, along with extra modules you didn't get to take along the way.

Everyone finds it hard to settle back in, or to settle down at first. And I'm not a scientist, but I know that there's no easy cure.

One thing's for sure -- all of us are trying. The lounge couch has seen my friends curled up in an intense nap in between classes. Some people don't enter the school without an iced coffee in their hands. And every semester, the Mac lab lights remain on for an intensely long period of time every night, straight into the early am.

I may not know everyone there is to know, but with the crush of school, COVID, and our own personal affairs, I know it's hard to just sit down and catch a break.

And that's where conversations come in. Let me tell you what my cure was -- and it was someplace that you could *sit*. I'm talking about the benches. At the WKW benches, my friends and I sat debating whether to get food from South Spine or Grabfood. At these benches, I realised that though our timetables didn't match, I could still see my seniors for a quick catch-up about their day.

And sometime this week, at these benches, I saw **you**: someone else in school. You, sat there in between hall practice and lessons, catching up with friends. You, at an ISP group meeting. You, spending some time at the benches before heading off for a part-time internship. You, hair flying and lips stretched back in a laugh.

I think you're the reason why I'm running. The reason I want to bring cheerful pockets of joy to your WKWSCI lives. Be it through pick-me-up initiatives or a live bubble tea station at the lounge, the 28th CI had provided me with the opportunity, to dream up things for you to feel safe and loved in Wee Kim Wee.

So, I want to do it again. Remember how I said, at the very beginning of this speech, that there were times where we doubted ourselves even when we were trying hard to juggle our lives? Or when we doubted the place that might be home because of new, unfamiliar faces and the possibility of disconnect?

We've got you. Backed by perspective, backed by conversation, I want to bring you a reminder that: here's home.

We've got a few rooms in this house. We've got room for Community. With Wee Kim Wee's ad-hocs: PAPA, Weevo, Spotlight and Freshman Orientation, there are rich stories for students to help write with one another. The story of taking the stage, of doing work that impacts community, of celebrating Weekids within, and the story of welcoming new

additions. Together with an incoming team, I hope to encourage Weekids to never stop writing these stories with one another.

And here we also have room for Creativity. In the past year, we've seen each other push the boundaries of production and ideation with music videos, interactive web stories and the funniest TikToks for our Theme Weeks. We hope to preserve that tradition, and elevate the opportunity for us to take an idea, breathe life into it, and collaborate with like-minded individuals to make it meaningful to their lives outside of school.

Naturally, with creativity and community, we've got to have room for Celebration. And here is where we also want to begin celebrating the smaller things in life: a good week with friends, mid-terms being over, the weeks counting down to summer. Let's be realistic -- university is tough, and sometimes, we need reminders that we aren't doing this alone.

The last room, is room for Growth. What exactly do we want our journeys in school to be? Sure, we can say arbitrary terms like 'happy', or 'happening', but what I want you to consider is how much you matter to us. How much you matter to the community you're in. You're a friend, a group mate, a partner, and that means that we can each own our experiences in Wee Kim Wee. Growth can be many things: growing into our values, traits and personalities. Growing into our heart to serve, lead and learn. Growing into new goals and aspirations as priorities shift.

Let's open the door of this room together.

To make it comfortable for you to approach the door, there needs to be work done. The concept of work is by nature, difficult. It implies that we need to be on that grind. And honestly, that's scary. But the people that I've had the honour of crossing paths with, the people who I'm unafraid to hype up at the benches, the people who step up to perform for Reverb, the people who gave you style tips in the Homecoming Zine, and the people who you see here, have made work seem less like work, but purpose. So with the 29th, together, we'll make memories with meaning for you.

I hope to bring vibrance to the nooks and crannies of the school that you would sit at and want to feel comfortable in. With that being said, my name is Athena -- and I want you to know that there is always room for you, because here's home.

Question and Answer

Q: What does it mean to you to be a Weekid?

