

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
28th Students' Union Council
Second meeting of the 28th NTUSU Council

Date: 16th September 2018

Time Started: 0300H

Venue: SAC Meeting Room 1 and 2

Present On Time	Club Represented/ Position Held
Non-Academic Constituent Club 1. Ong Xian Jun 2. Clement Ang Yong Zuo 3. Chan Kah May 4. Jeline Chia Sin Ning Academic Constituent Club 5. Kwok Quan Rui Desmond 6. Kathleen Ooi Siew Min 7. Tommy Antony 8. Muthukumaran 9. Gabriel Tan 10. Ho Qing Xuan Nigel 11. Marco 12. Andre Chew Tai An 13. Teo Wei Chi Nicholas 14. Justin Chia Cheng Ze 15. Alex Goh Feng Tian 16. Cleo Tan Wei Ting 17. Tan Cheryl 18. Tom Lim Bao Ming Union Executive Committee 1. Edward Lim Xun Qian 2. Wong Wei Xiang Alvin 3. Choo Ying Xuan Tiffany 4. Serene Lim Hui Geok 5. Koh Jia Hao Marcus 6. Denise Jang Wen Sze 7. Thum Yong Ze Aloysius 8. Andy Teo Kok Leong 9. Corliss Ong Wei Ting 10. Cheng Si Min 11. Gwyneth Thong Yuan Ting 12. Bryan Michael Chiew Sen 13. Douglas Tan Chang Yang 14. Ow Jie Liang 15. Liew Yew Meng Royston 16. Tseng Yu Qian Madeline Observers 1. Ashley Lim Xin Yi	President – SC Vice-President – SC President – WSC Vice-President – WSC President – ADM President – ASE President – CEE President – EEE President – LKCSOM President – MAE President – MSE President – NBS President – NIE President – SBS President – SCBE President – SOH President – SPMS President – SSS President Honorary General Secretary Vice-President (Corporate Communications) Vice-President (Student Activities) Human Resource Executive Honorary Financial Secretary Welfare Executive (Development) Welfare Executive (Student Life) Operations Executive Corporate Communications Executive (Branding) Corporate Communications Executive (Relations) Integration Executive Corporate Liaisons Executive Business Projects Executive Finance Executive Student Engagement Executive Observer
Late with apologies	Position Held
1.	

Absent with apologies	Position Held
1. Wong Liang Bei	President – CAC
2. Ang Jun Heng Sean	Vice-President – CAC
3. Ho Kai Feng	President – WKWSCI
4. Nguyen Huu Tien	Information and Research Executive

Absent	Position Held
1.	

Meeting Agenda

1. Orientation Executive's Council Rally
2. AOB

No	Agenda	Action
1.	<p><u>1.1 Proposal for Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi to be Present and have Speaking Rights</u> Proposer: Teo Wei Chi Nicholas Seconder: Thum Yong Ze Aloysius</p> <p><u>1.2 Proposal to Proceed to the First Agenda</u> Proposer: Mr Teo Wei Chi Nicholas Seconder: Mr Liew Yew Meng Royston</p> <p>Mr Tom Lim Bao Ming, the Council Chairperson, explained that this agenda was to elect a non-council member into the position of Orientation Executive of the 28th Executive Committee. Once elected, he/she would become a council member with full speaking right but without any voting rights.</p> <p><u>1.3 Orientation Executive's Council Rally</u> Nomination for Orientation Executive: Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi Proposer: Ms Chan Kah May Seconder: Mr Ow Jie Liang</p> <p><u>1.3.1 Presentation</u> Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi's job would be to oversee the Chairperson of Union Orientation. She was from Year 2 Business, previously from Business Information Technology during her polytechnic days. Her past leadership experiences include both orientation experiences and working experiences. She feels that she is diplomatic, a communicator and is adaptable. She feels that plans may change anytime so only by being adaptable, can she be ready for changes. Her key drivers included contribution, familiarity and growth. She has frequently stepped up in orientation camps as a Group leader, so she is not new to the role. She feels that orientation programmes are where we should start. One of the key challenges that she anticipates she would face would be the orientation scheduling and feels that there are no definite answers to this. To have innovative and effective solutions, she will have to work with all the orientation members.</p> <p>Her areas of focus are relationship building, inclusiveness and integrating the Union into the orientation camp. This would help to increase awareness to the new students of the school. She feels that it is important to have a long-term goal (increasing the awareness of SU) and would also like to empower individuals to step up to serve the student body.</p> <p><u>1.3.2 Question and Answer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked her approach when consulting the chairpersons. • Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi felt that she must be open to their ideas and rationales. That is a chicken and egg issue and there are correct perspectives from both sides. She felt that there would always be a reason as to which camp goes first. She reiterated the need to be open without compromising on professionalism. • Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked for her opinion on the main issues that cropped up in orientation camps. • Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi felt that the need to fit the 3 big groups of orientation programmes into 3 weeks is tough and there is no turnover period. • Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked if there is a way to increase the turnover period. • Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi replied that she would seek a lot of help from the orientation chairs and the council to give a new perspective on the new issues. She must think for the freshmen and make sure that she can try to satisfy all parties. 	

