

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
29th Students' Union Council
First meeting of the 29th NTUSU Council

Date: 14th September 2019

Time Started: 0800H

Venue: SAC Meeting Room 1 and 2

Present on Time	Club Represented/ Position Held
Non-Academic Constituent Club	
1. Howard Foo	President- Sports Club
2. Iswari Joyce Kaliappan	President- WSC
3. Smeetha Nair	Vice-President- WSC
4. Liu Bingyu	President- CAC
5. Benedict Teo Wei Hwa	Vice-President-CAC
Academic Constituent Club	
6. Cheng Boon Ruan (Clara)	President ADM
7. Muhammad Firdaus Bin Kamsani	President CEE
8. Tang Wei Quan (Eugene)	President WKW SCI
9. Park Kunyoung	President SCSE
10. Xaiver Sim Le Jing	President ASE
11. Jared Tan	President SOH
12. Ashwin S/O Singaram	President LKCMED SMS
13. Wong Jia Mian	President MSE
14. Pu Wen Wei	President MAE
15. Wong Wei Xiang, Alvin	President SPMS
16. Lim Kai Yi (Eldeen)	President SBS
17. Goh Cheng Ze (Tristan)	President TTC
18. Delfina Paulin	President SCBE
Union Representatives	
19. Yap Ying Qian	Union Representative – CAC
20. Tilden Tan	Union Representative – CAC
21. Juliet Tan	Union Representative – WSC
22. Bryan Michael Chiew Sen	Union Representative – WSC
23. Cheah Guan Ying	Union Representative – Sports Club
24. Vinod Segar	Union Representative – Sports Club
25. Bruce Loke	Union Representative – MAE
26. Thong Zi Yu	Union Representative – SSS
27. Lim Gia Lim	Union Representative – SCSE
28. Kanodia Ritwik	Union Representative – SCSE
29. Glen Tang Jun Hao	Union Representative – SOH
30. Ng Li Xuan	Union Representative – ABC
31. Ng Kailin Calista	Union Representative – ABC
32. Tong Kai Ting	Union Representative – ASE
33. Cheryl Lim Yan Shan	Union Representative – SSS
34. Cheng Si Min	Union Representative – ADM
35. Sheena Lee Jia En	Union Representative – NIE
36. Liew Yew Meng Royston	Union Representative – SCBE
Observers	
1. Vicki Sim Wen Qi	Observer
2. Edward Lim Xun Qian	Outgoing 28 th Students' Union President
3. Choo Ying Xuan Tiffany	Outgoing Vice-President (Corporate Communications)
4. Serene Lim Hui Geok	Outgoing Vice-President (Student Activities)
5. Denise Jang Wen Sze	Outgoing Honorary Financial Secretary

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Koh Jia Hao Marcus 7. Andy Teo Kok Leong 8. Gwyneth Thong Yuan Ting 9. Nguyen Huu Tien 10. Ashley Lim Xin Yi 11. Ho Kai Feng 12. Lim Cedric 13. Muthukumaran S/O Govinda Rajoo 	<p>Chief Returning Officer Outgoing Welfare Executive (Student Life) Outgoing Corporate Communications Executive (Relations) Outgoing Information & Research Executive Outgoing Orientation Executive Outgoing KWWSI President Outgoing SCSE President/ Council Chair Outgoing EEE President</p>
Late with apologies	Position Held
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lee Wei Jun, Javier 2. Keoni Sean Foo 3. Kan Siew Yin, Debbie 4. Lee Jie Si (Jane) 	<p>President ABC Vice-President- Sports Club President EEE Union Representative – CEE</p>
Absent with apologies	Position Held
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hashen Singh Dhillon 	<p>President SSS</p>

Meeting Agenda

1. Council Chairperson Election
2. NTUSU Executive Committee Election
3. AOB

S/N	Agenda	Action
1.	<p>1.1 Proposal for Representatives to be Present and have Speaking Rights Proposer: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen Seconder: Mr Ow Jie Liang</p> <p>1.2 Proposal to Proceed to the First Agenda Proposer: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen Seconder: Mr Ow Jie Liang</p> <p>The procedure of the Council Rally was briefed by Mr Cedric Lim and the procedure included Presentation, Question and Answer and voting.</p> <p>1.3 Council Chairperson’s Council Rally Nomination for Council Chairperson: Mr Jared Tan Proposer: Mr Wong Wei Xiang Alvin Seconder: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen</p> <p>1.3.1 Presentation Mr Jared Tan spoke about his background as a Philosophy Year 4 student. He has a passion to help the less fortunate. He said that as leaders, “we must know why we do what we do”. He then spoke about the Council Structure, and also spoke about being a council member and that they have to put the needs of the students’ first. He also said that a Council Member should hold the NTUSU Executive committee accountable for their actions and plans. He then said that everyone should put “students first” and emphasizes the importance of communication and professionalism in council. He also added that the house should be in order by getting everyone to know their roles and codifying the important rules to ensure stability. He then mentioned Council members should have common ground and understand the students. He also said that punctuality is important.</p> <p>1.3.2 Question and Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tang Wei Quan asked for concrete examples of changes that he would like to make in terms of Student Life. • Mr Jared Tan said that he would like to ask the EXCOs about their workplan and from there, craft out the direction of how the students’ interests are met. • Ms Cleo Tan Wei Ting asked about how is he going to balance being the Council Chairperson and the President position at the same time. • Mr Jared Tan said that as he is in his final year, he has only two modules and have ample time for these commitments. • Mr Ho Qing Xuan Nigel asked which students he would put first, as a President of a club would put their respective students first but being the Council Chairperson, he would have to put the needs of all NTU students first. • Mr Jared Tan stated that he would be fair and put a hypothetical student that does not belong in any club in the situation first to determine their needs. Then, he would compromise and understand the students’ point of view. Lastly, he said that in such a situation, there is no win-win, but he would minimize losses on both sides. • Mr Michael Bryan Chiew Sen asked about his proposal for stability as he mentioned in his presentation. • Mr Jared Tan said that he would like to hold the NTUSU accountable for their actions. • Ms Sheena Lee Jia En asked if he had read the regulations. • Mr Jared Tan said yes. • Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen reiterated that there needs to be a fine line between check and balance and constantly questioning every single move. • Mr Jared Tan spoke about the principal consideration, saying that the principal considerations of decisions should be understood before taking action. • Ms Sheena Lee Jia En asked about his understanding of the EXCOs and the NTUSU Committee. • Mr Jared Tan said that the President is the first line to question the decisions of the EXCO members before the decisions are presented to the Council. 	

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Ms Sheena Lee Jia En

Secunder: Mr Michael Bryan Chiew Sen

- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En asked Mr Jared Tan how long he expects a Council Meeting to be if he wants to ask for the workplan presentation of all EXCO members.
- Mr Jared Tan said that the technical details should be left to the EXCO members to manage, and that the Council is only there to make sure the EXCOs direction are in check and it is the Council's job to ask 'why' at a strategic level.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Ms Cheng Si Min

Secunder: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked about the difference between SAO and Council since Mr Jared Tan proposed to vet the EXCO events which seems micro. He added that SAO vets the event proposals of the Union and asked where the line is drawn.
- Mr Jared Tan said that the Council's job is to keep the EXCOs in check and to align the direction.
- Mr Nguyen Huu Tien said that in his year, he did a lot of reports, in which some of them benefited the student body, but the school management rejected it.
- Mr Jared Tan said that sometimes, they need to align themselves to the management instead.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Mr Vinod Segar

Secunder: Ms Sheena Lee Jia En

- Mr Vinod Segar said that the Council is here to look at the more important matters such as transportation and SU options instead of just scrutinizing the events from NTUSU.
- Mr Jared Tan said that if there are policy changes, the Council should look at the Constitutions and Regulations. He then asked for an annual workplan so that the Council knows what the EXCO members does.
- Mr Nguyen Huu Tien then said that as the Council Chairperson, he has to be fair and impartial and be a mediator of the discussions.
- Mr Jared Tan said that the students must be put first, and that the Council and EXCOs are there to build each other up. He also said that it is difficult to meet the views of all the Council members, thus he wants everybody to understand the roles of the EXCOs very clearly.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked if Council meetings should then be open to all students.
- Mr Jared said that if it is to be transparent, it is a good way forward. However, he also feels that some of the people who scrutinize these meetings might be troublemakers.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok then asked him about 2 things his predecessor did and did not do well.
- Mr Jared Tan then said that his predecessor did not know enough about the Council and did not mediate the Council well. For the advantages, he said that he was present in all meetings, and that he volunteered to be the Council Chairperson.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En then asked what he would do if a Council member disappears for some time.
- Mr Jared Tan said that after 3 meetings, they would be kicked out. If a person is late, a good explanation should be given and that if a President is not present for a period, he would lose his voting rights and be kicked out of the Council.
- Mr Ho Kai Feng said that it is not fair to make assumptions about the previous Council Chairperson without talking to him first.
- Mr Jared Tan agreed.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok then asked how he can facilitate the communication between the EXCO members and the Council members.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Jared Tan said that both parties have to be receptive to each other as they are working with each other. Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok then asked about how he would ensure such that no breakdown of communication happens. Mr Jared Tan said that the tone of the Council should be set now and that the Council; should be to help each other solve problems for the students together. Mr Ho Qing Xuan Nigel then asked if he as the Council Chairperson should facilitate this communication between the EXCOs and the Council. Mr Jared Tan said that communication must be fair and accurate. He also said that a formal method of communication is preferred. <p>Mr Cedric Lim declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Jared Tan to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.</p> <p>Mr Jared Tan left the room for voting.</p> <p>1.3.3 Voting Total vote: 37</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 757 1286 819"> <tr> <td>For 29</td> <td>Abstain 6</td> <td>Against 2</td> <td>Invalid 0</td> </tr> </table> <p>Council Chairperson: Elected in position</p> <p>Mr Jared Tan took over the Council proceedings as the new Council Chairperson and Mr Cedric Lim retreated to the back.</p> <p>Mr Andy Teo Kok Leong, Ms Tiffany Choo Ying Xuan and Mr Ho Kai Feng arrived at 0945Hr. Mr Keoni Sean Foo entered at 0953Hr. Ms Kan Siew Yin, Debbie entered at 1030hHr.</p>	For 29	Abstain 6	Against 2	Invalid 0	
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2.	<p>2.1 Honorary General Secretary’s Council Rally Nomination for Honorary General Secretary: Ms Tong Kai Ting Proposer: Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian Seconder: Ms Sheena Lee Jia En</p> <p>2.1.1 Presentation Ms Tong Kai Ting spoke about being a Year 2 student being from ASE. She was also a hall 14 Orientation CGL. She felt a need to understand everybody’s weakness and strengths. She said that her experience as a group leader is important for her to be the Honorary General Secretary. She believes that her role is to meet the needs of the students and speaks about how she can serve in the Union. She said that transparency must be met by effectively meeting and organizing proposals and agendas. Her job scope also entails circulating agendas and minutes, as well as to maintain records of policy decisions. She suggested filming of all meetings can be done, whether for internal circulation or for public viewing. This would help her check if her information is accurate. She would also include timestamps in this video. She also spoke about discipline, saying that each member must be on task to submit the relevant documents on time, to have the drive to go above and beyond. She also spoke about following the guidelines of the rules and regulations, and penalties would be issued to members who do not comply. She spoke about a website called Asana, where tasks can be assigned to each of the members and to track the status of everyone whether the work is done or not. She understands the importance of internal organization as well.</p> <p>2.1.2 Question & Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok asked for 3 things her predecessor did that could be improved. Ms Tong Kai Ting said that he mentioned that meetings are hard to be minuted down, thus she requested to film the whole process. She also said that the voting was an issue, thus she proposed a digital format such as TurningPoint as it is easier 					

for the relevant parties to count their votes. Lastly, she said that at the end of the year, the motivation can be further improved.