A: I think to me what it means to be a Weekid is to be someone who gradually can grow into someone who can take ownership of their experiences. After running for Business Manager for the 28th CI, I realise one thing--sometimes the most fulfilling thing is not just receiving free things, it's the interactions that come about. When I passed the items to the recipients with my partner, when those kind of things happen during events, and when you guys say "I love this!" and then you smile etc. I think that it's in the interaction itself that creates the ownership of that experience, because together we are enjoying something not in a static way, but we're looking at it with point of view of the meaning of the whole action, students can benefit in both ways--in the way they feel cared for and that we brought on something valuable to the school, and that together we can leverage on these initiatives and ventures. To bring even more constant joy and encouragement to different students. So to me being a Weekid means taking ownership of that experience, and that occurs no matter what part you play! I think as a school and a society as a whole, we are a whole moving machine. The whole idea is taking ownership of your own experience: from when you step into WKWSCI and decide which bench to sit at, what game to play at the lounge--all these contribute to the experience of being a Weekid.

Q: Most memorable moment as a Weekid thus far?

A: When we came together for one of the Homecoming nights, it was the day we had to set up the tepee in the school. The reason why it is so important to me was because when we were setting up the projector in the atrium, our PAD Felix was taking charge of moving the parts, but at the same time we had students just sitting at the benches just helping to move the parts as well. That image is very memorable to me because it showed that Homecoming was for everyone, and that people were willing to help even though they have to move these very heavy parts, and watching Spirited Away together a little later than scheduled (safely-distanced)—it's something that was very impressionable to me and held very dear to my heart.

Q: Tell us how you would connect the Y4s back to school especially if they are coming back from internship and would feel a disconnect.

A: The foundation of a Weekid experience is that all of us are invited to take ownership of a different tenet of the experience. I understand the whole idea of coming back to a school that has changed tides, the disconnect—the benches have people you don't even recognise. I think that one thing that I would really love to see would be more involving them in more events and initiatives. It's not that they aren't invited to do that already, it's about creating space so that they can come back to the WKWSCI message, that we can all celebrate different values of creativity and community. In order to that there needs to be stake that emphasises ownership and that emphasises the ability of the student body to recognise that different students make up the whole population, and that recognition itself would allow for the overall Weekid community to kind of come together and feel that there are different shades and variants of their own WKWSCI experiences that's; the best part of this whole thing. Even our shirts, we have different variants of the official WKWSCI tee—but altogether we have the same little font and “Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information” on the front. So I think it would really be about appreciating celebrating the different shades that come together, and therefore when we recognise that and elevate that concept we bring forth that idea of ownership.

Q: One event of initiative you would want to do as president?

A: One thing that really is around the minds of students is the idea of creation: Can they come together to create something? Can I create a connection with new friends, or my orientation GLs? One thing I would like to elevate would be a showcase that could showcase the different elements of the various Ad Hocs and even the FYPs. Our school is known for not only the products and events, but also the experiences. Take Weekid for example. People not only take photos and videos, they want to create a whole sensory experience like TikToks, music videos etc. I think that is very important that people have different facets to showcase. That's why I think it's important for people to given the opportunity to showcase.

Q: The president nomination came in during the extension deadline, what made you make the decision?

A: I would like to reference back my answer at the start, the idea that people would want to take ownership of the experiences that they would like to have and share. For me personally, deciding on a leadership position is a decision that is not light, it is quite heavy. It was a very difficult decision. I think it was the notion that we would not have an incoming leader—something we had to take into consideration, but most importantly the scope of work. I feel that for president, the idea that when you create an experience for people is not something you want to just take and leave—it's not a “dabao” situation. It's really about scooping out the ingredients and letting people choose what kind of meat they want in their cai fan for example. For me it was about creating impact with a lot of meaning. I realised that for WKWSCI, whenever we do things, it's not just setting up a collaboration or performance. For example Reverb is not just about collaborating with Billie Eilish, it's about saying “here are some songs that you can sing”, “can you style

yourself”, “can you come into the recording studio with us?”—the idea you can do a lot of things with the scope that you are creating as president. Honestly even though that conclusions seems easy on the page, that is something with a lot of nuance with it, so that’s why I took some time to think about it.

Q: There are some students who don’t come to the benches, for many different reasons, some stay far away from school, others don’t feel comfortable in large social settings. As President what can be done to connect the people on these fringes back to the school?

