

# NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY 27<sup>th</sup> Students' Union Council Sixth meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> NTUSU Council

Date: 16th January 2018

Time Started: 2000H

Venue: Students' Union Room

Present On Time	Position Held
Non-Academic Constituent Club	
1. Tan Kian Meng	President – Sports Club
2. Ler Wan Him	Vice-President – Sports Club
3. Jessica Lim Jiaying	President – WSC
4. Ong Yun Mei	Vice-President – WSC
5. Eng Shuo Ying	President – CAC
6. See Jing Xuan	Vice-President – CAC
Academic Constituent Club	
1. Mao Xi Yun	President – NBS
2. Liu Tianchi	President – CEE
3. Andrew John Wee Tong	President – WKWSCI
4. Jau Teng Zhi Luke	President – MSE
5. Benedict Yeo Lehao	President – MAE
6. Leow Yan Yang	President – SCBE
7. Lee Cheok Hon	President – LKCSOM
8. Johan Ezran	President – NIE
9. Shivavaruman Durairaj	President – SBS
10. Shia Zheng Zhe Darwin	President – SOH
11. Mavis Lim Shi Min	President – ADM
NTUSU Executive Committee	
1. Edward Lim Xun Qian	President
2. Chow Jin Hui	Vice-President (BCC)
3. Victor Chia Wei Keat	Vice-President (WSA)
4. Ling Li Hui Rebecca	Honorary General Secretary
5. Lee Yan Ling	Human Resource Executive
6. Vaya Bundawi	Welfare Executive (Student Life)
7. Ang Joon Kit Eugene	Information and Research Executive
8. Chong Le Wen '	Operations Executive
9. Teo Wei Chi, Nicholas	Corporate Communications (Relations)
10. Lam Kian Meng, Shawn	Corporate Communications (Branding)
11. Denise Jang Wen Sze	Business Projects Executive
12. Foong Wai Yan Amanda	Finance Executive
13. Ong Wei Ting Vanessa	Student Engagement Executive
14. Kee Khin Hong	Corporate Liaison Executive
15. Sheena Lee Jia En	Welfare Executive (Development)
Observers	
1. S Shiva	President – Hall 14
2. Zhang Boyuan, Eric	President – Hall 19

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3.	Daniel Neo Chong Shern	Vice-President – SPMS
4.	Maria Ingrid	Honorary General Secretary – ASE
5.	Ellyn Sim Sin Yi	Vice-President – Hall 9
6.	Koh Lung Kuang	Orientation Associate Executive

Late with apologies	Position Held
1. Sufia Bte Zulkifli	President – EEE

Absent	with apologies	Position Held
1.	Goh Soo Yong	President – SPMS
2.	Lee Hsin Chong	President – SSS
3.	Randy Lim Wei Lun	President – SCSE
4.	Chua Ying Xuan	President – ASE
5.	Han Zhong Liang	President – Hall 9
6.	Lim Zhi Han Chester	President – Hall 1

Absent	Position Held

# **Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Adoption of 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes
- 2. Union Election Committee Updates
- 3. Welfare Workgroup Updates
- 4. Environmental Sustainability Updates
- 5. Removal of Distance Points
- 6. Council Meeting Structure
- 7. Council Bonding
- 8. AOB

No	Agenda	Action
1.	1.1 Proposed to proceed to the first agenda Proposer: Mavis Lim Shi Min Seconder: Edward Lim Xun Qian  1.2 Union Collaboration Fund Question and Answer:	
	<ul> <li>Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj asked Ms Rebekah Leong Bao Ying if the procedures of the newly formed Union Collaboration Fund (UCF) are in place.</li> <li>Ms Rebekah Leong Bao Ying stated that the UCF is currently not in place as she is still waiting for Mrs Seah to approve the procedures and creating the General Ledger code for the account. Due to the unexpected delay from the multiple procedures, Ms Rebekah Leong Bao Ying was unable to use the UCF to reimburse CAC's Mural Event and the College of Science Day.</li> </ul>	
	1.3 Council Photoshoot	

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Mr Lam Kian Meng, Shawn mentioned that most of the grouping have completed their shoot, however, the Election and the Constitution Workgroups have yet to complete their photoshoot. Their photoshoot will be rescheduled in April.

