

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
29th Students' Union Executive Committee
AY 21/22 Art, Design & Media Student Club Rally

Date: 3rd September 2021

Time Started: 1445 hrs

Venue: ADM, Level B1-13 Crit Room (Online Rally via Zoom)

Election Committee	Position
Neo Geng Yao Justin	Returning Officer
Lee Yun Xuan	Election Officer
Loi Xin Zhe Hubert	Election Officer
Nominees for AY20/21 Management Committee	Position (Nominated For)
1. Cheng Wee Tang, Sean	1. President
2. Lee Wan Wen Monica	2. Financial Controller
3. Caitlin Annabelle	3. Welfare Manager
Nominees for AY20/21 Union Executive Committee Representative	Position Held
1.	
Outgoing Management Committee Members	Position Held
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Meeting Agenda

1. Regulations Governing the Rally
2. Nominee for Cheng Wee Teng Sean
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4. Nominee for Caitlin Annabelle
5. AOB.

	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 Cheng Wee Teng Sean</u> Candidate Name: Cheng Wee Teng Sean Proposer: Yee Soo Xien Secunder: Lim Jia Xi</p> <p><u>Speech</u></p> <p>Good Day ADMers, I am Sean, a Year 3 Design Art Student specialising in Visual Communications running for the role of President for the 17th Student Council. Like many of you, I have been a beneficiary of ADM's vibrant culture and opportunities for the past 2 years, and I thought, that was I entered my 3rd year of university, that it was time to give back. My goal is to continue building on the goodwork of the 16th ADM SC committee, as we continue to navigate this covid times and hopefully, transition ADM back to normalcy as per the regulations of the government and NTU. I will be the bridge between the faculty and the student body and ensure that feedbacks are heard and acted upon if relevant. But most importantly, I want to maintain and enhance student life in ADM. So a little bit of background about myself. ADM was the only school I applied for way back in 2016. After researching, I found that I really want to be in a creative industry that suits my passion and there is only one school that fit this criteria and that was NTU ADM. I was a President of my own junior college's Art Club so I thought that this will be a good experience to built upon this role. After graduation from JC I went to NS. I was given the opportunity to lead. I was a young office onboard the command team of a million dollar warship, taking charge of day-to-day activities of 40 pax or certain times even up to 80 pax. When I entered ADM, student life, ADM does not disappoint. TOP was insanely fun, I was impress with the insane effort from the TOP Committee and the following year, I became a GL for ADM TOP in order to give back. Unfortunately,</p>

covid struck and all physically activity was cancelled. Everything was turned virtual. It was really unfortunately as I was looking forward to having physical meetings but that didn't happened. And now as we reached back this turning point where we are on a transition place of being back to physical and stuck at virtual, I wish to parole that change and bring this covid times back to normalcy. In addition, to add on my leadership experience, I was the Head Publicity in my hall's Dance Crew and Pageant Committee.

So now we come back to the present day of today right now and I must say that it is a privilege to have this opportunity as ADM President to serve the populace, I will do what I can for ADM, because there's no place I would rather be. So vote for me, so that we can continue enhancing the ADM experience.

Question and Answer

Q: As a new Top 4 member, how do you think you can earn the trust of your student body?

A: I think for me, certain leadership is not the most important. I will definitely serve alongside with my T4 as well as the rest of the committee members. I will lead by example. So let me share my NS experience, my Commanding Officer (CO) is figuring things out as he is new to the ship and was not helpful to the crew which caused them to be unhappy. From that experience I realised that the first thing to earn the trust with the people is to work with them and not just command them, I feel that it was the number one thing to earn trust.

Q: As a possible upcoming ADM Student

A: For me personally is Leadership to stir the entire committee emit this uncertain time. I may not have much experience in council in school as compared to outside, I believe that with my past experience, I hope to further enhance the 16th SC has done and of cause I will be working closely with the previous as well to continue to bring ADM to greater height.

Q: If a situation arises in the committee, like a clash of ideas, how will you manage that?