A: The last line of my speech I talked about the nooks and crannies of school where people are comfortable with, I referenced the benches because that is where I connected most with the student body. But at the same time, there are these other spaces more private spaces that people find themselves more comfortable in! To me that I completely alright, everyone has a different kind of ownership of their experience, and that includes where they want have a safe space to create and have conversations. That being said I do think there is more that can be done to let the students feel at ease with other students in the student body. There are certain initiatives that we could bring in that would encompass certain facets of building up what people really care about. I think things like the WKWSCI mural, those places become gathering spaces because people like to talk about the fact that “eh how come there’s a new element inside” or “how come seniors got to do that last time?” and I think it’s about showcasing that experience that would really draw people to talk about their own experiences. This kind of cross-referencing of the tapestry of the journey is something I hope would bring more people into that conversation

Q: As CI Club President, your role is not only to chair the meetings and spearhead student initiatives, but also to represent the school at the Council with the Student Union, what are some key concerns that you would want to represent at the council?

A: For WKWSCI especially, having to work in CoHASS and SU for different events, we know how it important it is to maintain relations and to work with them in order to bring new initiatives to the student body. I think a lot of concerns that would be brought up would be centred around the offline and online nature of lessons and events. It is something I think that the union and the students would have something to say on. One reason I would bring it up is because of the collaborative aspect of the problem-solving, by looking down and saying things like “offline elements, and online elements, are there safer ways we can adopt initiatives that would still involve people in each faculty’s culture while still there is cognizance of the fact that covid is still here?” I think secondly the idea of belonging within each school. The reason being that we are in different faculties and having such a large volume of students, and I would think that working with student union is important, the idea we are speaking up and out not in a mono-dimensional way, but considering the fact that other initiatives and our own culture can come together to give the students a better experience as a whole.

Q: We are hearing a lot about taking ownership, do you have any thoughts on how to encourage seniors and juniors a like to take up ownership of their own WKWSCI experience?

A: The idea that taking ownership should be a very nuanced thing, and not about aggressively saying that you have a stake in this and forcing people to come down, that’s not something that can shape the student body experience in a good manner. It’s the fact that they CAN do this and do that, and feeling comfortable within their own personal and public spaces in WKWSCI. When ownership is forced, it takes away the genuine nature of it, the important thing is to imagine yourself as a person who can contribute something to the school as a friend, as a classmate, as a group mate etc.-those are all ownership of experiences that they are taking. I think that encouraging seniors and freshmen alike to do things not in a templated way, but creating opportunities for everyone to contribute in their own way. I think that’s what the school is about—the fact that we come out of WKWSCI and do things not only in communications, but also in F&B as well!