- Mr Koh Jia Hao Marcus asked what would she have done to EXCO members that do not do their duties.
- Ms Tong Kai Ting said that at the start of the year, KPIs would be set, thus she wants a reasonable expectation for everyone so that they can be accountable for whatever they committed.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston asked about a situation where one of the members of the discipline committee commits a mistake.
- Mr Koh Jia Hao Marcus said that that next in line would replace him.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked about the approach she would take if an EXCO member is not coping well or did not follow the rules.
- Ms Tong Kai Ting said that as she is a people’s person, the first step would be to talk to the person first before enforcing discipline. She then reiterated that a team is only as strong as its weakest link.
- Mr Ho Kai Feng then asked if a third-party service is good as it might be prone to technical faults.
- Ms Tong Kai Ting then said that she has not considered about this before as she has no technical background but will take note in future and discuss it with the team.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Tong Kai Ting to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Tong Kai Ting left the room for voting.

2.1.3 Voting

Total vote: 36

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
31	2	1	1

Honorary General Secretary: Elected in position

Ms Tong Kai Ting took over the Council proceedings as the new Honorary General Secretary and Mr Wong Wei Xiang Alvin retreated to the back.

2.2 President’s Council Rally

Nomination for role: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

Proposer: Mr Vinod Segar

Secunder: Mr Jared Tan

2.2.1 Presentation

Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen was a previous interact club president and head prefect before entering into university. He was also a part of the 28th NTU Student Union Executive Committee as the integration executive and the chief group leader of his hall’s orientation program. As such he is confident in his team management skills and emphasizes the need to be people centric and empathetic. He wants to run for presidency to create an environment where different clubs and societies can collaborate to support each other. He also feels that the team should be feedback driven and outcome focused. He hopes that the team can be more innovative and adapt to changing circumstances while challenging existing processes. He then proposes some key changes in the structure of the executive committee such as the movement of the Information and Research Executive to the Welfare Executive and for the Special Projects’ Executive and Student Engagement Executive to be placed under the guidance of the vice-president of student affairs.

2.2.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian questioned how he will be able to maintain a good relationship with the senior management team while defending the interest of the student body.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said communication would be the key, he wants to be

clear and transparent with the senior management to help them understand the concerns of the students.

- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En asked about a lesson he learnt from his predecessor.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that he respected Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian everlasting passion to better the welfare of the Union. He also feels that different people have different leadership styles and as the next president, he is ready to be held accountable to the responsibility of serving the union.
- Mr Andy Teo Kok Leong asked about his plans to form a closer relationship with his clubs, especially for non-constituent clubs.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said he will find opportunities or look at avenues and new initiatives that can be discussed to ensure that their voices are being heard.
- Mr Nguyen Huu Tienreferred to Mr Bryan Michael Chiew’s presentation and agrees that innovation is important, however there may be budget constraints, thus he asks how he will solve the issue.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen clarified that being innovative does not only mean finding new platforms to perform events but also to find creative ways to tackle a problem. Regarding budget constraints, he believes that the committee will find a way to work around the budget when they analyze whether the spending is necessary as they continue innovating.
- Mr Ho Kaifeng asked how Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen will work with the elected council chair to improve the team dynamics of council.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen hopes to form an honest and professional relationship with the council chair so that any conflicts or miscommunications will be minimised.
- Mr Kaifeng understands that council has a mandate to exercise control over the policies brought up during council meeting, however he feels that the votes are biased. He gave an example of the revised hall allocation scheme to remove distance points and felt that majority of the presidents in the non-academic clubs and academic clubs were against the idea, however the policy still went through.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen explains that the executive committee does not make the members vote with the policies or proposals brought up by the executive committee. He says that if the situation were to arise, he wants to remain open-minded and continue discussions within the council to come to a conclusion. He wants to ensure that communication within the council is smooth.
- Mr Ho Kaifeng feels that there are times where he felt blind sighted by the proposals brought up during council and asks if Mr Bryan Michael Chiew has any suggestions to reduce the occurrence of this happening.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen feels that there can be discussions held outside a formal council setting to understand the views ad arguments of everyone.
- Ms Cheng Si Min asked why he decided to continue with the same structure as his predecessor whereby 8 senior executives will guide the remaining junior executive.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen feels that he shares the same vision as his predecessors to reduce the levels of management within the committee so that everyone feels empowered.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston

Secoder: Mr Vinod Segar

- Ms Choo Ying Xuan Tiffany asked about his strongest quality.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that his experience equipped him with the necessary skills to discuss issues effectively with the senior management and the executive committee to push for the best solution for everyone.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian comments that despite the restructuring, there will still be some distance between committee members and the president. Thus he asks if Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen had any ideas in mind to connect with members on a closer level.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen shared his experience as the previous Integration Executive where he brought his chairperson to meetings with the senior management committee to improve communication and understanding among the members.

Therefore, he encourages other executive committee members to do so as well. He also hopes to attend more events and wants to work alongside them to form a closer relationship with more members.

- Mr Jared Tan asked about his biggest personal challenge and how he intends to overcome it as president.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that he tends to be impatient. However, it is something he is aware of and he will work hard to change it to a strength.
- Ms Lim Gia Lim asked about his plans to make the Student Unions' presence known without being intimidating.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that there are 2 key factors in answering the question which are the internal and external workings of the committee. Internally, all Ussociates have to work towards a common goal and understand what the union does for the students. He mentions if this is done right, all 500 Ussociates will be able to help spread a good message of the Student Union to the school. He also feels that there is a need to analyze how we communicate with other members of the union and constantly find new ways to form bonds and friendships to help improve external relationships with the student body.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Ms Ng Kailin Calista

Secorder: Mr Wong Wei Xiang Alvin

- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En asks about Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen thoughts on representing other sexualities such as the LGBTQ community since, the word 'voice' I the Student Unions' motto entails representation.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen emphasized that there is a need to understand the issue in the context of Singapore, where the government does not have a firm stance regarding the matter. Hence, he feels that he is not in a position to comment on it, however, he is open to exploring and supporting the students if needed.
- Mr Ho Qing Xuan Nigel feels that his vision to work closely with the different clubs and the student body is too vague and is not convinced that he has plans for the executive committee or council.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen clarified that he feels a lot of students are not aware of what the Student Union does or even exist hence he wants the Student Union to form a closer relationship with the student body to let everyone know that the Union supports them in any way possible. Bryan assures that his team does have plans laid out for the year which would be explained by each portfolio.
- Ms Cheng Si Min asked how he would prioritize the concerns of the students.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that after collating feedbacks from the respective stakeholders, he would analyse the situation for any overlaps in the concerns brought up and would address them first. He also feels that him and the team will be able to work on multiple problems concurrently. Lastly, he mentioned that regular updates should be given to the respective presidents to help them understand the situation or any constraints that the Union might be facing in addressing their concerns.
- Mr Benedict Teo Wei Hwa asks about his suggestions to form a closer relationship with the clubs that are not represented in council
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that the team can engage with the non -constituent clubs committee by forming a non-constituent club council to seek their input or even have them as an associate body in the student council.
- Serene asks about Mr Bryan Michael Chiew's plan to improve student engagement based on the student experience survey which checks on how effective the union is in promoting the welfare of the students.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that he wants to find more platforms to connect with the students. He wants to ensure that Ussociates understand what the union does and then use external communication platforms such as social media to reduce that gap.

Mr Koh Jia Hao Marcus declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen left the room for voting.

2.2.3 Voting

Total vote: 36

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
23	3	4	6

President: Elected in position

Proposal for lunch break

Proposer: Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao

Secunder: Mr Xaiver Sim Le Jing

Proposal to resume meeting

Proposer: Mr Tilden Tan Jun Leong

Secunder: Mr Ng Li Xuan

2.3 Vice-President (Student Activities)'s Council Rally

Nomination for role: Mr Vinod Segar

Proposer: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

Secunder: Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan

2.3.1 Presentation

Mr Vinod Segar was very involved in his hall during his time as a freshman and was part of his hall's Overseas Community Involvement Program (OCIP) as well as bash. In year 2, he decided to run as Orientation Associate Executive where he planned for the Union Orientation Program and was the bridge between the school management and the different Orientation Chairpersons. After being in the 28th Executive Committee, he started to question why certain things had to be done and whether they effectively met the goal and he also wanted to ensure that all the efforts placed by the 28th Executive Committee will be continued in the 29th Executive Committee. He wants to change the way events are carried out by asking relevant questions such as the purpose of the event and how to engage more students. He wants to ensure that Ussociates experience a sense of personal at the end of their term and wants to work with Ussociates to extract their maximum potential. He feels that there was a lack of communication between council members outside of council and hopes to improve such relationships. He also mentioned that the number of students who participate in events such as NTU fest are decreasing and wants to improve their brand image.