### 2.1 Proposed to proceed to the second agenda

Proposer: Koh Lung Kuang Seconder: Jau Teng Zhi Luke

#### 2.2 Union Election Committee updates

The Union Election Committee (UEC)'s Chief Returning Officer, Mr Johan Ezran, congratulated Mr Shia Zheng Zhi Darwin and Mr Lee Hsin Chong for being elected as the presidents of their respective school. Mr Shia Zheng Zhe Darwin mentioned that the nomination period was from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January, the rally period was from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January, the cooling period was on 29<sup>th</sup> January and the Election day was on 30<sup>th</sup> January. Mr Johan Ezran stated that the election process was challenging as they had very limited time in organising and executing the election. The election documents are available to the students. One major issue encountered was the discrepancies in the election procedures between the SOH's Club constitution and the NTUSU Election Regulations. The UEC made the decision that the NTUSU Election Regulations will supersede SOH's Club Constitution in order to pass the 3-way election. Mr Johan Ezran encourages Mr Shia Zheng Zhi Darwin to consider updating SOH's constitution.

As Mr Johan Ezran will be posted out to work in mid-may 2018, he will not be able to continue his duties as the UEC's Chief Returning Officer. The Sports Club's President, Mr Tan Kian Meng had volunteered to take up the position. The UEC will be reactivated again in April till the end of the next union election.

# 3.1 Proposed to proceed to the third agenda

Proposer: Andrew John Wee Tong

Seconder: See Jing Xuan

### 3.2 Welfare Workgroup updates

Ms Sheena Lee Jia En mentioned that the welfare workgroups had meetings regarding the Shuttle Bus issue, food prices in school, Student Activities spaces and Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option.

# 3.3 Shuttle Bus

Ms Vaya Bundawi stated that there are rooms for improvement in the NTU Shuttle Bus application. One of the improvement is to remove the acronyms from the bus stop. She is still in the discussion with the Office of Housing & Auxiliary Services (HAS) about the operating hours for the Shuttle Bus service. One area she will be focusing on is that the peak hours should be extended from 8am to 11am and 5pm to 7pm in the evening.

### Question and Answer

- Ms Mavis Lim Shi Min asked Ms Vaya Bundawi about the follow up on the ADM bus stop.
- Ms Vaya Bundawi replied that they will have a meeting with HAS soon and she will follow up on the matter.

# 3.4 Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option

Ms Sheena Lee Jia En stated that the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option was explored last year. The U-insight article was to ensure the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option can continue



to learn and apply knowledge and not affect the GPA of the students. As of now, there are no changes made to the existing system. The school is concerned that the students might exploit the idea of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option to bring up their GPA. The workgroup will be proposing 2 options for the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option. One of the options is to increase the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option credit units. Another option is allowing students to apply for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option after looking at their grades but not increasing the credit units.

Ms Sufia Bte Zulkifli arrived at 2145H.

### 3.5 Food Workgroup

Mr Chow Jin Hui mentioned that he is chairing the Food Workgroup. The workgroup will have a meeting with HAS leasing. He stated that he will invite Ms Chua Ying Xuan to join the discussion about the food choices and food prices in school. He came up with a suggestion which is to extend Koufu and Quad operation hours and decreasing the food prices. He said that there will be a new café opening at Arc and he hopes the council can provide him with some suggestions for the new vendors. He mentioned that he needs the council members to think of the suggestions carefully and see it would be feasible and popular among the students.