	<p>Q: In light of growing concerns regarding the hall allocation system, what is your take on it and how would you represent these concerns at the Council?</p> <p>A: First off, we have to acknowledge the fact that our student body has a rich pool of opinions that are derived from their experience and that is something we can bring up as action-ables to different faculty staff as well student affairs. I think the whole housing crisis situation really impacted the school in a way that made people want to stay in hall, because they want to be near school and because they have things they want to work on here. When we come to university we may be studying, but we are also contributing to a school culture that juniors will notice in the years to come. The way we can approach the whole thing is to acknowledge that there are limitations and both sides, but at the same time we need to bring up the fact that there is logic and rationale behind why the student body would need housing, and the specific amounts as well, why there should have been advance notices given earlier, why both the housing and student structures need to co-exist.</p>
8.	<p><u>Nominee for Honorary General Secretary</u> Candidate Name: Tang Sher Yee, Aurora Proposer: Wong Yan Secunder: Shannon Fong</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hello everyone, my name is Sher Yee but you can call me Aurora! Today I am here to run for the role of the honorary general secretary of the CI club. In my speech today, I will be explaining why I wanted to join the CI club, why I think I make a good fit for the hon-gen role and of course why you should vote for me!</p> <p>When it came to deciding if I wanted to run for any positions in the CI club, it wasn't a difficult decision to make. When I stepped into university, I told myself that I wanted to create a fulfilling and enriching university experience for myself. Ultimately, university was the last chance for us to try out different things and explore before we eventually step into the workforce. And being part of the Wee Kim Wee school, CI was definitely one of the best platforms for me to push my limits. I knew that being part of the club meant that time had to be dedicated to serving the student body. While university might not be the easiest academic journey for many of us, I believe that if we had a strong support system, a family to go through this journey together, things will become a lot more memorable and smooth sailing! Therefore I hope to be part of this team, so that we can all help to create a better school environment!</p> <p>As I choose to embark on this journey, I do have some self-expectations as well as things that I hope to take away. Firstly, I hope that I could learn how to manage time more efficiently such that I can complete the tasks in CI but also make sure that I perform academically. Moving on, I also think that if given the opportunity, this experience will definitely train my ability to communicate more effectively and deliver things on a tight timeline. I am really looking forward to embarking on different experiences and projects together with the CI team if I am elected.</p> <p>Why did I choose to run for the role of hon-gen? I think the many years of admin experience through different events and societies have equipped me with the necessary skills to complete the duties a hon-gen would have. From my understanding, the hon-gen not only has to have excellent administrative skills, he/she should also have great people skills so that we can act as the bridge between the main committee of the CI club and the rest of the student body! Ever since my first event in my secondary school, I kind of knew that being part of the admin team was something that I was better at. Some people might think that admin is probably one of the easiest roles when it comes to planning events,</p>

because we do not have to come up with programme or publicity ideas. We mainly act as a supporting role for the various committees, ensuring that things will flow smoothly. However, every time I take up an administrative role in any event, I find myself learning more each time, and there will always be areas that the administrative system can be improved on. While admin might sound like a pretty straightforward job scope, I believe that doing an excellent job still requires a lot of effort and the willingness to improve.

As I ask myself, what is there that I can offer, or what is special about me, I think one of the first things that pops up in my mind would be me being a good team player. I work well in teams and I often find myself being the one who can help resolve conflicts if it arises. In a group, we always need people of different dynamics in order to achieve optimal results. We need people who are very opinionated, people who are more rational or even people who have the most creative and crazy ideas. In a group I will always be the rational one who pulls the team back if the ideas are not feasible in reality or if differing opinions arise. Every member of the team plays a different role and when everyone plays their role well, the team will then be able to produce the best results ever!

When it comes to the experience I've had, the first ever event that I planned was the year 1 orientation for my juniors in secondary school. I was the committee head of the admin team and I remember being very confused and worried when I first took up the role. Because previously I never had any experience doing anything related to admin and yet now I need to lead a team. Although the journey was not exactly smooth sailing, there were many times when I made mistakes and resulted in a delay in progress, I managed to learn a lot throughout this experience. Every mistake is just one extra reminder as to how we could do things differently and better the next time. Though it was a tough 3 months for the 15 year old me, I have never once regretted joining the event. Through this orientation, it really built my confidence and I knew that within me I had the ability to lead. Sometimes we just have to throw ourselves into the deep waters and we might be surprised to find out that we can achieve a lot more than what we think. Ever since that first event I took part in, I subsequently was also involved in many other events where I helped with the planning and execution of the programme. Eventually in JC, I was also part of the exco team in my school's Service and Citizenship society where I took up the role of the secretary. My duties largely consisted of taking down minutes, managing the finances as well as making sure that all admin aspects of the club were taken care of. All in all for my experiences in secondary and junior college, I feel that it has provided me with a platform to hone my leadership and administrative skills.

I feel like sometimes when opportunities are presented in front of me I tend to over complicate things. If I were to recall something that left me with a slight sense of regret was when I chose not to run for the student council in my Junior College. Back then when deciding if I should give it a shot, I let my fears overwhelm me. There were many 'ifs' that popped up in my head and of course since they are hypothetical I couldn't get any definite answers. One moment I would be thinking "what if I didn't get elected? Isn't that very embarrassing?" What if I mess up my speech, how would my peers look at me? What if I couldn't juggle between council commitment and school work?" There were many worries and concerns, and while I would not say that they are invalid, but right now as I revisit these concerns, my conclusion is that if you really want it, you will be able to overcome all odds. Therefore this time round, even though I am still extremely nervous about giving a speech, I told myself that I do not want to waste this amazing opportunity presented before me. At least when I look back a few years down the road, I would be able to proudly say that I have led a very fulfilling university life and that I leave no regrets regardless of the results.