2.3.2 Question and Answer

- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok asked for how he can improve on his predecessors' work.
- Mr Vinod Segar felt that his predecessors' priority was to settle all immediate and large demands such as the lack of space for dance and other activities. Instead, he wants to take a step back to evaluate every clubs need and find out which issue he should prioritize. He feels that issues such as the lack of dance spaces are being solved due to the recent renovation of rooms with full-length mirrors that can be transformed to dance spaces. He feels that he will be able to tackle the issues faced after assessing the magnitude and difficulty of the situation.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked about changes he would like to implement.
- Mr Vinod Segar feels that his role goes beyond being a coordinator of events and hence he wants to re-evaluate the events to find out whether the event was effective in serving its purpose. He wants to understand what the intentions behind the event were and what went wrong during past events to improve on them.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian understands that he was the he was the previous Chairperson of the Union Orientation Committee and asked about how he could apply his experience into his new role.
- Mr Vinod Segar felt that in his previous role, he wanted the procedures to be systematic to ensure that the program ran smoothly. He also set the job scope for each member of his team and wanted to be someone who was involved in the individual committee's discussion and to provide his input whenever he can. He hopes to do the

same for his team this year, to show that he is there alongside his team to give them support whenever they need.

- Ms Choo Ying Xuan Tiffany questioned how he was going to handle situations such as conflict between the President and the Vice-President.
- Mr Vinod Segar felt that after working with Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen, he understood his working style and where his strength and weaknesses lie. He wants to work closely together as a unit with the President and communicate well with the team. Mr Vinod Segar believes he is someone who can understand both sides of an argument well and takes in feedback before making a final stand.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston asked about the purpose of pageants and if there is any way to change the stigma around pageants.
- Mr Vinod Segar feels that the purpose of the orientation program is for freshmen to learn more about NTU and the Students' Union while having fun. He also hopes that more freshmen will be eager to take up leadership opportunities after the orientation program. He understands that this is a sensitive topic and agrees that the purposes of it can be redefined. He feels that it is an event to help bond students as they gather to cheer and encourage their peers. He mentions that pageants can also be a platform to push for social causes, where the pageants can be student ambassadors for the cause.
- Mr Benedict Teo Wei Hwa asks how he plans to manage the shortage of spaces, especially during semester 2 where events such as IHCC and HOCC are held.

Ms Lee Jie Si (Jane) entered the room at 1400Hr.

- Mr Vinod Segar feels that he needs to understand the needs of each club first. He mentions that the conversion of Athena and Minerva to dance spaces have already eased some of the problems. He apologises that he does not fully understand the situation surrounding the dance spaces but he will strive to identify the best solution for everyone.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok understands that there are around 6 committees under his guidance and questions how he intends to balance his time across all the different committees.
- Mr Vinod Segar explained that the introduction of the Special Projects Executive will help him to spread out the workload. He believes that he will be able to balance the committees under him and provide support to them.

Mr Koh Jia Hao Marcus declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Vinod Segar to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Vinod Segar left the room for voting.

2.3.3 Voting

Total vote: 36

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
34	1	1	0

Vice-President (Student Activities): Elected in position

Proposal for break

Proposer: Ms Tong Kai Ting
Secunder: Ms Cheah Guan Ying

Proposal to resume meeting

Proposer: Ms Lim Gia Lim
Secunder: Mr Tang Wei Quan (Eugene)

2.4 Vice-President (Corporate Communications)'s Council Rally

Nomination for Vice-President (Corporate Communications): Ms Cheng Si Min

Proposer: Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston
Secunder: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

2.4.1 Presentation

Miss Cheng Si Min is a year 3 student at ADM and specializes in Digital Filmmaking. She was the Cooperate Communication Executive (Branding) in the 28th Students' Union and was a Design Intern and Market Researcher and Advisor for 2 separate companies. In her previous role, she helped to create Branding Guideline and Templates for the Union, organized workshops for her team and also created many new collaterals for the Union. As a result, there was a significant increase in online engagement and the Union also received more positive feedbacks. As a Vice-President, she wants to anchor communications internally and externally, to ensure that students are aware that the Union is always fighting for their needs. One of the challenges she faced was trying to place a brand personality for the Union as the Union had to portray a professional and friendly image. Her goal is to increase brand awareness by continuing to push out brand specific collaterals and wants to build stronger communication channels with the students through the U-Feedback system. She also hopes to maintain good internal relationships by helping students to develop their full potential as well as building good ties with external organizations.

2.4.2 Question and Answer

- Ms Choo Ying Xuan Tiffany highlights that her predecessor did not put much focus on internal communications in the past since there is a Human-Resource Executive. She asked how Ms Cheng Si Min can complement the Human-Resource Executive to build a stronger team.
- Ms Cheng Si Min feels that there is no clear line drawn between the roles currently and she wants to work closely with the Human-Resource Executive. She believes that it will be beneficial to the team and the members.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok asked how Ms Cheng Si Min was going to foster cooperation between the two committees under her which are the branding and relations team.
- Ms Cheng Si Min said she realised the two teams do have overlapping roles. Even though she has not given it much thought, she wants to make sure the two committees work hand in hand.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked if she has a realistic target to strive towards such as gaining 5000 new followers on social media.
- Ms Cheng Si Min wants to attract more students to attend events which the committees organise but realises that everyone in the executive committee needs to play an active role engaging more students through various platforms.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked for her thoughts on using council as a platform to help spread messages for what the Students' Union is pushing for.
- Ms Cheng Si Min said that there should be greater cooperation between the council in helping each other out. She believes that their help in attending events will aid in marketing purposes.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asks about her approach to handle a PR crisis, he gave the incident of Monica Baey as an example.
- Regarding an issue of sexual harassment, Ms Cheng Si Min feels that she will need to talk to the person affected and also remind students that there is an empowerment workgroup to aid students in social crisis. Regarding other situations, she feels that her committees must work closely with the schools cooperate communications office to ensure that the messages the school wants to put out are aligned with the Union.
- Ms Choo Ying Xuan Tiffany asked how she could improve what her predecessors had done.
- Ms Cheng Si Min wants to let the committees under her have more control over the internal workings and group dynamics of their own team.

Mr Koh Jia Hao Marcus declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Cheng Si Min to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Cheng Si Min left the room for voting.

2.4.3 Voting

Total vote: 37

For 37	Abstain 0	Against 0	Invalid 0
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Vice-President (Cooperate Communications): Elected in position

2.5 Honorary Financial Secretary's Council Rally

Nomination for Honorary Financial Secretary: Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston

Proposer: Ms Sheena Lee Jia En

Secunder: Ms Ng Kailin Calista

2.5.1 Presentation

Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston is a second-year student in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and has a minor in Business, he is also a part of the 28th Students' Union Executive Committee as the Finance Executive. He is passionate about matters related to finance and feels that his committee is the backbone of the executive committee. During his run in the 28th Executive Committee, he initiated the Finance Invoice Depository System to expedite students' claims to the university. He is also part of the Tender Review Committee for the retail and food spaces in NTU. As such he feels that he is well-versed with the financial procedures. With his experience, he feels that he is well-versed with the financial procedures and plans spearhead some structural changes. Firstly he wants to explore the possibilities of channeling U-Shop profits to the Unions' Budget and to the Union Collaboration Fund. He recognises that many clubs have limited funding and feels that the solution boils down to the ways to increase funding or reduce expenditure without compromising on quality. He also wants to re-introduce the U-Pushcart initiative during his term as he believes that it can be a platform to foster young entrepreneurs within the student body and it can also be used as a source of additional income for the Union when students rent the carts. He wants to push for the idea of catalogue buying which complies the information on products and services offered and sold by the vendors that have previously worked or is currently working with any committee in NTU. He feels that this will help students minimize cost as they have a list of reliable vendors to choose from.

2.5.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Benedict Teo Wei Hwa wanted to clarify on how the Union Collaboration Fund can be used.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston explained that the fund can be used when 2 or more clubs collaborate. However, there are no fixed and definitive rules and regulations on the usage of this fund such as the restrictions of who can apply for the fund. Hence, he plans set proper guidelines regarding this issue during his term.
- Ms Liu Bingyu asked why the Finance Standing Committee closed the Union Collaboration Fund.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston explained that there was a lack of communication between the members of the Finance standing committee which led to the closure of the fund. Moving ahead, he will try to ensure that there are smooth communication paths between members of the committee.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston left the room for voting.

Mr Marcus Koh Jia Hao left the room at 1500Hr.

Ms Lim Kai Yi, Mr Howard Foo and Mr Keoni Sean Foo left the room at 1515Hr.

2.5.3 Voting

Total vote: 36

For 34	Abstain 2	Against 0	Invalid 0
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Honorary Financial Secretary: Elected in position.

2.6 Human Resource Executive's Council Rally

Nomination for Human Resource Executive: Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao

Proposer: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

Secunder: Ms Cheng Si Min

2.6.1 Presentation

Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao was the Social Secretary of his hall council and his faculty during his Polytechnic days. He wants to sustain a professional and unified organisation among the Executive Committee and Ussociates while keeping them motivated and duly rewarded. He plans to hold events with the purpose of introducing, integrating and rewarding Ussociates. He wants to use social media as a tool to push for greater student engagement during events. He suggested plans to interview Ussociates and inserting a question and answer segment which is a platform for students to post questions and the relevant committee members will address them accordingly. He feels that the Ussociate sticker fosters a sense of belonging among the members to the Union and wants to work closely with the Cooperate Liaison Executive to push for more benefits given to Ussociates. Regarding discipline, he wants to establish stable communications with chairpersons and secretaries to understand how different committees are getting along and coping with their workload. He hopes to host biannual feedback sessions with Ussociates as well.

Mr Benedict Teo Wei Hwa left the room at 1520Hr.

2.6.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Jared Tan mentioned that his plans only concerned Ussociates and asked about his plans to include members of the council.
- Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao said his predecessor focused on relations among the Ussociates. He feels that he can challenge the notion to include council members in bonding activities as well.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok raised concerns about Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao plans to use the Unions' current social media platforms.
- Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao agrees that the current platforms can be oversaturated with content if he utilises it as well. He brought up other platforms such as the Ussociates page on Facebook.]
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan felt that the Ussociate sticker may be too exclusive, giving students the impression that items such as the welfare pack are only for committee members when it is actually for all students.
- Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao feels that the Ussociates sticker should not be removed as it is something for Ussociates to identify with. Furthermore, Ussociates are people who have served the union in one way or another this is one of the ways to reward them for their hard work. He feels that since the welfare pack is given to all students, having the express queue for Ussociates is reasonable.

Mr Benedict Teo Wei Hwa returned at 1530Hr.

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about his plans to help develop Ussociates.
- Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao announced his plans to hold enrichment workshops to help grow the relevant skills needed for every committee to perform better.
- Mr Jared Tan expressed his concern about the limited number of days set aside for Ussociates to bond and asked if it will be effective.
- Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao foresees a small attendance rate if too many events are planned as people have diversified interests. Hence, he wants to use social media as a platform to engage the Ussociates offline.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao left the room for voting.