The suggestions for the new vendor in Arc:

- Maki-San
- Koi
- Stuff'd
- Old Chang Kee
- Ya Kun
- Jollibee
- Share tea
- Pasta Mania
- Andes

- Ms Sufia Bte Zulkifli mentioned that the halal stores in school are either too expensive or too crowded
- Mr Chow Jin Hui asked what prices should be reasonable for school food.
- Ms Sufia Bte Zulkifli suggested that \$2.50 to \$5 per meal is reasonable.
- Ms Sufia Bte Zulkifli stated that the halal food in NIE is cheap but it is far from her school.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui explained that the vendors in NIE work differently from NTU.
- Mr Leow Yan Yang asked how do the vendors in school price their food.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui replied that if there is an increase in the cost of production, they will
  raise the cost of the food prices.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui asked Mr Leow Yan Yang if there should be a maximum amount of the price of the food.
- Mr Leow Yan Yang said yes.
- Ms Mavis Lim Shi Min stated that there is small space in ADM for a café. The rental
  cost about \$3,000/month. However, the space is not suitable for cooking as there is
  no proper air ventilation.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui asked if the food choices in school are generally healthy.
- Ms Ong Wei Ting Vanessa suggested having more options of healthy and affordable salad bars on campus.



- Ms Sufia Bte Zulkifli asked Mr Chow Jin Hui if the bakery store at North Spine is getting a halal certificate.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui replied that he is unsure and he will check and follow up on his matter
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj asked Mr Chow Jin Hui if it is possible for him to collate all
  the information and the data and get back to the council so it would be easier for
  them to give feedback in the future.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui stated that he will do that and he will update the information on the NTUSU website too.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj also mentioned that there should be an equal portioning of halal food and cheap food choices in school.
- Ms Sufia Bte Zulkifli said that it is important for the students to know which stalls are halal or not online if not the students will always queue at the usual place.
- Mr Leow Yan Yang stated that a meal should cost \$5 maximum for a student as he felt that school food should not be expensive.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui explained that as the food are catered to the staff as well and the staff is able to afford better food.
- Mr Leow Yan Yang asked Mr Chow Jin Hui if it is possible to have student prices.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui replied that he will look into this matter.

### 3.6 Student Activities spaces

Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat mentioned that the student activities spaces are used to conduct events and activities for the students. Currently a lot of students are facing problems with the spaces and venues to organise events. The students feedback that it is too expensive for them to book Nanyang Auditorium and Sports & Recreation Centre (SRC). He is exploring the idea of having some events to be a higher priority. He stated that he met up with the Sports Club, Cultural Activities Club and Welfare Services Club to discuss the student activities spaces and storage spaces.

- Ms Mao Xi Yun said that her club tried to book the Terrace at South Spine which is near 8 flags in January and February one year ago. However, the Career & Attachment Office (CAO) booked the same period as them, hence they were not able get the slot. She mentioned that it is unfair for the students to have a booking limitation as compared to the NTU staff.
- Mr Johan Ezran asked Ms Mao Xi Yun if it is possible for her to email to CAO directly and inquire about the space at South Spine.
- Ms Mao Xi Yun said that she did and CAO was kind enough to give some slots to them but the CAO booth will still be there.
- Mr Liu Tianchi mentioned that he faces the same problem as Ms Mao Xi Yun. He said that Lecture Theatre 5, 6 and 7 is always fully booked. However, there is no one using the venue. He thought about booking Lecture Theatre 1A but it is too big for his event.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat said that he will follow up on this issue.
- Mr Jau Teng Zhi Luke stated that the Nanyang Auditorium is under renovation and he cannot use the venue for his event.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat replied that he will provide feedback to the school so this kind of news can be announced earlier.
- Mr Zhang Boyuan, Eric feedback that the North Hill function hall cost \$1386 for 2 hours, the reason for the high charges was due to the expensive flooring.



- Ms Eng Shuo Ying stated that the Nanyang Auditorium is a difficult venue to book.
   They were told by the Student Affairs Office that the booking should be made 2 to 3 years in advance.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui asked Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat if the school is planning to build a stage at South Spine. Having a stage in South Spine will replicate the success and vibrancy of North Spine's Canopy.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat said he will look into the possibilities of having a stage in the South Spine.

### 4.1 Proposed to proceed to the fourth agenda

Proposer: Chong Le Wen

Seconder: Lam Kian Meng, Shawn

### 4.2 Sustainability Workgroup

Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj mentioned that the workgroup is coming up with 2 initiatives and there is one project that is in progress. He stated that one of the initiatives is to reduce the number of receipts being issued. They plan to come up with a survey with the help of the Information & Research Executive and his team. The focus of the survey is to find out if there is a need for a receipt after their purchase. They managed to get the contacts for each a cup and other vendors and they will discuss with them about their initiatives. Initially, they planned to approach Prime Supermarket however the company does not seem to be supportive of their idea.