Finally, if I am elected, I will definitely be committed to serving the student body and make the most out of my time in CI.

Oh, and also I will be giving out chocolates in school during this campaign period so do come and get them from me if you see me around in school! Once again, my name is Sher Yee. Thank you!

Question and Answer

Q: Is proper admin important? Why or why not?

A: I would definitely think so. I always feel like different clubs and societies require different admin procedures, because when we do not set proper SOPs and admin rules clear from the start, A lot of discrepancies will come up along the way such as proper meeting minutes. For example if you don't take meeting minutes properly, someone may say "we mentioned this during the last meeting, why was it not brought up", if we had a good system that was structured, this kind of thing would not happen. I feel like for a club to run smoothly, admin is the most important thing to allow the other departments to run properly as well.

Q: One of the roles of the HGS is to manage internal timelines as well, suppose one day your Marcomms department is unable to deliver a set of collaterals that day, but your President (and the sponsor) needs it to be up, and they are starting to yell at you. What would you do?

A: In situations like this is, I would have set the due date one day in advance, so there if it cannot be done there is still time to rectify the situation. But let's say it comes to a very urgent point, then I would just get the other members to help—even though it's not within their job scope, but we are after all one CI Club. Because this is not just something you can push back or room for negotiation, and I believe that when emergencies do pop up, we have to find help from anywhere we can, even if everybody needs to stay back, we just got to do it!

Q: Managing the internal timelines and processes of the club can be quite challenging without the proper tools, so what applications would you use and why?

A: I think Google Calendar is one of the best tools, because everyone shares one calendar so once you update certain dates everybody can see it. I feel that way you can keep track of whatever things that are going on, and we can put reminders to that we will not miss the deadlines set.

Q: Suppose you find a group of students using the Large TV Studio off-hours without booking it through you but they needed it urgently, what would you do?

A: Firstly, if there were no other bookings for the day, I would not chase them out—of course it has to be for valid reasons, not just for valid reasons. If for emergency situations like seminars or lessons I would let them continue, but I would have to speak to the person in-charge afterwards, to let them know that even if it is last minute they still need to inform me so that I can ensure that there are no clashes in the bookings. Because it would be quite messy if they use the venue and half-way through someone else enters the room because they booked it—something I would want to avoid.

Q: Being the HGS means that you have to also be the mediator between the school management team and the student clubs here. Given a situation where there are conflicts between two in terms of logistical requirements/venue bookings, how would you go about settling such conflicts?

A: I think if the school team does not approve of our venues or etc., I would have to understand the main reason for their resistance and see things from their perspective and understand the situation from their end. I will think through it, and if I can convince her with the student club point of view then I will try to. However, if the school team brought up something important that we should take note of, then I can bring it back to the club and decide if it is something that we want to push forward or is there a compromise that