2.6.3 Voting

Total vote: 32

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
32	0	0	0

Human Resource Executive: Elected in position.

2.7 Welfare Executive (Development)’s Council Rally

Nomination for Welfare Executive (Development): Ms Sheena Lee Jia En

Proposer: Ms Ng Kailin Calista

Seconder: Ms Chang Si Min

2.7.1 Presentation

Ms Sheena Lee Jia En was part of the 27th Students’ Union Executive Committee as the Welfare Executive for Development and was the previous advisor for the 28th Executive Committee. She feels that he role is to enhance students welfare by campaigning for a holistic, student-centric academic experience in NTU. She hopes to remove obstacles that will interfere with the students learning experience such as the breakdown of student portals such as Stars Planner, Blackboard and Studentlink being unintuitive. She wants to create a vibrant and holistic learning experience by providing more internship opportunities as she feels that a lot more can be done about the matter. She also plans to form better relationships between the school management and the various clubs in council since everyone is a key stakeholder regarding issues on student welfare development.

2.7.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Vinod Segar raises the issue about the S/U option and mentions that a lot of students are still unhappy about it.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En mentions that the Students’ Union has been providing students feedback about S/U options since 2014, however the school is still unwilling let students opt for the S/U option after receiving their grades. However, she wants to take a different approach to this matter such as examining how the S/U option helps to benefit students and get information about how many students are opting for S/U for a certain module. She feels that this should be the way to advance to have a deeper and more meaningful conversation about the topic of S/U options.
- Ms Pu Wen Wei asked how she will prioritise the concerns raised by the students regarding their learning experience.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En spoke from experience and mentioned that problems relating to student development arises at different times of the year, such as concerns regarding exchange usually emerges in semester 2. She also feels that a lot more focus should be placed on the teaching and pedagogy segment as the department was unresponsive to her predecessor’s advancement in the previous year. She mentioned that should any issues be more pressing and urgent; she would respond to them to the best of her abilities.
- Mr Ritwik Kanodia brought up some issues which international students face while trying to plan for exchange and asked how Ms Sheena Lee Jia En plans to address them.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En said that she does not have concrete plans regarding how she will be able to provide more slots for international students to partake in overseas exchange programs, however she is willing to discuss further and explore more options on the issue.
- Ms Kan Siew Yin, Debbie raised the issue of students needing to pay school fees while on their internships and asked about her opinion on the matter.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En explained how the late conversation with the school management regarding the matter ended in a stalemate as they were unwilling to compromise on the issue. However, she mentions that the school has placed arrangement for labs or offices found within campus to make more internship positions available.

Ms Lim Gia Lim left the room at 1615Hr.

- Mr Jared Tan understands that Ms Sheena Lee Jia En would require statistical data to present to the school to make a stronger case, hence he asked how she would go through the data collected.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En said there are 3 key processes, collection, analysis and documentation. She plans to work with the information and research committee to gather feedback and analyse the data to ensure that the information received is accurate and reliable. Regarding documentation, she wants to ensure that the data collected is published to the public, such as the healthcare survey results.

Ms Lim Gia Lim returned at 1625Hr.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Sheena Lee Jia En to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Sheena Lee Jia En left the room for voting.

2.7.3 Voting

Total vote: 33

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
33	0	0	0

Welfare Executive (Development): Elected in position

2.8 Welfare Executive's (Student Life) Council Rally

Nomination for Welfare Executive (Development): Juliet Tan Li Xuan

Proposer: Mr Wong Wei Xiang, Alvin

Secunder: Mr Benedict Teo Wei Hwa

2.8.1 Presentation

Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan has past experiences in working as the Vice President of the Integrated Marketing Communications Agency in Polytechnic and was also the Chief Group Leader and Secretary of 2 different Union Orientation Programs. Regarding her plans for hall allocation, she hopes to create a smooth transition for hall applications and processes from one academic year to the other. She addressed the issue on the removal of distance points for hall allocation as there are sufficient halls to accommodate the demand. Furthermore, she feels that her previous experience as President of NTU Ultimate Frisbee club allows her to understand the different tiering system of hall points. On the topic of transport, she wants to improve the user experience in school and plans to talk to stakeholders such as bus drivers to understand the problems which they face. She feels that mobile applications regarding bus timings can include indicators of how full the bus is and the location of where the bus will terminate. She spoke about the importance on orientation, where freshmen get a chance to meet their new family. She wants to instill a sense of responsibility to all orientation committees. She also spoke about increasing accessibility for people with disabilities and wants to ensure that student health related issues are taken care of in NTU.

2.8.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Vinod Segar asked about her plans to ensure that properties do not get damaged when students book facilities to hold events.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan said she will find out what the organisers will be using the facilities for and will also ask them to submit a risk assessment form.
- Mr Ritwik Kanodia expressed his concerns regarding international students who are unable to obtain sufficient hall points to get a hall the following year. He asked of her plans to address such concerns.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan said international students are always welcome to participate in hall activities to gain hall points, just like the rest of the students, to obtain a higher chance of staying back in hall. She also said she will look at the statistics for international students and check if the demand is greater than the supply for hall stay and will try to work on the issue.

- Ms Chang Si Min asked how she would address students who want to change the order of orientation programs.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan explained that the order of orientation programs changed the past 2 years where big 4 programs were held first, followed by hall and then faculty. She explained school's stance, where such programs involving the most students should be held closest to when school starts. Since the faculty orientation programs involve the most students, it should be held closest to when school starts for everyone to sign up for it.
- Mr Tang Wei Quan feels that it is hard to change the culture of orientation programs as it is deeply entrenched in the system. He asked about her plans to ensure orientation programs are executed in a responsible manner.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan explained how it is the duty of the organising committee of each programs to control seniors behaviour and change the program according to what they feel is fit. She also feels that harassment modules can be released earlier to students for freshmen to be aware of what is appropriate and raise up any concerns to the committee if the program is not following the guidelines.

Proposal for time extension

Proposer: Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston

Seconder: Mr Vinod Segar

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian understands she has many committees under her leadership and asked how she will be able to balance all the issues.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan said she will work closely with the Student Life Executive and the Orientation Associate Executive to find common ground and oversee the progress of orientation while she focuses on other matters such as hall allocation and transportation around campus.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok asked if she was aware of the key findings in the previous healthcare survey that was carried out.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan said that there as an increase in positive user healthcare experience but was unsure if it was due to efficiency or the convenience of having a clinic near school.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok asked about her plans to convince senior management in rolling out policies regarding healthcare.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan said she plans to attend University Healthcare Board meetings and wants to act as a bridge between the students and the school management. She will use the feedback gathered about healthcare services and rise it to the school to push for her plans.

Proposal for time extension

Proposer: Mr Bruce Loke

Seconder: Mr Vinod Segar

- Mr Lim Cedric said that the problem of campus transportation has been around for many years but yet there is hardly any progress made despite all the new initiatives. He asked how she was going to address this.
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan explained how NTU only has one lane roads and hence even if the number of buses increases, there will be problems of bunching. She also explained how many students are not aware of which bus they are boarding due to poor use of signages on the bus. She will try her best to address any other issues brought up during her term.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan left the room for voting.

2.8.3 Voting

Total vote: 34

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
34	0	0	0

Welfare Executive (Student Life): Elected in position

Proposal for break

Proposer: Mr Vinod Segar

Secunder: Ms Chang Si Min

Proposal to Resume Meeting

Proposer: Tong Kai Ting

Secunder: Glen Tang Jun Hao

Mr Lee Wei Jun, Javier entered the room at 1710Hr.

2.9 Special Projects Executive’s Council Rally

Nomination for Welfare Executive (Student Life): Ms Cheah Guan Ying

Proposer: Mr Tan Li Xuan

Secunder: Ms Sheena Lee Jia En

2.9.1 Presentation

Ms Cheah Guan Ying interned at the Cooperate Communications and Marketing branch at Jewel Changi Airport and worked as the Client Development Executive for a company based in Myanmar and Vietnam. Her experiences in NTU includes being the representative for the ASEAN University Network in 2019 and was Vice-Chairperson of for the 28th Student Union Editorial Committee. She wants to be involved in more student-led activities which are meaningful and inclusive for the student body and feels that her past experiences will aid her in doing so. She is in charge of 3 committees which are the Open House Committee, Welfare Initiatives Committee and Ministerial Open Discussions & Events Committee (MODE). She plans to maintain consistent contact and updates from the 3 committees to keep track of their progress and hopes to build a culture of mutual understanding within the committees. She also hopes to venture into more areas for smaller events they can do for the students as the committee did express their interest to do so.

2.9.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Bryan Michael Chew Sen mentioned of the difficulties her predecessor faced in maintaining a close relationship with the committees she worked with and asked about her plans to improve on this area.
- Ms Cheah Guan Ying said she will attend meetings regularly and will want to be constantly updated on their progress. She also plans to hold mass meetings to ensure everyone has an overview of the progress of each committee and believes that this can also encourage succession in the long run.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked if Open House should be under the Students' Union when the target audience are not NTU students who do not pay subscription fees.
- Ms Cheah Guan Ying feels that it is the duty of the Students’ Union to step up as leaders to educate potential students and members of the public on the NTU experience. She also hopes to use more platforms to showcase how the Students’ Union is heavily involves in the open house.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston asked how she will be able to cope with the heavy workload as her portfolios lies within the same period.
- Ms Cheah Guan Ying said it was essential that everything is planned out carefully and meticulously during the planning phase to prevent any mishaps from occurring.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok asked if she would consider inviting members of the opposition parties for MODE events.
- Ms Cheah Guan Ying said that they are not political office holders and hence are not invited for such discussions. She then explains the rationale for only inviting Ministers as they are in a better position to inform students of key policy decisions.

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked Ms Cheah Guan Ying to justify the large sum of money which the Union spends on Open House each year since it is an event which is targeted towards prospective students.
- Ms Cheah Guan Ying explained that she is not familiar with this matter and will bring this up as a topic for discussion with the school administration.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked how she plans to improve U-Study.
- Ms Cheah Guan Ying said that more can be done regarding the operational side of the event. She talked about how long queues and the use of raffia strings to control the crowd is not good for optics. Hence, she hopes to find new solutions to manage such problems.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian mentioned that some students feel that they are entitled to the welfare pack and expressed concern regarding the event.
- Ms Cheah Guan Ying Understands the student's point of view as a they pay for subscription fees. However, she feels that the event should still be held as it is a stress reliever for students who receive it.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Cheah Guan Ying to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Cheah Guan Ying left the room for voting.