A: I think the clash of ideas and communication is a definite given in all organisation so it should be something to. Be prepared for. How I deal with this kind of issue is that as a leader, I have to act as a mediator which is important as I have to be unbiased and view things from both points of view. If there is such situation arises, first thing I will do is to bring both parties aside and understand the views from both parties to get the full grasp of the situation. Of course this should be done with my top 4 if it was a conflict between the other committee members. Once you will have a full grasp, I think the next step is to evaluate and then bring both parties together to have a talk to even the conflict out. That will most probably be the default route to ensure that both parties can continue to work together smoothly. If there is further disagreement, I would say that both parties should calm down for a few days before continuing to talk things out because some things are not easily settled within one meeting. Definitely I am a strong believer of not letting the anger or misunderstanding handled before the sun sets and mediate the both parties as soon as possible. So that is my answer for this.

Q: What is something you would like to change within the next committee as President?

A: So I think I have seen how the current student committee had function and a couple of them are my close friends and within my own social circle. I sort of been through like how some of them had pull through this whole year and how the group works. For me personally, I will say that they have done a very good foundation amidst this very tough covid year. A lot of things could not been done such as social event due to covid regulation. I wouldn't say I will change it, more like I will built upon what the current committee had done. And of course tweak it to further improve the workflow and the efficiency and further enhance the school. As for the specific, I couldn't give much as I was not part of the council so I can't say for sure but I will definitely work close with the current T4 and the outgoing T4 and further enhance the student council life.

Q: How to make ADM relatable on the forefront in council with other schools and support student body?

A: Alright, so I think one of the initiative I will do is perhaps to put ADM out there. I think this way is through a day in a life of a certain student in ADM and using Social media to advertise themselves. For those who don't know, I also run a vlog channel myself that I made a life of ADM. I personally have a bit of experience because I sort of want to showcase how a life of a creative is and more on the SU level I guess I can't say for sure how I will put ADM out there because I have not personally been there but I will defiantly fight for ADM and I feel that my invaluable experience in NS would help me navigate this rough portion of the SU level when I work with other schools or even the faculty itself. That is what I plan to do and on a more ground level, I will like to use social media like YT, IG to promote and normalise how creatives/fine arts students on a day to day basis.

Q: How do you think you can better your role or help the school/student with this current pandemic?

A: Off hand, I believe what I can do is to continue fight for social events because I believe that events are very intracule part of ADM or rather any school as part of the university experience. I had personally talked to a few Y2s and they felt like a lot of them don't feel like running the council because they were afraid or did not fully experience the true culture of ADM which my current batch had as we were the last batch the experience the physical orientation and all the social event. They didn't felt like they should give back and just hang within their own small cliques to hang out so that is why they didn't really felt a true connection with ADM. So for me is to build back that connection back to ADM to increase student life and continue posting these social events, welfare, bbq party to the best of our ability. So we can truly claim back what was before the pandemic. Maybe not to its full capacity but to whatever we can do so that is one of my goals to the committee. To bring back the culture and vibrancy of ADM.

Q: Name one strength you have that makes you a suitable candidate for this role and why do you think it allows you to execute it effectively?

A: For me, I think one of the things that will be a great help is the stability. So stability as in the ability to take a step back and think rationally before making a decision . A lot of times people act on impulse and not much thought was given. One of the things I would give to the table is how I would like decision to be evaluated before we take a stand to any activity. Stability is on of the things that I would like to bring to the table for the 17th SC. Secondly is the creativity, more of the ideas I would like to bring to the council that I had now come to the solution yet because I would really like to do content creations to further enhance whatever with have. These are two great strengths I have and lastly leadership which is the most important thing as a President. Aside from creativity, leadership and stability is one of the most important thing I will bring to the 17th SC.

Q: With the cancellation of physical events, how will you keep your student body engaged?

A: One of the thing that I can do is mass online events if events do get cancelled. We can do an online show for example like pageants. Some halls are holding online pageants that were recoded and these are entertaining sort of value that we can provide to the student body. Perhaps we can arrange a school of events or programmes in a day like ADM day like we just commemorate successors in our school, game shows that helps to shift physical events that we can't carry on. Obviously I do not wish for that to happen because physical events are way more engaging than an online show or zoom. It is more like watching a show like Running Man. So that is my thoughts.

Q: How can you apply the skilled acquired from your NS experience and applied it to the Student Club?

A: When I went to NS, it was a meaningful experience. I was a clerk and I had the opportunity to interact with people from different backgrounds. From very different cultures and exposed to people from different social status. I learn to interact with people from different cultures, dialects and different languages. When I was an officer, I was the youngest but I had been given the opportunity of an officer which mean that even though I was very junior, I had to lead people how are five years older than me, or even ages like my father or uncles. There were times they challenge me and I learn how to navigate and adapt my lingo to deal with them. The experience and adaption is one of the things I took away from NS, to always maintain a neutral and unbiased standpoint.