- Mr Chow Jin Hui asked Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj when is he planning to publish the survey to the student population.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj replied that he wishes to do the survey as soon as possible.
- Mr Leow Yan Yang asked Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj if they have talked to the school about this matter.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj said that they have not done it but they are gathering feedback from the students to show that they have a bigger targeted audience.
- Mr Lam Kian Meng, Shawn mentioned that they will collect the survey data first before getting back to the school.
- Mr Johan Ezran stated that NIE has already implemented the paperless idea and the team could survey the students in NIE on their thoughts of going paperless.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj mentioned that if the school does not do anything, nothing
  will be done to improve the environment. Since the council will be supportive, he
  hopes this will encourage the school management to do something about this matter.
- Ms Jessica Lim Jiaying asked Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj if there is an option for the students to request for receipts as it would be hard for them to claim from the Finance Office.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj said yes, it is an option and going receiptless does not mean the receipts are removed totally.
- Mr Johan Ezran mentioned that the President in NTU is supportive of using the NTU
  Student/staff card make payments in the future. Through this method, there should
  be an option and possibility of going paperless and track the transaction online when
  needed.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj said that there is something called the e-waste. He stated
  that Ms Chua Ying Xuan will elaborate more on the next council meeting for
  sustainability workgroup updates.



- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat asked Mr Lam Kian Meng, Shawn what is the reason of having a receipt.
- Mr Lam Kian Meng, Shawn said that this question will be in the survey that they will publish.
- Mr Johan Ezran stated that the main reasons for having a receipt are to keep track of one's expenditure and for claiming purposes after an event.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj added in that the problem about claiming is the need to have a physical proof.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj explained that he will get back to the council after talking to HAS.
- Mr Daniel Neo Chong Shern asked Mr Lam Kian Meng, Shawn if it is possible for the students to track the transaction using phone application since using the North Spine canteen card, the students are unable to know how much the vendors are charging.
- Mr Lam Kian Meng, Shawn said that the vendors are printing the receipts for the sake
  of it and most people do not even need the receipt.
- Mr Jau Teng Zhi Luke mentioned to the council members in the workgroup to check how MIT is conducting their meals as the current NTU President was from MIT.

Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj mentioned that the Earthlink President contacted Ms Chua Ying Xuan about an event called the Greenfest. This is one of the biggest events regarding the environmental sustainability as the ministers will be gracing the event. He stated that this is an important event and there will be a board with at least 30 clubs' promises and the Guest of Honour will sign on it and launch the event. The promises must be something beneficial to the environment and the clubs must fulfill their promise for the remaining of the academic year.

- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj asked the academic president if it is feasible for the clubs to make a promise that is beneficial to the environment.
- Ms Sufia Bte Zulkifli asked Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj if the promise must be a continuous action or an initiative.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj said that it does not matter as long as it is feasible and beneficial to the environment.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj stated that he will open this idea to the non-constituent academic clubs first.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj mentioned that Earthlink came up with some suggestions if the academic clubs are not sure of what initiative to go with.
- Ms Eng Shuo Ying asked Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj if the other clubs under Cultural Activities Club have to comply with the promise also.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj said yes. However he explained that the promise does not have to be something big, as long as it is beneficial to the environment.
- Mr Shia Zheng Zhe Darwin said that if only his school is making the promise, the students in his school will feel that it is unfair that only they are the one going through this. He said he would be agreeable if every school is supportive of this idea.
- Ms Mao Xi Yun stated that it would be hard for the school events to ban the use of
  disposable utensils. She mentioned that it might be more feasible for halls as the
  students are staying nearby and they can go back to their halls to get their own
  utensils. She said that one initiative could be recycling the leftover cardboards from
  Exam Welfare Pack properly.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian said that Ms Mao Xi Yun has a good point as her proposed initiative can help to raise awareness of being environmentally friendly. He also



stated that there are a lot of ways to recycle properly and that is something we can look into.