2.9.3 Voting

Total vote: 35

For 33	Abstain 1	Against 0	Invalid 1
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Special Projects Executive: Elected in position

2.10 Student Engagement Executive's Council Rally

There are no nominations for this role, Council rally proceeds to the next role.

2.11 Operations Executive's Council Rally

Nomination for Operations Executive: Ms Lee Jie Si
Proposer: Ms Chang Si Min
Secunder: Mr Wong Wei Xiang Alvin

2.11.1 Presentation

Ms Lee Jie Si wants to join the executive committee as she hopes to give back to the school and leave a positive impact. She also wishes to take on this role as a challenge to herself and was inspired by how the previous batches of the Executive Committee was able to serve the students and make the university experience a vibrant one. She was part of the Ministerial Open Discussions & Events (MODE) Committee and played a part in the Unions Orientation Program as a SA. She wants to enhance and improve the day to day operations of the facilities under her control and her main role is to authorize bookings and oversee facilities such as the Student Activity Centre (SAC) as well as the Global Lounge and to manage assets of the Union. She plans to digitalise and streamline the bookings of facilities. Furthermore, she wants to introduce some changes to the structure of her committee to include roles such as Asset Management and Operations Marketing to allow members of her committee to take on heavier responsibilities and develop more soft skills.

2.11.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen spoke about some instances where there are double bookings made by the clubs and asked how she plans to tackle this problem.
- Ms Lee Jie Si explained that she wants to ensure everything is running smoothly hence she will look at the timestamp of the bookings and let the club who booked earlier have usage of the facility.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked if Chairperson of the different committees should have access to the Students' Union storeroom.

- Ms Lee Jie Si said that they should not have access to the storeroom and if they require anything, they should inform the members of the Executive Committee as there are valuable assets in the storeroom.
- Ms Cheryl Lim Yan Shan requested for clarification of the point she made during her presentation on digitalisation.
- Ms Lee Jie Si explained she plans to digitalise notice boards at bus stops around the school to cut down on labour intensive jobs which the operations support committee does and wants to create a U-Facilities portal which is a one stop shop where students can book various facilities around school.
- Ms Liu Bingyu raised an issue which she faced last year whereby the pervious Operations Executive was not available during the holidays and thus she was unable to book the facilities for CAC and Ms Liu Bingyu had to find another location for her event. She asked how Ms Lee Jie Si would prevent this from happening.
- Ms Lee Jie Si said they she will through to book the facilities in advance however, if something urgent comes along, she will pass it to one of her committee members to do so instead.
- Ms Cheng Si Min commented that some of the furniture in the Executive Committee’s room were old but the school did not allow the purchase of new furniture for the room and asked about how Ms Lee Jie Si would handle such disagreements.
- Ms Lee Jie Si replied that the school is not willing to replace the furniture as it does not cause any safety hazard, however she would definitely try to resolve the issue to the best of her abilities.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked how she plans to hold students accountable if there were several different clubs using the same facility and a complain regarding the upkeep of the place was only brought to attention at night.
- Ms Lee Jie Si explained that she would try her best to find the perpetrator and communicate with the various groups involved.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Lee Jie Si to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Lee Jie Si left the room for voting.

2.11.3 Voting

Total vote: 34

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
30	4	0	0

Operations Executive: Elected in position.

Ms Liu Bingyu and Mr Benedict Teo Wei Hwa left the room at 1800Hr.

Ms Kan Siew Yin, Debbie left the room at 1745HR.

Proposal for Dinner Break

Proposer: Ms Tong Kai Ting

Secoder: Mr Xaiver Sim Le Jing

Proposal to Resume Meeting

Proposer: Cheryl Lim Yan Shan

Secoder: Yap Ying Qian

2.12 Corporate Communications Executive’s (Branding) Council Rally

Nomination for Operations Executive: Ms Yap Ying Qian

Proposer: Ms Chang Si Min

Secoder: Mr Vinod Segar

2.12.1 Presentation

Ms Yap Ying Qian graduated with a Diploma in Chinese Media and Communications and

worked at UFM 100.3 as a Marketing Assistant and Social Media Producer and thus she was able to obtain valuable insights and advice from veterans in the field. She feels that the most important part of her job scope during her intern was to understand the target audience and the how the content should be tailored for such audiences. She realised that most of the content on the Students' Union social media is mostly based on pictures and she hopes to include new content such as an event video summary and focus on On-Site branding. The video will help students to experience and understand more about what the Union does for them. She also feels that on-site signages will be useful to create brand awareness.

2.12.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Vinod Segar questioned the feasibility of filming a video for every event which have taken place.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian explained that since there are already photographers present for every event at the moment for media coverage, she feels that filming additional content for the event would not be much of a trouble and can be used as a tool to engage more students online.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston mentioned about how a certain standard of quality should be expected for the videos and worries that the equipment currently available is not sufficient to produce such videos for the Union.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian replied with explaining how the quality of the content does not boils down to the equipment but rather other issues such as video editing.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked what she hopes the students will think of when Students' Union come into mind.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian hopes the message that the Students' Union is here to help the student body will come into mind.
- Mr Tang Wei Quan asked about how she was going to pay Associates if they needed to edit the videos produced.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian replied that she will engage her committee to help edit the footage and since they signed up for the commitment, they do not need to be paid.
- Mr Tang Wei Quan quoted the minutes from the CAC Rally 2019 which said that Ms Yap Ying Qian can help to publicise CAC's events as "She is incharge of Instagram page, email and telegram group chat. She will bring up to her team if CAC require more avenues." Which insinuates that Ms Yap Ying Qian would give special privileges to CAC. Mr Tang Wei Quan requested for Ms Yap Ying Qian to clarify her statement.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian apologised if her words were taken wrongly and she explained that these social media platforms can be used as an avenue to help publicise any clubs to engage more students for events.
- Mr Tang Wei Quan asked if she meant that she would allow other clubs to use the Unions social media platform to promote for their causes.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian will seek clarification with the relevant Cooperate Communication Executive Committee members and discuss about this issue.
- Ms Cheng Si Min understands that Ms Yap Ying Qian has experience in the field but worries that the committee may not be able to live up to her standards.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian will not judge them based on their standards but rather their attitude towards learning how to edit the content. She feels that a post event video is quite reasonable for beginners to handle and she will be available to step in if any help is needed.
- Ms Cheng Si Min asked about her plan for the Art and Design Committee as well as her Digital Media Committee.
- Ms Yap Ying Qian hopes that the Digital Media Committee will be able to understand the algorithms behind the content posted. As for the Art and Design Committee, she does not have a concrete plan but believes that all 3 committees will work together to achieve a goal.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Yap Ying Qian to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Yap Ying Qian left the room for voting.

2.12.3 Voting

Total vote: 32

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
26	5	1	0

2.13 Corporate Communications Executive’s (Relations) Council Rally

Nomination for Operations Executive: Ms Cheryl Lim Yan Shan

Proposer: Ms Lim Gia Lim

Secunder: Ms Ng Kailin Calista

2.13.1 Presentation

Ms Cheryl Lim expressed that her interest lies in print journalism and creative writing. She was a former editorial intern at CLEO and is currently a freelance writer at the Digital Trending Desk in SPH magazines. She was also the Publicity Director of her faculty where she was tasked with designing and publishing of marketing collaterals and publicity for their events and was also the Chairperson of the 28th Students’ Union Editorial Committee where her and her team managed to achieve a 10 fold increase in viewership of the U-Insight webpage. Her vision is to cultivate a holistic collegiate experience for the NTU community. She plans to expand the influence and readership of the U-Insight portal and hopes to establish it as a biannual print publication. Furthermore, she wants to expand the influence and outreach of U-Feedback by improving the internal efficiency of the platform. She also wants to set up a workflow, work timeline and establish the Standard Operating Procedure with her committee to stay on top of tasks.

2.13.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston said that the U-Feedback portal may be a channel for students to complain instead of providing constructive feedback. He feels that there is a need to communicate to students the purpose of the portal and asked about how Ms Cheryl Lim intends to manage and analyse the data.
- Ms Cheryl Lim explained how she wants to update to a Typeform database platform to maximise the efficiency of the forms. She will also try to ensure that all concerns will be replied to in 3 days and she wants to include a FAQ page on the Students’ Union website to address common problems.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about the type of content which she deems appropriate for the Editorial.
- Ms Cheryl Lim said that the current content revolves around academic issues such as tips to reduce stress and how to make recess week more productive. She also feels that the team should include a wider range of perspectives such as the opinions and thoughts about international students.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked if she views a high number of comments on a post as a good measuring stick for student engagement.
- Ms Cheryl Lim feels that users in general do not leave a comment unless there is an incentive for them to do so and believes that viewership is a good reflection of whether the content is well liked or not.
- Mr Muthukumaran asked if clubs could use the U-Feedback channel and if so, how will the information be disseminated to all the individual clubs.
- Ms Cheryl Lim said that all clubs are encouraged to use the U-Feedback portal to gather more feedback about various issues. She mentioned how her predecessor would email the results to the respective club presidents at the end of the month after all the feedback is collated and she would probably do the same.
- Ms Cheng Si Min asked about her take on writing articles pertaining to more sensitive subjects such as gender equality.
- Ms Cheryl Lim mentioned that she did face an issue where an article had to be revised in the previous year and now, she is more aware of certain boundaries that she should not cross when discussing sensitive topics. She said that she would still want to publish stories that can be difficult as long as it is relevant to the students. However, she understands the need to be cautious and prevent anyone from advocating their own agendas on the platform.

- Ms Cheng Si Min asked how she was going to draw the line between what is considered a sensitive topic and what is not.
- Ms Cheryl Lim grouped issues such as LGBT, gender equality and sexual harassment as issues that are more sensitive and since the editorial is a union publication, the team needs to be mindful that they should not be too emotional and should be neutral when writing such articles.
- Ms Cheng Si Min asked how she was going to ensure that both print articles will contain quality content while trying to balance between sensitive topics which she plans to include in the editorial.
- Ms Cheryl Lim talked about her part experience of working with a small team in the 28th Students Union and the difficulties which she had to endure. However, she feels that her new team of 24 people have strong journalism backgrounds and are aware of the content which is appropriate and suitable for the school. Furthermore, with a bigger team she feels that they will be able to push for a biannual publication.
- Mr Jared Tan asked if she had a rough gauge of the number of feedbacks received from U-Feedback.
- Ms Cheryl Lim said the feedback channel was relatively new as it opened in April 2019 and she have received a total of 400 feedbacks in total.
- Mr Jared Tan asked about the results which she hopes to obtain at the end of her term as well as how issues brought up in the feedback form can be addressed or used in council
- Ms Cheryl Lim hopes to see a 60% increase in the usage of U-Feedback and if an issue is brought up on the form, she will inform the relevant member of the Executive Committee who will follow-up on the matter, before bringing it up to council.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Lim Gia Lim

Secunder: Yap Ying Qian

- Ms Lim Gia Lim asked how the team intends on being neutral to deal with sensitive issues in a tactful manner.
- Ms Cheryl Lim raised an example of a print article regarding sexual harassment that was released during the 18/19 AY. The team tried to stay objective by providing statistical data on the issue and moved on to talk about the student’s experience with the matter. The team then brought the attention to services provided around NTU to help students cope with such situations such as the student’s experience in the university Wellbeing centre and the empowerment workgroup in the union. Ms Cheryl Lim feels that this method can be applied to other articles pertaining sensitive issues as well.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Cheryl Lim to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Cheryl Lim left the room for voting.