Q: In a dynamic and collaborative environment like the student Club where you have to manage not only the various portfolios but stakeholders from the school and University, how do you think you can step up as president to manage them effectively?

A: Basically, as the leader and president of ADM, as a student myself, students would always come first. How I will deal with such situation, students re my priority and it will come when it arrives. For each saga or incident, we got to learn and take step back each time to evaluate before we go ahead with the plan so most importantly is to not charge in to send an email out but to rather step back a evaluate before sending. That would definitely be my first cause of action.

Q: Student Body Q (Conan Gan, Y3) How would you involve people who are not involve in ADM activities:

A: Excellent question Conan, I think inevitably in any social events, there will be people who ghosts or rather rarely appear or participate. What we can do for them is to provide welfare as I feel it is important especially in ADM when submissions deadline comes, life can be very tiring so welfare is one of the things that I believe that we can provide to all students. So, this is one of the ways I will continue to build it from. So that is welfare perhaps even better welfare.

Q: Why do you want to take up this role, as opposed to other roles within the committee?

A: For me, I felt like as a year three, having been through two years in ADM, I have been in the pre-covid era of ADM and the current covid era of ADM. I believe what I can do is just further elevate like this. Because I have seen two bathes of SC and how ADM was and the current situation, I believe with my experience I can get the current situation slowly transit back to normalcy when I first entered ADM. Even though I can run for other roles, I decided that I could do the most I could when I run for president because I had a vision of what ADM was and what it can be in the future so that is why I took the role of President.

3.	<p><u>Nominee for Lee Wan Wen Monica</u> Candidate Name: Lee Wan Wen Monica Proposer: Cammie Toh Su Qi Seconder: Lim Shu Hui, Jane</p> <p><u>Speech</u></p> <p>Hello hello fellow students and faculty of ADM, my name is Lee Wan Wen Monica, and I am running for the financial controller role this year.</p> <p>Firstly, I think that I would be a good pick for this role as I have a knack for budgeting and running numbers and I had prior experiences in being a treasurer. Moreover, I have a good sense of responsibility and am organised when it comes to financial matters. To add on, I believe that even though managing finances is an important aspect of planning events, it is not just about planning and controlling the finances.</p> <p>What do I mean by that? Well, personally I believe that the role of a financial controller does not just consider the financial aspects of school-related activities, but it is also one that requires you to be able to understand and ensure that the needs of the students and faculty are met.</p> <p>For example, budgeting is not only about overseeing the funding and money related matters. It is also essential to consider how the budget would affect the events and the commodities that will be purchased. Therefore, I acknowledge that this role, like all the other roles of the student club have an important part to play to allow the students and faculty to enjoy their time here in ADM.</p> <p>I am also aware that for a student club to run smoothly, the members of the committee have to be helpful team players and have the ability to communicate well with others. And I am confident that I would be able to do that and that I will definitely be a great addition to the next main committee.</p> <p>To end off my speech, I hope that you can vote for me and give me a chance to be a part of the student club committee. In return, I hope to be able to make your time here in ADM pleasant and memorable.</p> <p><u>Question and Answer</u></p> <p>Q: Working closely with a member in the committee; if you are unable to cooperate with this situation, how will you handle it? A: I will probably like voice out like that there is a problem here and maybe try to ask the different committee members for their opinions and try to talk about it and solve it.</p> <p>Q: As a possible upcoming ADM Student Club member what asset do you see yourself bringing into Student Club given the upcoming year? A: I think that I will be willing to try my best and help if any of the other committee members need help or need to talk about something. When it comes to like the financial aspect, I'm usually quite responsible and will take down stuff and make sure that I get this done and get that done, and if I don't know how to work certain things ill make sure not to</p>

make it a last-minute thing and try to finish it asap so that it gets out of the way and it doesn't become a problem that backlogs.

Q: So, what does it mean to you as being a student leader? Maybe you can elaborate past experiences in ADM or even outside of ADM.

A: I guess to me being a student leader is to be someone that is responsible and can manage their work and whatever activities and make sure that you are being a decent human being and not just being irresponsible because of like oh, I have something maybe in my committee so I cant help out with this and not to take advantage of the role as a student leader.