- Mr Johan Ezran mentioned that NIE will be using the "build your own welfare pack" method during their upcoming welfare pack giveaway. Student teachers are to only pick the items they needed and leftover items will be rotated around to other schools if they want to prevent any wastages.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj added in that it might be possible for the students to bring their own tote bags during Exam Welfare Pack.

4.3 Proposed for 4 minutes toilet break Proposer: Shia Zheng Zhe Darwin Seconder: Andrew John Wee Tong

Ms Sheena Lee Jia En left the room at 2253H.

4.4 Proposed for the resumption of the meeting

Proposer: Ang Joon Kit Eugene Seconder: Andrew John Wee Tong

5.1 Proposer to proceed to the fifth agenda

Proposer: Chow Jin Hui

Seconder: Victor Chia Wei Keat

#### 5.2 Student Life Workgroup

Ms Mavis Lim Shi Min stated that the distance points will definitely be removed and this will be implemented in the Academic Year of 2019/2020. She stated that she is getting suggestions from the council on the ways to implement this procedure. During the Hall President Council (HPC) meeting, Students' Union representative, Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian, Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat, Mr Chow Jin Hui, Ms Ling Li Hui Rebecca and Mr Ang Joon Kit Eugene tried to push for more students' interest and exceptions for hall points. They also raised up that it is very hard for the students having Industrial Attachment (IA) and exchange to participate in school activities and get hall stay. She said that there are 2 main points to propose, the first point is awarding extra points for main committee members and executive committee members. The second point is allowing the stacking of school/hall activities points. The clause of this implementation is for students who are back from IA and exchange and they will be put into the hall's Junior Common Room Committee (JCRC) recommendation list.

- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian stated that the school should engage the students in a Focus Group Discussion with the feedback and concern of every student.
- Ms Mavis Lim Shi Min mentioned that she does not agree with the stacking of points as she felt that it does not make sense to overload the students with hall responsibilities.
- Mr Benedict Yeo Lehao said that the stacking of points does not make sense since a student will be able to get 10 points from being a subcommittee member for 2 school/hall activities. As compared to a 9 points main committee member, it does not help in being sustainable of the student committing to a higher position.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui explained that there is more supply than demand for halls and the number of points indicate if the student is able to get the hall of his/her choice.



- Mr Leow Yan Yang suggested subsidising the amount of hall accommodation for the students that are committing to the school/hall activities.
- Ms Ellyn Sim Sin Yi stated that joining the various committee should be a voluntary act and not a paid service.
- Mr Zhang Boyuan, Eric said that if being a president requires being paid, all the
  presidents should request to get a salary. One way of improving the situation would
  be to increase the amount of exchange student to balance back the supply and
  demand for hall stay.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj stated that the removal of distance point is making the supply and demand problem worse.
- Mr Andrew John Wee Tong asked Mr Chow Jin Hui what the situation for Graduate Hall.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui explained that there is more demand than supply for hall accommodation for Graduate Students.
- Mr Benedict Yeo Lehao mentioned that it is easier for the student to get hall stay as there is the guaranteed 2 years hall stay for the freshmen and with the implementation of the stacking of points.
- Mr Zhang Boyuan, Eric explained that the subsidisation of the hall accommodation would mean that the JCRC would have lesser money to work with. Also the students in the future might request for more and feel less contented.
- Mr Shia Zheng Zhe Darwin said that the idea of subsidising hall accommodation is not recommended.
- Mr Jau Teng Zhi Luke suggested to ballot for hall accommodation.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked Mr Jau Teng Zhi does balloting means that the students or even the student leaders would not have a choice to choose their hall.
- Mr Jau Teng Zhi Luke replied that the hall choices will be randomised.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian stated that this kind of method will disperse students around and there would be difficult to cultivate a sense of belonging and hall culture.
- Mr Johan Ezran mentioned that there should not be any stacking of points and the priority should go to students with the most points based on just one tier.
- Mr Chow Jin Hui explained that the reason of the school insisting to remove the distance points is to incentivise the student leaders.
- Ms Mavis Lim Shi Min said the school should incentivise the main committee
  members more than subcommittee members. The stacking of points should be
  applicable to the subcommittee members only. She explained that this would
  increase the participation of the subcommittee members.
- Mr Benedict Yeo Lehao mentioned that there are dancers and athletes in the hall and they put in a lot of time and effort but due to their position as a subcommittee member. He asked the council members if it would be unfair to them.
- Mr Benedict Yeo Lehao stated that the students who are on IA and exchange would not be able to commit and get their preferred hall choice.