2.13.3 Voting

Total vote: 32

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
30	2	0	0

Cooperation Communication Executive (Relations): Elected in position.

2.14 Finance Executive’s Council Rally

Nomination for Finance Executive: Mr Tilden Tan Jun Leong

Proposer: Ms Ng Kailin Calista

Secunder: Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao

2.14.1 Presentation

Mr Tilden Tan is a Year 2 student studying Economics with a Second Major in Business. He

wants to foster growth within the student body through various initiatives and events and hopes to gain valuable insights on how an organisation manage its finances. He is meticulous in his work and feels that communication among the team is integral to prevent any miscommunication. He wants to address issues such as the inherent over-budgeting by the various committees in the Union and wants to reinstate the practice of completing a post-event expenditure and income report. He also hopes to improve the Integrated Claim System (ICS) which is a platform for all treasurers to submit their financial claims. Mr Tilden Tan mentioned how before the ICS was implemented, all claims had to be submitted through hardcopy to the Finance Executive which is then verified by the President, before being sent to the Finance Office who will then transfer the amount to the Honorary Financial Secretary to distribute the claimed amount to the various secretaries. With the ICS, the funds will bypass the Honorary Financial Secretary and move straight into the treasurer's accounts. Furthermore, all submissions of claims will be done online except for physical invoices. He hopes to further improve on the system by allowing students to track the status of their reimbursement claims.

2.14.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked how he intends to work with the 22 different treasurers in different committees to prevent miscommunications and ensure that all documentations are in proper order.
- Mr Tilden Tan plans to hold a finance briefing to ensure all the treasurers are updated on the current financial reimbursement claims. He will also carry out a follow-up session if anyone is still unsure of the proper financial procedures.
- Mr Jared Tan asked how Mr Tilden Tan would ensure that the committee is transparent and held accountable to their actions.
- Mr Tilden Tan said that the Committee can explore the possibility of internal audits and quarterly reports to communicate and justify the usage of the funds to serve the Union.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Tilden Tan to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Tilden Tan left the room for voting.

Total vote: 32

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
31	1	0	0

Finance Executive: Elected in position.

2.15 Business Projects Executive's Council Rally

Nomination for Finance Executive: Mr Ng Li Xuan

Proposer: Ms Tong Kai Ting

Secunder: Ms Cheah Guan Ying

2.15.1 Presentation

Mr Ng Li Xuan had previous experience as a Chief Group Leader for the Union Orientation Program and took part in his family business as a Stand-In Manager where he had to work with many people from different backgrounds and handle employee concerns. He hopes to bring U-Shop closer to the students as he understands that the employees did not have a smooth experience working with the Students' Union in the past. He also suggested collaborating with student owned brands such as the ToxicFriendsCo to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst students and can also attract more crowd to U-Shop. Mr Tan Li Xuan brought up an issue regarding the lack of information on U-Fund online and hopes to leverage on U-Shop's Online and physical store to increase outreach for U-Fund. He also hopes to improve the efficacy of business innovations by working with the Student Administrations office to place more focus on entrepreneurship.

2.15.2 Question and Answer

- Ms Lee Jie Si asked to clarify if students are able to pitch their business ideas to U-Shop and how the profits would be split if there was a collaboration.

- Mr Ng Li Xuan explained that U-Shop is a merchandise store under the Students' Union and hence business proposals or ideas can be discussed between the U-Shop Committee and himself. He also mentioned that U-Shop currently has a team of designers who do not get paid. However, he feels that the idea of sharing profits for collaborations is feasible.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about his plans to utilise other marketing channels to improve the online presence of U-Shop.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan agrees that the online presence of U-Shop can be improved on since people are unable to make purchases through the online store. He also felt that it was difficult to gather any information on U-Fund through online channels. He proposes the idea of providing complimentary hall delivery services when online purchases are introduced to increase U-Shop's online presence.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about his opinions how the online store can be improved as he had previously faced some issues where pictures of merchandise could not be displayed.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan said that he did not face the issue but will discuss with the U-Shop committee on ways to improve the problem. He also mentioned that he did not have the skills required to fix such an issue but will consult with people in the field to solve the problem.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En asked Mr Ng Li Xuan to comment on what he felt his predecessor did well during his term.
- Mr Tan Li Xuan said that his predecessor was able to build a strong rapport with the U-Shop committee and in turn the committee was more receptive towards working together with the Students' Union.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian spoke about how U-Shop profits have been stagnating and asked how Mr Ng Li Xuan plans to boost sales.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan said that U-Shop should consider collaborating with students to push out fresh designs and ideas to attract more customers.
- Mr Goh Cheng Ze asked if he knew about the percentage of the profit that is will be channelled towards U-Fund.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan said that 70% of U-Shop profits goes towards U-Fund.
- Mr Goh Cheng Ze is worried that students will not be able to receive sufficient funding in light of the stagnating profits of U-Shop.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan mentioned that U-Shop is not the only source of funding for U-Fund. He also explains that the U-Fund is available for any members in NTU who require financial assistance but that he does not have control over the disbursement of funds
- Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan asked how he would ensure that the products made for the collaboration would be in line with the Students' Union or the Universities image.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan explained he has not thought through this aspect of the collaboration and will keep her comment in mind.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Ms Lim Gia Lim

Seconder: Mr Glen Tang Jun Hao

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked about the key takeaways form his past experiences in his family's business.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan said some key takeaways he took from his experience was understanding the importance of communication and how to be an effective speaker. He feels that he is an objective person and will try to understand the concerns from multiple parties before reaching a conclusion.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian mentioned that U-Shop has their own committee their own team of members working for the shop and thus asked how he would be able to contribute to the team.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan explained that he can help guide the strategic direction of U-Shop and oversee the day to day operations at U-Shop.
- Mr Jared Tan asked why there was a need to bring U-Shop closer to the Students' Union as it is an initiative by the Students' Union.

- Mr Ng Li Xuan mentioned how in the past, U-Shop did not like to be associated with the Students' Union as they did not agree with some of the management decisions. However, his predecessor has started building a strong relationship with the U-Shop committee members and he hopes to strengthen that bond.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked how he intends to maintain a strong bond with the U-Shop Committee.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan wants to understand the day to day operations of U-Shop and approach the team as someone who is committed and is familiar with their operations.
- Mr Goh Cheng Ze asked how he would hold U-Shop accountable if there is a discrepancy in the accounts.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan feels that it is the role of the Chairperson to perform the necessary actions regarding discipline, but he will perform an audit trail if needed.
- Mr Lee Wei Jun, Javier asked how he would select the collaborators to work with.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan felt that he needs to listen to the motivations behind why the other party decides to work with U-Shop and mentions that the other party would also need to understand that a portion of the profits will go towards U-Fund.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Cheah Guan Ying

Secunder: Ng Kailin Calista

- Mr Jared Tan asked if Mr Ng Li Xuan is aware of the inner workings of U-Shop.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan shared that he does not understand the process well at this moment, but he will strive to understand how they operate when he is officially elected into position.
- Mr Jared Tan asked how he would be able to guide the U-Shop Committee as they already have the relevant experience and skills to manage the shop with or without his help.
- Mr Ng Li Xuan feels that this is a reason why he needs to form a close relationship with the committee to show that he is dedicated and willing to help them grow and improve. He feels that he can only contribute after a stable relationship is formed and trust is built.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Ng Li Xuan to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Ng Li Xuan left the room for voting.

2.15.3 Voting

Total vote: 32

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
20	8	4	0

Business Projects Executive: Elected in position.

2.16 Cooperate Liaison Executive's Council Rally

Nomination for Finance Executive: Ms Ng Kailin Calista

Proposer: Ms Sheena Lee Jia En

Secunder: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

2.16.1 Presentation

Ms Ng Kailin Calista wants to build close partnerships between companies and the Students' Union to provide better opportunities and perks for students. She identified some gaps which are the lack of outreach for NTU perks and there was also a lack of awareness of the Integrated Career Opportunities Network (ICON). Furthermore, as she was part of the same committee in the 28th Students' Union, she realised that there was a lack of motivation among the members to perform their duties as the committee was too big and thus they did not feel a sense of ownership for the parts that they were in charge of. She plans to improve the outreach

of NTUPerks by creating a centralized sponsor database and communication front of NTU, she also hopes that by decreasing the number of members in her committee, it allows each member to take on a greater role and in turn they will feel a stronger sense of responsibility. For ICON, she hopes that she can provide good networking opportunities and help students to gain career related transferrable skills which will aid students in their future job search.