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked how she would be splitting the workload with Welfare Executive (Student Life) (WESL).
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi would be working closely with WESL. One major highlight would be venue deconflicting and a lot of negotiation is required. However, she still requires the support and perspective of the WESL.
- Mr Koh Jia Hao Marcus mentioned that the orientation programmes are being squeezed very tightly and asked if there is any way she can push for more break time to allow the freshmen to rest. He also asked if a longer breaktime can be proposed.
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi mentions that it is 2 weeks only because the official matriculation and insurance by school starts 2 weeks before school thus the camps must be fit into these 2 weeks to protect the freshmen.
- Mr Koh Jia Hao Marcus asked if the turnover period is too short and that it would cause a massive issue.
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi would like to propose to extend the turnover period a little. She must also consider the perspectives of the UOCC and orientation chairs too.
- Ms Cheng Si Min asked about the arrangement of the camps being always different, and what would her stance be if she is elected.
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi said that whatever she feels might not affect the schedule. It would not affect the decisions she make. Initially, she could not understand the rationale of the placement of the orientation programmes. Her mentor mentioned about inclusiveness where we think for students who are not given the opportunity to attend these camps. Thus, they are placing the most important orientation to the closest date before school starts (faculty camp). Following that, the smallest programme should go first as it is more optional, and the masses are quite small. She does not want to deny the opportunity of any freshmen for any orientation programme.
- Mr Kwok Quan Rui Desmond felt that hall camp should come first so the freshmen can have early check in and have a more proper sleeping place for the subsequent camps.
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi said that if this process is implemented, it would pose a difficulty on controlling the freshmen who decide to go back to their room to stay. She feels that as seniors, they should be accountable for where the freshmen stay and know their current location. Although she cannot enforce it all the time, she will make sure that all orientation leaders can encourage their freshmen to stay in the STA.
- Mr Kwok Quan Rui Desmond felt that it doesn't make sense for hall camp to be pushed to the back due to the lack of STA.
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi claimed that if majority of the students feel the same way, she would be agreeable to this solution.
- Mr Ho Qing Xuan Nigel asked how she is going to manage all 30 Orientation chairpersons under her as some of the chairpersons waited 2 weeks for a reply. He also asked about the damage that was created by some orientation groups when using the school's property.
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi said that her strengths are being responsive and being on the ball. Although there are a lot of queries and ambiguity in this, there is adequate check in place to ensure TR objects are not damaged. A google form was created to check the objects due to liability issues. She felt that if she must raise an idea to counter this, it is to ask the relevant authorities to create a workshop to answer the queries and doubts of it. Ms Ashley also felt that her initial plan was to come up with google forms but doubted the feasibility of it. Thus, she confirmed that she is confident but at the same time, she can hold meetings to make sure correct info will get deployed.
- Mr Kwok Quan Rui Desmond asked about the National Day in the middle of the camps and questions if it would be disruptive.
- Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi felt that it is disruptive but to counter that, she can give them flexibility to choose the period. Everyone has different perspectives and in hers, she cannot come up with a sound solution, so she will ask the orientation leaders for ideas.

Ms Ashley Lim Xin Yi left the room for voting.

	<p><u>1.3.3 Voting</u></p> <p>Total vote: 28</p> <table><tr><td>For 27</td><td>Abstain 1</td><td>Against</td><td>Invalid</td></tr></table> <p>Orientation Executive: Elected in position.</p> <p><u>2.1 AOB</u></p> <p>Proposal to proceed to AOB</p> <p>Proposer: Ms Chan Kah May</p> <p>Seconder: Mr Ow Jie Liang</p> <p>2.2 No other matter raised.</p>	For 27	Abstain 1	Against	Invalid	
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	<p>Mr Tom Lim Bao Ming proposed the end of the meeting. Mr Wong Wei Xiang Alvin seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 0358H, 16th September 2018.</p>					

Minutes prepared by:



Mr Wong Wei Xiang Alvin
Honorary General Secretary
28th NTUSU Council

Minutes vetted by:



Mr Tom Lim Bao Ming
Council Chairperson
28th NTUSU Council