6.1 Proposed to proceed to the sixth agenda

Proposer: Sufia Bte Zulkifli Seconder: Shivavaruman Durairaj

# 6.2 Meeting Structure of the Council

Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj mentioned that some things are not set right in the council and most of the council members require time to think before giving a proper answer. He feels that the whole agenda is cut off and moved on when no one raise up any concerns or



comments. He feels that if there is something that is left to say, we should bring it up again in AOB instead of just ignoring the whole agenda. Additionally, he mentioned that some council members are quiet and do not voice their opinions and views. Every council member should have the right mindset and attitude and we should not come to council meeting just for the sake of it. He stated that a lot of council members, either from the non-constituent clubs or executive committee side are not speaking up. He hopes to see them giving more feedback and being more responsive instead of taking the discussion outside the council meeting. A Union Representative should represent their schools' interest instead of supporting their fellow executive committee.

- Mr Leow Yan Yang mentioned that the council is having a monthly council meeting
  and whenever there is an agenda, the council wishes to settle the matter as soon as
  possible and he felt that it is not the way to go. He stated that the council members
  should speak on behalf of all the students and not speaking on behalf of themselves.
- Mr Koh Lung Kuang said that the council members are unaware of the agendas and
  they are not prepared for the council meeting. He felt that all the council members
  should go through self-preparation instead of coming to the council meeting
  aimlessly. He also emphasized that the council members should take initiative to read
  up the meeting minutes and look up for information.
- Me Edward Lim Xun Qian asked the council members if having a background information together with the agendas would help the council members to understand the situation more.
- Mr Leow Yan Yang replied that having additional information would be very helpful.
- Mr Daniel Neo Chong Shern asked the council members if bringing in the Vice-President into the council meeting to assist the responsibility of the president will help in the situation.
- Ms Eng Shuo Ying said that she disagrees with this idea as there would be too many representatives in the council meeting and this would be inefficient. She mentioned that a Union Representative should be doing that instead.
- Ms Mavis Lim Shi Min stated that the presidents can text their Vice-Presidents during
  the council meeting to get more feedback and views but it would not be feasible to
  bring their Vice-Presidents into the council meeting.
- Ms Eng Shuo Ying mentioned that on the topic on the removal of distance points, there was no conclusion as the council kept voicing out their concerns but there were no actions taken.
- Mr Teo Wei Chi, Nicholas said that there should be more voices and the council members should be more willing to speak up. He mentioned that if the council members felt that the discussion is going nowhere, either the council chairperson or the council secretary should cut off the topic or discussion, which they have been doing so.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat stated that the previous council meetings are based on updates as the council meeting is held after a few weeks. He mentioned that if there is no outcome after 2 or 3 days of discussion, the council members can take a vote to come out with a decision at the next council meeting.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat explained that there would not be a need to wait until the
  next council meeting to come up with a decision but if there is a need we can call for
  a council meeting to take a vote.
- Mr See Jing Xuan suggested seeing themeeting minutes live through google docs so he would not miss any points or repeat the same points again.



Mr Johan Ezran mentioned that the idea of live meeting minutes is good but there
are other implications as the council secretary needs time to reorganise the sentence
after the meeting. The council member should take their own notes and listen during
the council meeting.

7.1 Proposed to proceed to the seventh agenda

Proposer: Eng Shuo Ying Seconder: Leow Yan Yang

Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj mentioned that there is not much bonding between the council and bonding is crucial as the council members are able to understand each other better to reduce any form of conflicts. He hopes that the council members can be more open about their ideas and have a small council bonding session soon.