Q: So, you are part of the transitional orientation programme (TOP), you were there as a group leader. Can you elaborate on how this contributed to you as a student leader and your roles and responsibility moving on into the student club and being part of the main committee?

A: I think that my role as a GL for TOP really helped me to be clearer about the importance of having good communication and being like what is your role and how certain actions that you do will affect other people. Personally, when I was a GL, there was 4 GL in my guild, me and my other friend we are more of the admin person like remember to do this, remember to do that so kinda made me like more aware and used to this kind of admin.

Q: Maybe you can elaborate abit on this, why do you want to take up this role, as opposed to other roles within the committee?

A: I think one reason is that I also have experience being a treasurer in secondary school so I think that I am more familiar with this role and I would prefer to be doing something that I am more comfortable to be doing rather than something that is like totally out of strengths and comfort zone.

Q: With the cancellation of physical events, how will you keep your student body engaged or do you have any suggestions?

A: There was one that I had a conversation with my friend. We had this idea where like is like the angel devil mortal. That sounds fun like if it is a cohort-based thing so you can get to know more about your cohort and there was also another suggestion where you can make use of one locker as like exchanging letter so we can send each other letters.

Q: As a Top 4 member, as the incoming committee, how do you think you can gain the trust of the student body?

A: I guess for the student body of the committee, maybe like meet up and talk and not just do work. Having meeting and planning stuff and afterwards maybe ask if want to grab dinner or lunch and not just okay bye and leave. And not be the kind of person instead of having a physical meeting do you all want to just online zoom I will probably prefer to meet physically and can like hang out and talk in committee wise. Then student body just be friendly and when I see people I don't know I'll go up and say hey or what are you doing.

Q: Being the financial controller, how would you manage the stakeholders and ensure we spend the grant effectively?

A: Communicate with the other members probably the top 4 and ask their opinions which and where the funds which should go and check with the precious year on how they plan the funds to use that as a reference point and decide from there.

Q: Can you give us one example from your past where you have aided to shape and initiate change within the culture or future of an organisation?

	<p>A: Other than the whole treasurer, I was in choir as a section leader. I would ask my group and make sure is everyone clear on their parts if they need extra help feel free to text me or anything like that. I will send recordings to help them and make sure you know your parts. Other than that, I would ask them are you okay? Are you stressed if they seemed off. Or I would give suggestion in general on how to improve a committee.</p> <p>Q: What do you think is the most important value of being a financial controller?</p> <p>A: If as an individual, honesty or responsibility. But if is like between the committee members I would think is trust. You trust that I won't like anyhow do something and I trust that your opinions are not because you want to use this or monetary or financial gains but because you think that this would be a suitable thing for the whole faculty.</p>
4.	<p><u>Nominee for Caitlin Annabelle</u> Candidate Name: Caitlin Annabelle Proposer: Poh Liwen Meghan Seconder: Kiyasatina Binte Mohamad Azib</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hi I'm Caitlin, i am running for this position as I want to improve ADM's welfare committee and create a more inclusive community in ADM. I think I am a good fit for this role as I am empathetic and responsible which are two values that I think a welfare manager should have. I think this role require empathy because it is important to better understand other people's need and to be able to cater to them. Also, responsibility to take the initiative to implement new measures or improvements. So, I was thinking I would like to improve on the existing welfare committee programme, such as the peer support programme, also implementing more effective matters. One idea that I have is that I would like to implement a "take as you wish station" in school where student can donate art materials and take the materials they need for their classes. I think its quite normal for us as art students to purchase new materials for different classes that we have. I think sometimes if not most times the materials become unused at the end of the semester. So, I know I still have tons of unused material from like my year one semester 1 days just hiding at home. So I think other students can benefit from the available materials and we can all reduce purchasing as our students tend to go broke usually so it will be beneficial for us as well. I would also like to implement a take as you wish station but for snacks in school. We have vending machines in the basement, and everyone can relate to how its sometimes unreliable and limited selection. I would want this kind of programme to be implemented to benefit everyone especially since a lot of students do their work in school for long hours and even late art night. Students can donate snack that they don't want or from previous events like school or hall orientation or welfare day, as long as its not expired. I have been a sub com member before, I can better understand other people's need, other sub committee members need and to cater to them better. I would be open to suggestion to any form of criticism or feedback. To make ADM a better place, that is all thank you.</p> <p><u>Question and Answer</u></p> <p>Q: Why do you want to take up this role, as opposed to other roles within the committee?</p> <p>A: I really wanted the welfare role, because I feel that there are things to be improved on, and I have heard from my friends to applied to be helpers for the peer support programme that after the interview there was no follow up and did nothing for the rest of the year.</p>

People just associate the welfare committee with welfare day, so i feel that there is more that can be done. I think that I have good ideas and open to new ideas too.