2.16.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian spoke about previous incidents where companies would threaten Associates and pressure them to fulfil contracts after they agreed to offer discounts. He asked how Ms Ng Kailin Calista would resolve such issues.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista said she plans to organise trainings for members of committee so that they know how to deal with difficult questions and the appropriate response to such requests from companies.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian said that many NTU students were not aware of NTUperks and asked if she has any plans to help raise awareness for NTUperks.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista proposed to have a marketing representative in her team to focus on creating marketing materials for NTUperks. She said that the team can utilise existing social media platforms such as the Unions Instagram page to promote NTU perks and she can also ag the relevant sponsors and students to spread awareness of the perks.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian feels that a lot of activities which ICON organises overlaps with the activities which the Career and Attachment Office (CAO) holds. He asked how she plans to differentiate between the 2 organisers.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista stated that ICON is not competing with CAO but rather acts to supplement CAO. She feels that ICON can tap on the connections and opportunities from The First Step to differentiate themselves from CAO. Furthermore, she feels that the scene is not saturated as the demand for such events are high hence even if the events are similar, many student will still be interested to participate in such events.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston feels that with the decrease in manpower, many students might feel more affected whenever companies reject them and asked how she plans to resolve such issues.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista felt that her team members should take such situations as a learning experience instead of being too emotionally affected by it. She feels that with the appropriate sales training, they will be able to respond to such issues.
- Mr Goh Cheng Ze asked about the restrictions regarding the type of sponsors which schools are able to accept.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista said they she is not very sure about the guidelines but will definitely find out in the future after she is elected.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen gave an example on how Insurance Companies are willing to provide cash sponsorships but will require a booth space or students to sign up for their internship positions. He asked how Ms Ng Kailin Calista would draw the line on sponsorship deals.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista feels that the needs of students will definitely take precedence over any cash amounts.
- Mr Tang Wei Quan said that the 5 partners currently linked to NTUPerks had no relation to any of the current vendors in school and thus they are unable to perk the interest of students which is definitely a problem that should be addressed.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista agrees with his statement as she believes NTUPerks will be more recognised if students feel that such perks are useful. Hence, she wants to create a centralised NTU database to strengthen bonds with partners who are already working with NTU.
- Mr Tang Wei Quan also mentioned that there are two different NTUPerks website which makes it very confusing for any student to find out more about the initiative.
- Ms Ng Kailin Calista said that she intends to fix this issue and she will ensure that everything is located In one website.
- Mr Jared Tan explained that the last time the ICON updated their website was in 2015 and felt that this is not representative to the committee and it is definitely a problem.

- Ms Ng Kailin Calista agreed with his point and plans to update the website once she is elected.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Ng Kailin Calista to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Ng Kailin Calista left the room for voting.

Voting 2.16.3

Total vote: 32

For 29	Abstain 1	Against 2	Invalid 0
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Cooperate Liaison Executive: Elected in position.

2.17 Information and Research Executive’s Council Rally

Nomination for Information and Research Executive: Ms Lim Gia Lim

Proposer: Mr Wong Wei Xiang, Alvin

Secunder: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

2.17.1 Presentation

Ms Lim Gia Lim is a year 2 Computer Science student and a Vice-Caption of NTU Aquathlon. She is a founder of the MeTooSG organization as well and her passions are in social causes, sports and film. She was also a Teaching assistant for a company called HackWagon where she taught basic data analysis to students. Her main role in the Executive Committee is to advise and assist the Union in technical investments and research. She has 2 committees under her guidance, the IT Committee and the Information and Research Committee (IRC). She wants to improve interfaces and user experience by asking the right questions to understand the different needs of students. She wants to collect more diversity in opinions through getting more foreign students to take part in the surveys as well. She also intends to create a centralized portal for Ussociates to increase efficiency in operations.

2.17.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked her about the platforms she intends to use for collecting information
- Ms Lim Gia Lim said that it is important to make surveys more convenient to users and ensure that it is not invasive. She feels that the current ways to gather feedback is good, however she would like to obtain more diverse feedback from the students such as through contacting foreign students or through reaching out to different clubs.
- Mr Jared Tan is convinced she has the skill in data mining but asked if there is anyone on the team to ensure that the right type of questions is being enforced.
- Ms Lim Gia Lim believes that her experiences and interactions have helped her to understand new perspectives and feels that she is able to impart some of her knowledge to the team.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Lim Gia Lim to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place

Ms Lim Gia Lim left the room for voting.

Voting 2.17.3

Total vote: 32

For 32	Abstain 0	Against 0	Invalid 0
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Information and Research Executive: Elected in position.

2.18 Student Life Executive (Orientation)’s Council Rally

Nomination for Student Life Executive (Orientation): Mr Bruce Loke

Proposer: Mr Wong Wei Xiang Alvin
Secunder: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

2.18.1 Presentation

Mr Bruce Loke said that he holds himself to high standards and is not afraid to make decisions. He said that his reason for joining the Student Union is his passion, coupled by his responsibility, adaptability and the community. He then said that what matters to him is inclusivity, leadership empowerment, sense of community and having 1 NTU. He said that he was from Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Student Union and was from the MAE Sub-Committee and UOC's Main committee. He was also part of the Community Outreach and Pink Dot Food Aid. He says that he wants this role to give back to the community and also to reach out to as many students as possible. He would like to improve upon existing standards, work on fostering inclusivity, ensuring responsibility is a share effort and the build a closer relationship with the UOCC. Lastly, he would set up contact channels with relevant orientation chairs, create a mode of FAQ to facilitate communication and to constantly reinforce on the idea of shared responsibility.

2.18.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked for his plans if short-term accommodations were cut by the management and day programmes were proposed instead.
- Mr Bruce Loke said that he wants to work on building the relationship with UOCC and the student body. He needs to understand what is at stake for everyone, and that everyone has a shared responsibility on the ground.
- Mr Tristian said that for last year's Orientation Program, the deconflicting of venues was too late and asked for his future plans on such situations.
- Mr Bruce Loke said that he understands that venues are generally the same, and he will want to contact the relevant authorities to plan the first meeting with respective chairs before the end of recess week so that they can debate and deconflict about it.
- Mr Vinod Segar mentioned that from his presentation, he wants to improve on existing standards and asked for clarification on this.
- Mr Bruce Loke said that he wants to maintain a closer relationship with all involved parties.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik asked about his plans to make orientations more inclusive when most of the cheers are in Chinese and also asked about how he would make international students feel more included.
- Mr Bruce Loke said that as a person of mixed race, he felt that there are changes to be made but he feels that there should be something done to change this, and everyone has a responsibility to make this experience better. Also, during his term, he did try to make friends with international students.
- Mr Jared Tan said that he does not feel that seniors are held accountable for any of the issues.
- Mr Bruce Loke said that certain things need to be laid down as rules and that lines have to be reinforced. He feels that people who take up the role of the orientation chairperson are very passionate about it.
- Mr Jared Tan then asked what can be done to enforce discipline.
- Mr Bruce Loke said that seniors have cards with emergency contacts given to them as a direct feedback system for the freshies so that if freshies are afraid to go to their respective leaders, the leaders can come to them instead.
- Mr Eugene said that even with whistle blowing precautions put in place in the past few years, there were not many substantial changes.
- Mr Bruce Loke said that everyone has a role to play to prevent issues from going out of hand.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He then invited Mr Bruce Loke to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place

Mr Bruce Loke left the room for voting.

2.18.3 Voting

Total vote: 32

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
32	0	0	0

Student Life Executive (Orientation): Elected into position.

2.19 Integration Executive's Council Rally

1st Nomination for Information & Research Executive's Council Rally: Mr Kanodia Ritwik
Proposer: Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston
Secunder: Ms Cheng Si Min

2nd Nomination for Information & Research Executive's Council Rally: Mr Thong Zi Yu
Proposer: Mr Bruce Loke
Secunder: Mr Wong Wei Xiang, Alvin

Mr Jared Tan declared that this position is contested and explained the procedure to the Council. He invited Mr Thong Zi Yu out while Mr Kanodia Ritwik was doing his rally. Mr Thong Zi Yu left the room.

2.19.1 Presentation of 1st Nominee- Mr Kanodia Ritwik

Mr Kanodia Ritwik wants to spread cultural awareness in NTU and help international students integrate into the school. He lived in India where many cultures co-exist and thus he felt that growing up in this diverse background helped shaped his perception of the global society. He feels that integration is about realising that people across all cultures are fundamentally the same and it is also the ability to approach each other without discrimination. He wants to push for more multicultural events. He was part of the 28th Integration Committee in the Students' Union which enabled him to be familiar with the inner workings of the committee. He felt that the previous Confluence was successful in letting students know about the cultural diversity in Singapore, however he feels more can be done to help international students integrate into NTU. He also believes that there should be more emphasis placed on full time international students in NTU instead of exchange students as there are currently events hosted by the GEM club for exchange students. He proposes to organise more smaller scale events such as food and culture sharing sessions which he will discuss further with his committee. He felt that there was a lack of manpower towards the end of the semester due to the lack of bonding between the committee members. He will work together with his Chairperson to host more team bonding dinners to bring the committee closer. He spoke about unofficial country orientation programs and felt that the Students' Union should keep a watch over them in case any inappropriate activities take place. He wants to take on the challenge to help international students like himself to make NTU a home for them, he feels that he is aware of the actions which needs to be taken and his is confident that he has the commitment, skills and experience to guide the team.

2.19.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about his long-term goals for the integration committee.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik feels that integration cannot be achieved by one large event such as Confluence and feels that there is a need to organise more small scale events and take smaller steps to the eventual goal of integration. He hopes to see a University where international students and local students are not scared of approaching each other.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked whether he was aware that the committee had already planned for such smaller scale events which he mentioned during the presentation.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik was not aware of this.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen said that the candidate raised the point about being committed in his presentation. Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked how he could address any concerns seeing that his attendance in the 28th Student Integration Committee was only 4 out of 12 meetings - following records by the Committees' Chairperson and Secretary.

- Mr Kanodia Ritwik said that he attended more meetings than what was recorded.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen feels that integration requires both international and local students' efforts and even though the local students are willing to put in the effort by organising tours, there are groups of international students who are reluctant to step out of their comfort zones. He asked about Mr Kanodia Ritwik's thoughts and plans to reduce such occurrences.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik agrees that international students do tend to stick to their groups of friends and feels that he and his committee has a role in pushing them out of their comfort zones. He mentioned about reaching out to each country representative, which they did not have last year, for help as well.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En wanted to know when Mr Kanodia Ritwik thought the different country representatives was implemented.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik said the country representatives was implemented during the 18/19AY, before confluence as each country had a exhibition booth during confluence thus, they had to send a representative down for meetings.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En clarified that the Student Integration Committee (SIC) had regular interactions with country representatives from different country groups since the 25th Students' Council.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En mentioned that SIC had unsuccessfully organised smaller scale events and thus has to move towards large scale events such as confluence as there was a problem with attendance. Thus, she wanted to know how Mr Kanodia Ritwik would solve this issue.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik felt that the country representatives could help to improve attendance and he foresees that the committee will work closely with the representatives.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En asked whether he envisions the different country representatives to help out in SIC events.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik feels that the country representatives are there to protect their country clubs' interest and it will be beneficial to both parties if they are present for meetings.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En felt that Mr Kanodia Ritwik does not understand the role of country representatives beyond helping out in events and should approach his predecessor for advice.
- Mr Tang Wei Quan felt that since Mr Kanodia Ritwik is an international student, he would be able to understand the current situation among the international students better from their point of view. He mentions that he only sees local students in the council and that there is a lack of international students being represented. He asked about how Mr Kanodia Ritwik planned to pull in the local community to integrate the students.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik referred to the plans laid out by the previous committee such as the U.n.I Friends initiative where international students are paired with a local student to help with their transition into the Singaporean way of life. He felt that the only way to integrate the 2 parties is through interaction and mentioned about the small-scale events he plans to do.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen clarified some misconceptions on the floor. He mentioned that the U.n.I Friends system was not initiated by the Integration Committee but done by the Student Affairs Office. He also mentioned that half of the Integration Committee were international students and the Committee did work hard to understand the different views and perspectives of international students. Furthermore, he clarified Mr Tang Wei Quan's view that there is a lack of representation of international students in council, pointing out leaders such as Ms Liu Bingyu and Mr Park Kunyoung were international students.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Ms Cheng Si Min

Secoder: Mr Tang Wei Quan

- Mr Tang Wei Quan felt that the council should be more amicable towards the situation. He believes that if the candidate shows that he has the capabilities to perform his duty,

they would be able to judge base on what he has presented and felt that there is no need for the council to peruse every event which the candidate had failed to perform during the previous committee.