- Mr Johan Ezran mentioned that there are many small and unofficial bonding sessions amongst the council members.
- Currently, together with the Council Secretary, they have been trying to get funding for a mass bonding session. He noted that if any of the council members have any ideas or suggestions for a council bonding session, they can contact him directly.
- As of now, there is a possibility of having the council bonding session during the upcoming recess week.

8.1 Proposed to proceed to the eighth agenda

Proposer: Edward Lim Xun Qian

Seconder: See Jing Xuan

### 8.2 AOB

Tutorial Room Updates for Freshmen Orientation Program

Mr Koh Lung Kuang mentioned that NSSIT and the school are unwilling to open up the tutorial rooms for the faculty camps. They had a meeting with the Office of Development & Facilities Management (ODFM) and all the tutorial room can be locked from now on. Each Freshmen Orientation Program in-charge are given 2 card access by using their matriculation card. He also stated that the handling and taking over of the tutorial rooms must include the timing. The next Freshmen Orientation Program in-charge must also check the conditions of the tutorial room before taking over. The SCSC chairperson will conduct workshops for the Freshmen Orientation Program chairpersons to allow them to understand the damages that could happen. The damage cost will be split among the Freshmen Orientation Program committee and the non-constituent club. He emphasised that the money cannot come from grants and it must come from the students' pocket. This is implemented to make the students feel more conscious when they damage the tutorial rooms.

- Mr Daniel Neo Chong Shern asked Mr Koh Lung Kuang if the policy of the access card has been confirmed or it is still pending.
- Mr Koh Lung Kuang replied that it is already confirmed.
- Ms Eng Shuo Ying asked Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat who will decide the person getting the card access.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat said that the Freshmen Orientation Program chairpersons will decide.
- Mr Daniel Neo Chong Shern asked Mr Koh Lung Kuang if 2 Freshmen Orientation Program would mean that they have 2 card access each.



- Mr Koh Lung Kuang said yes.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat explained that the student can only get access to the tutorial room if he/she booked the specific day and time.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat said that he wishes to ask the council before asking the Freshmen Orientation Program chairperson.
- Mr Shivavaruman Durairaj asked Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat if he will be informing the Freshmen Orientation Program chairpersons or they have to inform them.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat asked the council how they feel about the half-half damage cost split. He explained that the student always let the school to bear the cost hence they do not feel the pain of paying and this will result in the student not appreciating the facilities given to them. Additionally, this year the Students' Union will be using their name to borrow the tutorial rooms.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian said that the Student Life used their name to borrow the tutorial rooms. He emphasised that using the Students' Union name would be the last straw if the students do not protect the tutorial room.
- Ms Jessica Lim Jiaying asked Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat if there will be a third-party handover.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat said that both parties must be there for the handling and taking over, both of them must check the facilities together and agree that there are no damages. However, if there is a damage found after that, the last party who used the facility will be charged.
- Ms Mavis Lim Shi Min stated that there should be a neutral party from NSSIT in between the first and second user to check for damages so they will know that the damages do not come from the first user.
- Mr Andrew John Wee Tong said that there should be a proper handover for the tutorial rooms.
- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat mentioned that there will be a contract that will be signed by both parties who are paying half of the damage cost each.

### 8.3 Welcome Week

### Question and Answer:

- Mr Victor Chia Wei Keat asked the academic president if they would be interested to join the welcome week.
- Ms Mao Xi Yun said that she found it a bit pointless.
- Mr Johan Ezran mentioned that there is no point for NIE TTC to have a booth during the welcome week as the demographics of the students during the welcome week is different as they are recruiting for possible management committee during that period.

8.4 Mr Zhang Boyuan, Eric explained that the adjustment of the hall points was discussed with Professor Valerie as this involves the halls. He explained that the stacking of points together with the 2 years guaranteed hall stay will allow the students to get the final outcome in year 3. After brainstorming, he hopes that the council members can give feedback and the hall presidents can raise it up in HPC meeting.

2. Mr Johan proposed the end of the meeting. Ms Ling Li Hui Rebecca seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 0019hrs, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



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