	<p>we can come to for both sides. When it comes to coordinating two differing groups, what's important is not for one party to always give-in, we should be gaining common ground.</p> <p>Q: As HGS of the CI Club, you oversee the administration of the other Ad Hocs also. In light of all these moving parts, how would you approach liaising with the different Ad Hoc clubs?</p> <p>A: From my understanding every Ad Hoc will have their own Hon Gen, so definitely they will be the main person that I will be contacting directly. I have a friend who is in PAPARAZZI and she is their Hon Gen, so that's where we have close connections and she will have to come to me directly if she needs anything. I feel that when we coordinating with different groups we should communicate with key personnel, because that's when things can go fastest and the smoothest, so that's how I will go about coordinating with the Ad Hocs.</p> <p>Q: Greatest Strength and Weakness?</p> <p>A: My biggest weakness is that I don't tend to go for the highest ranking roles, the main decision-making roles. Sometimes I take in a lot of opinions and concepts and that's not very helpful when you have to come up with the final decision. I think taking up the Hon Gen role, and being able to look things at all perspective is a good thing, because you can listen to different opinions and come to the best decisions and convince the different parties on what is the best course of actions based on that. I don't usually have strong opinions where certain things need to be done in certain ways. It can be one of my biggest weakness but also be my biggest strength, as long as you are in the correct role and the correct position to deliver the best outcomes.</p> <p>Q: As HGS you are also the PDPA Officer, what are some things you can do to make sure that the personal data of the students is kept well.</p> <p>A: I believe all this data would be stored on my computer or google drive, so definitely one of the things is to ensure that no one else has access to my computer or etc. What's important is that knowing that I possess such information, that I take a conscious effort to ensure such information is not leaked out. Sometimes the leak is not on purpose, but is more or less accidental so there needs to be a conscientious effort to prevent this on my end.</p> <p>Q: How will you go about managing a CI Meeting if the President and Vice-President are not there?</p> <p>A: If it comes to a situation where there is a strong differing opinion, I would still have my Financial Controller with me so I will definitely discuss with them how to go about the decision-making process. I think we would go ahead with the idea we both feel is better, although I cannot come up with the definite objectives best decision, but there will be some sort of leaning towards one plan over the other, so I would probably go with that feeling.</p>
9.	<p><u>Nominee for Financial Controller</u> Candidate Name: Neo Celene Proposer: Leow Choo Ching Seconder: Nicolette Neo Wee</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hi everyone, I am Celene, and I am here to tell you why you should vote for me as the Financial Controller of the 29th CI Club.</p>

Let me start off with my experience in handling financial matters. Before coming into university, I worked as a student care teacher for 6 months. Aside from all the headaches I experienced thanks to my students, I actually picked up quite a few skills that are relevant to the role that I am running for. Because of Covid-19, our centre could not hire external vendors to conduct holiday workshops for the students. This meant that I had to plan each workshop from scratch. This involved recording down the quantity and cost of all the items needed on Microsoft Word and Excel. I also had to collate the receipts and submit them to higher ups. After the bulk of the logistics was settled, I then had to propose a reasonable signup fee for each workshop. Through this experience, I became more comfortable with handling numbers and logistics. Prior to this, I actually hated the sight of numbers after my encounter with H2 Math, and I'm sure some of you share the same sentiment. I also learnt how crucial it is to scrutinise every single detail when it comes to finances. A small mistake could lead to major consequences if I wasn't careful with my calculations, and I made sure to be meticulous in my work.

I will admit that I am not the best when it comes to using Microsoft Excel. But the reason why I am not afraid to admit it is because I'm someone who is resourceful. I'm not afraid to admit my weaknesses, and I will do my best to improve myself. If I am unsure about something, I will seek clarification and try to learn as much as I can. Hence, you can be assured that I will carry out the role of financial controller to the best of my abilities.

If I were to be elected as financial controller, aside from managing the club's finances, I recognise that I have to pull my weight as a team member as well. I believe that open communication is the key to a team's success. When I was doing Project Work in junior college, me and my team were very hesitant to shoot down ideas. This lack of communication within our group resulted in us changing our topic 6 times. Eventually, we were only left with 1 month to complete our written report. This helped me to learn that being a good team player does not mean simply following the group's consensus. Sometimes there is a need to input your own ideas at crucial moments, and provide feedback to help the group to improve and work together smoothly. It might be difficult to provide criticism, but by doing it in a constructive and respectful manner, it ensures that issues can be resolved more easily. I hope that by having clear communication between all the members of the CI committee, we can better organise our events and ensure that WKWSCI students have an enjoyable experience when attending them. Therefore, my ability to communicate openly is something that I can offer as a team member.

I also aim to uphold the vibrant school life that we already have here in WKWSCI. I am looking forward to contributing to events such as Theme Week, Homecoming, WeeProvide and so much more! I think we can all agree that these events are unique to our school, and it is what makes our school feel welcoming. Without them, we wouldn't have the exciting student life that is a key part of the WKWSCI experience. Being part of the executive committee also means that I will have more say in the decision-making process. I hope my suggestions will allow for our events to run smoothly, while preserving their enjoyable nature for the students.