Q: Would you care to elaborate on the new initiatives and ideas you would like to propose?

A: The “Take as you wish stations” that I have, I do think that it would be useful for everyone. I’ll just have one station where people in school can put their art materials and people can just take whatever they want, same for the snacks as well which will be packaged food and non-expired ones. If covid is still an issue, we can keep the are sanitised on the day or the day before, it will be maintained, I will provide the necessary equipment for that.

Q: As for Peer Support Programme, do you have any suggest on how to improve on that?

A: I don’t really blame them, but as a student I would feel that it is intimidating to approach a random student you don’t know. I’m aware that there is student helper for every year, but I still think its intimidating to open up or reach out to people you don’t know. What we van do is make it anonymous for both sides, so the students can protect themselves and also being more comfortable with not being judged in a way, we will make sure that everyone is just comfortable and provide the help to everyone who needs it. The students are not trained, so I don’t think they should be taking on therapist roles for the student body but more of advisors instead. They can alternatively redirect them to places to go for mental help and support. Ranging from the three services , mid to high tier as well as some on campus service.

Q: If a student approach you regarding his/her mental health, how would you take on this situation?

A: Firstly I would try to listen to them, everything they need to say, just to understand their whole situation. Depending on the situation I would try to help if it is within my jurisdiction and means, I would help. But mostly it would just be advising.

Q: As a Welfare Manager, you may need to work with different types of people, what values and qualities you have to facilitate this?

A: I’m open minded, when people tell me things, I won’t question them and accept whatever they say and try to understand. Then tell them what they might be able to do from there. I would also be responsible to make sure the new programmes will keep going. I have great time management skills and I’m also efficient as well so I don’t think there will be a problem for that kind of stuff. I can adjust the way I talk to different people; try to gauge what kind of person they are and adjust and communicate based on what they can handle.

Q: With the cancellation of physical events due to covid, how will you keep your student body engaged?

A: I think it would still be possible, we can have something within the guidelines and stuff online which can help. Like the peer support programme, it can be online so there won’t be any issues regarding that. I might want to expand on the peer support programme a bit more, like a guide for people so they can look out for students and also provide them company and advise them on what to do, of course it would be fully online. I’m sure it would be useful, like finding a friend.

Q: What are the qualities you have acquired from your experience being in a sub-committee that you can apply in your role?

A: I kind of observe people on their working ethics and how they work with each other. For example, as a creative subcommittee, we are supposed to make props during the school term, it has helped me to manage my time better, setting aside time for that while

	<p>still juggling schoolwork in between. For manpower subcommittee, it helped me in terms of thinking of new ideas and working under pressure. Example during TOP, things would go wrong, we would have to come up with new ways to facilitate the situation. Some people might have technical issue, therefore we have to navigate and help them through Microsoft teams. It helped us to work more efficiently and understanding others better.</p> <p>Q: If a situation arises in the committee, like a clash of ideas, how will you manage that?</p> <p>A: I would try to not get too involved in this kind of things, as it is between two different people. I would try to facilitate if its possible as long as they are open to it for them to have a peaceful discussion to find a compromise to prevent it from escalating.</p> <p>Q: As part of the Exam Initiatives, do you have any suggestion on what other ideas to provide welfare to the student body?</p> <p>A: We can also have other useful things, maybe thumb drives or stationery, special notes. Things that can be usefully. We can also have interactive installations around school, allowing them to write how they feel, to let go of their stress a bit.</p>
5.	A.O.B Nil
6.	Neo Geng Yao Justin proposed the end of the meeting. Lee Yun Xuan seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 1602Hr, 3 rd September 2021.

Minutes prepared by:
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Lee Yun Xuan

Minutes vetted by:
Cheng Wee Tang Sean
Lee Wan Wen Monica
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Signature



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