- Mr Jared Tan felt that it is fair for the council to know how the candidate has performed in the past.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik said that he was only aware of the rally one day before it occurred and did not have sufficient time to approach his predecessor.
- Mr Wong Wei Xiang, Alvin (previous Honorary General Secretary) clarified that an email confirming the details of the meeting was only sent out the day before the rally.
- Mr Jared Tan requested for the council to be more understanding of the situation as the candidate was only alerted the previous night.
- Ms Serene Lim Hui Geok clarified that the Union Election Committee had sent out an email on the 19th of August regarding elections which clearly states that the Council Rally will be held on 14th September.
- Mr Cedric Lim mentioned that Mr Kanodia Ritwik was not aware that a Union Representative had to run for a position in the Executive Committee in the Students' Union during the elections in his club and advised Mr Kanodia Ritwik to seek advice from his predecessor or any members of the executive committee to understand the various roles, if not he would have to resign as a union representative. Mr Cedric Lim feels that it is unreasonable for Mr Kanodia Ritwik to mention that he was only informed of the Council Rally one day prior to the event as he personally made efforts to guide Mr Kanodia Ritwik.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik feels that he has a good understanding of what SIC has done in the past year and felt that Mr Cedric Lim should not bring up a private conversation between them during the Rally as he was clarifying some of his doubts. Furthermore, he mentioned that as an international student, he did not have an opportunity to attend the Big 4 Orientation Programs, and he does not know how the election procedure was carried out and directed shortcomings to the committees.
- Mr Cedric Lim stated that he explained the various roles and responsibilities which a Union Representative was supposed to perform.
- Mr Jared Tan summarized that Mr Kanodia Ritwik had already presented on what he knows about the Committee and what he plans to do for the Committee. He mentioned that the council should be impartial when viewing the issue.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian explained on behalf of Mr Cedric Lim regarding the issue as there was a similar incident where 2 candidates contested for the same position in the 28th Council Rally and Mr Cedric Lim took extra steps to help his Union Representatives. Thus, Mr Cedric Lim felt that he did explain to Mr Kanodia Ritwik about the responsibilities of being a member of the Executive Committee and was upset that the narrative had been changed.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik apologised if he had offended Mr Cedric Lim but felt that a private conversation should not have been brought up during the rally.
- Mr Vinod Segar noted that he felt it was not fair for Mr Kanodia Ritwik to accuse the Orientation Committee of not allowing International Students to attend the Orientation Program as there is no such rule and there were international students who was involved in the Orientation Program.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik clarified his standby stating that most international students receive their offers only after the Big 4 Orientation Programs were held.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen

Secunder: Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about his plans to prepare for the role as Integration Executive besides the previously mentioned plans for SIC.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik said that he needs to consult with the Committee before coming up with a plan.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen mentioned that the responsibilities of Integration Executive go beyond more just managing Student Integration Committee. Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen suggested that he is consulting the committee on everything

would draw little distinction between the role of an Executive and a Chairperson. He asked about some of the policy changes which Mr Kanodia Ritwik might wish to push for if he was elected.

- Mr Kanodia Ritwik said that he does not have a current plan, but he will consult his committee to propose a change in the future.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Mr Bruce Loke

Seconder: Ms Juliet Tan Li Xuan

- Mr Cheryl Lim Yan Shan is concerned about the Orientation Programs held by the various country groups as she understands that these programs need to be approved by the school.
- Mr Kanodia Ritwik feels that since the Orientation Programs already exist, the Committee should oversee the Programs to ensure that inappropriate actions or behaviour are stopped.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew clarified that the Orientation activity held by the various country groups are not approved by the school. However, the Committee tried to retrieve information and understand the situation of the various country groups to prevent such Orientation Programs and advised them from clashing with other Orientation Programs in hall or in faculty.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session for Mr Kanodia Ritwik and invited him to proceed outside while the next candidate, Mr Thong Zi Yu, presents.

Mr Kanodia Ritwik left the room and Mr Thong Zi Yu entered the room.

2.19.3 Presentation of 2nd nominee- Mr Thong Zi Yu

Mr Thong Zi Yu is an international student from Malaysia and has previous experiences in being an Operations Support Chairperson. He volunteered as a campus tour guide and felt that there was a divide between the local and international students. He was also a part of the 9th Asia Pacific Intervarsity Chinese Debate Competition as a Chairperson. He wants to create an inclusive NTU community where open-mindedness is embraced while diversity is amplified. He spoke to the previous Chairperson of the committee and raised up some issues such as country groups being exclusive. There is also a lack of opportunities for locals and international students to interact. He feels that there is also a lack of awareness among students about events held by the committee. He wants to collaborate with clubs and societies to provide a platform for students to find new friends with the same interest or hobbies. He also wants to organise events which can serve as a forum for international and local students to work together. He also hopes to enhance connections with the various hall councils and be more involved in administrative periods to ease international students transition to NTU.

2.19.4 Question and Answer

- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about his plans to improve on his predecessors work.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu said that he plans to improve on spreading awareness of the events that are held by the committee. Him and the committee plans to push for Integration Nights where international and local students can have fun playing station games together. Furthermore, he hopes to deepen the connection between the hall council to aid students in their check-in to halls.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked how he planned to manage the signups for local and international participants for events. He mentioned about his previous experience as an Integration Executive where he tried to use effective marketing to target a specific audience.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu felt that there should be a balance between international students and local students and the ratio should be kept to a limit of 40% to 60%. He feels that the signups should also be split if there are any spill overs.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked about how he plans to encourage more international and local students to interact with each other.

- Mr Thong Zi Yu had some previous interactions with international students and felt that some of them are willing to step out of their comfort zones to make new local friends. He feels that he can work with the different country representatives and also feels that there is a need for more publicity on the events.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En wanted to understand what Mr Thong Zi Yu meant by his plans to enhance the connection with hall council.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu explained that international students do not attend hall activities and wants to engage student ambassadors to help with the process of integrating International students to hall activities.
- Ms Sheena Lee Jia En is concerned that there are many international students from different backgrounds in hall and asked how Mr Thong Zi Yu plans to represent the diversity in hall.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu explained that the committee will be involved during the hall check-in period to promote the Students Integrative Committee and their events.
- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston asked about his plans to raise awareness of the events.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu feels that the Committee should use more platforms to publicise their events such as during U-Study periods and capitalise on the existing social media platforms as well.

Proposal for Time Extension

Proposer: Tong Kai Ting

Secunder: Cheryl Lim Yan Shan

- Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston asked how he planned to stay objective, given that he is an international student, to balance the views of the different parties involved.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu felt that he will put the students first and feels that since we are one NTU, he will manage his emotions and put forth the best decision for the community as a whole.
- Mr Cedric Lim raised concerns about how unofficial country orientation programs are disruptive for faculty programs and asked on his thoughts on the matter.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu feels that it is hard to stop the Orientation Programs from happening, thus he emphasizes on the need for student ambassadors during the administrative period to promote faculty programs instead.
- Mr Jared Tan asked about the key performance indicators he will use to determine the success of his committee.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu felt that he cannot solely base the success of the committee on turnout rates and also mentioned that receiving good feedback regarding the event is also important.
- Mr Jared Tan questioned whether the role of an Integration Executive is necessary if students would like to remain in their own country groups.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu feels that he needs to find out the reason why they want to remain in their own country groups.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen asked how he plans to collect and analyse feedback from the students.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu feels that a survey can be sent out at the end of the year to gather feedback.
- Mr Bryan Michael Chiew Sen worries that placing the survey it at the end of the year is too late for the committee to implement any feedback.
- Mr Thong Zi Yu agrees with his point and mentioned that the survey can be sent out biannually.

Mr Jared Tan declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Thong Zi Yu to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Thong Zi Yu left the room.

2.19.5 Voting

Total vote: 31

Candidate:	For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
Mr Kanodia Ritwik	1	17	12	1
Mr Thong Zi Yu	12	17	1	1

Mr Jared Tan explained that both candidates did not fulfil the necessary requirements for a contested vote, stipulated in the Election Regulations of Section 61, Sub-Section 5 where the candidate must obtain no less than half of the valid “For” votes cast. Since both of the nominees failed secure the necessary approval, they are eligible to be nominated again.

Mr Jared Tan invited both candidates to leave the room to explain the situation to the council members.

Mr Jared Tan then invited both candidates back in.

He asked if both candidates wanted to be nominated for the same position again.

Both candidates requested to be nominated again.

2.20.1 Proposal to re-nominate Mr Kanodia Ritwik as Integration Executive
 Proposer: Ms Cheng Si Min
 Secunder: Mr Vinod Segar

2.20.2 Proposer to re-nominate Mr Thong Zi Yu as Integration Executive
 Proposer: Ms Lee Si Jie Jane
 Secunder: Ms Sheena Lee Jia En

Mr Jared Tan invited both candidates to leave the room for voting to take place.

Total vote: 31

Candidate:	For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
Mr Kanodia Ritwik	2	15	13	1
Mr Thong Zi Yu	13	15	2	1

Mr Kanodia Ritwik and Mr Thong Zi Yu tendered their resignation as Union Representatives to the council at at 0100Hr.

Mr Jared Tan proposed the end of the meeting. Ms Tong Kai Ting seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 0200, 15th September 2019.

Minutes prepared by:



Ms Tong Kai Ting
Honorary General Secretary
29th NTUSU Council

Minutes vetted by:



Mr Jared Tan
Council Chairperson
29th NTUSU Council