Another reason why I would like to be a part of the committee is to work with a team of passionate individuals. I am certain that the 29th CI Club Committee will consist of others who are also interested in enhancing student life. I'm sure that I would have an enjoyable experience working with people who are just as passionate as I am. With our combined enthusiasm, the committee can definitely bring the quality of the events to new heights.

Finally, I wish to expose myself to new experiences in NTU, even if they are out of my comfort zone. Previously when I was in Junior College, I went in with the mindset that

I'm just going to focus solely on my academics. I overlooked many opportunities that were available to me because I was insecure about my abilities to balance my studies and commitments. Upon graduating, I realised how much - or how little I actually accomplished. When I looked back, I wished that I had spent more time participating in student life, and made more unforgettable memories in school. I had gained a lot from other students' contributions, and it inspired me to want to contribute to my schoolmates' school experiences in the future.

Sadly, I didn't do much in those 2 years of Junior College. But, now that I have another chance to try out new things, I'm not going to sit and watch this chance slip away. These next few years are going to be the last time that I can call myself a student, and I want to make these last 4 years as enriching and fulfilling as possible through opportunities like this. We all have our own set of regrets in life, be it not taking a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, or missing out on an enriching life experience. However, it is more important to look ahead and ensure that you live life to the fullest, without any regrets.

Life is a movie, but there will never be a sequel. And that is why I sincerely wish that my fellow schoolmates can give me a chance to try out something new, and allow me to contribute to the student body. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me and I hope that you will vote for me.

Question and Answer

Q: Suppose your Social Secretaries planned an event that was over-budget, how are you going to tell them to change their budget?

A: I think the first thing is to ask them to review each component of the event. Overbudgeting happens when people overspend on one aspect, so will ask them to review the budget of each component and then ask them to see which area they can compromise or sacrifice a bit more.

Q: What do you do when the event budget is exceeded, halfway through while the Socials and Sports are procuring the logistics

A: I think in this case there is not much you can do since they already paid for some of the logistics, I think I can ask them to review the budget again for the component they have not spent on yet and see how they can reduce it, and seek help from other Ad Hocs.

Q: You mentioned that you aren't that proficient in Microsoft Excel, what will you do to improve on that?

A: I think my main resource will be google or YouTube, as nowadays there a lot of videos and tutorials for people who are not that familiar with the software. Other than online resources, it may not be sufficient in relying on them solely as they may not answer all of my questions. I would most likely rely and ask the previous Financial Controller and perhaps some of my friends who are more proficient in Excel.

Q: You said that scrutinising details when it comes to finances, so what are some details that you should look out for, in your opinion?

A: When I was collating receipts, I experienced a lot of times where I made severe errors. Because when you collate them all you need the numbers and potentially calculate out the GST—and that caused a lot of error. Because of one number that I typed wrongly, I had to re-do the entire spreadsheet when before I submitted it into the system. It is really a hassle to identify the error after you type so many numbers and details, so I think it is to save myself the trouble and hassle by properly scrutinising the details.

Q: Personally, how do you manage your own finances?

A: I like using cash more than card, because it is a lot easier to lose track of how much you have. Your entire wallet is in your bank account and it's harder to keep track, compared to cash where there is a finite amount. I'm quite auntie also, I always tell myself before entering any shop that I only need to buy what I need to buy, ignoring all the discounts or good deals. The way I spend my money is to be very conscious, don't think that "it's only five dollars", even ten cents to me is a lot.

Q: Name all the functions you know in Excel, as of now, and how you would use them?

A: I have to preface this by saying that Excel has a lot of functions now that I just need to click on. I know the simple ones like Average, Sum, Standard Deviation, Mean.

Q: What is your greatest strength?

A: I'm quite shameless, in the sense that I'm very direct, if I feel like hypothetically in a group project there is that one slacker, then everyone is ranting about the person behind the scene but no one is willing to voice out their concerns. In a group I will be that one person that confronts the slacking individual, I will probably check-up on them and see why they are supposedly "lazy", it's not nice to assume that they just don't want to do work—I think that's one strength I can play to while working in a team.

Q: Given your understanding of the different CI Events that CI has, would you re-imagine events based on the budget you have or would you stick with what's tried and tested.

A: I think it's good to try out new formats also, restructuring some events based on their budgets. If we keep sticking to the old formula, no doubt the event will be good but it's not good to keep reusing the same structure, and I think it'll be more exciting for the students also if we rework the events based on our budget. Maybe some components of the events we can splurge a bit more, and reduce some parts—based on what the students like or don't like.

Q: As part of the EXCO, you also have a part to play in leading the club, what would you say is one key principle you will abide by when leading the club in the absence of the P and VP.

A: I think in leadership its very easily to be influenced by your own opinion. So one key thing that I will abide by is my impartiality, especially in the absence of president or vice-president, there will be conflict that arises due to discussions and I may favour one suggestion over the other. But it is best to remain impartial to decide what is best for the outcome of the event, and what's best for the students as well. So I think to maintain that impartiality, when there's discussion I will invite both sides to give their rationale and have a voting system, Like don't just leave it to the Financial Controller and the HGS to decide on the final outcome. However majority votes may not necessarily be "better", so in the event that happens I will try to reason out with the committee voted the majority. Because sometime a majority vote may arise when people fixate on a very specific aspect of the suggestion, but as a whole it may not be very beneficial to the club as a whole.

Q: Share one of your weaknesses.

A: When I'm speaking I don't catch the nuances in my tone, so I may be trying to convey a message to someone I may accidentally offend someone. I would say that I really toned down, in the past I used to be quite blunt and I realised it's really detrimental in a group to say your thoughts without a care about someone else's emotions.


Q: What is one contingency that you will put in place so that the finances of the club is kept in order, as the margin for error at a university level is quite little.


A: To keep the finances in place, it involves a lot of communication within the group and other Ad Hocs as well. I think it is also good to check-in frequently with other BizLogs to see if they are sticking to the budget, and if I run into any conflicts I can rely on my team members to see if they have any other inputs as well.

	<p>Q: Are you comfortable making difficult calls? Is there an example where you made a firm decision and followed through to the end, in a group setting.</p> <p>A: In a situation like that I don't really have much concerns making the final decisions because I will be thinking about all the deadlines that we have, and how much time we have left. In that case I will be very willing to make the final decisions even if some people may not be happy about it, as it moves the group forward rather than remaining stagnant. When it was doing PW in JC it was very troubling because we kept changing topics, a total of 6 times, and every time we reach a consensus someone will not be happy about it until it reaches a point that we restart again. When it came to making the final decision, I just decided to tell them to stick it, and finish it all the way as it is better than submitting something. I felt like me making the decision helped to progress the group further too.</p> <p>Q: Suppose after procuring all your logistics you are still left with \$50, what would you do with it?</p> <p>A: Ideally I would buy something for the committee especially if the event was very good. As Financial Controller I cannot overlook the members welfare as well, so maybe I can make up for it in that aspect.</p> <p>Q: Suppose you have a club member who keeps breaking all your Financial Controller SOPs with regards to receipts and budget etc. how would you confront this member?</p> <p>A: I don't think I will confront the person directly, I would probably speak to the team member who works closely with said person to try and hint to them. We are still quite new to this and they may not be familiar with the processes, but in the event that it still continues, then I will send out a message in the group chat to remind everyone, not just the person.</p> <p>Q: Who is one person you look up to? Why?</p> <p>A: I really look up to my mother because she is like quite old already. She has so much time and effort to commit to: She has work, provide for the family, look after me and my sister, National Dragon boating Team, Bouldering, Cycling etc. All those are in the realm of sports but she can still manage to commit to so many things even though we only have 2 days in the weekend, and she never complains about anything even if she is having a hard time. She really puts herself out there and she also has amazing time-management to be able to do so many things at once.</p>
10.	<p>Tan Weile Warrick proposed the end of the meeting. Ethan Chan Wei seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 1630Hr, 3rd September 2021</p>

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