



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS' UNION

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## Minutes for 4th 38<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council Meeting

**Date:** 11th February 2017

**Time:** 1020

**Venue:** LT29, Faculty of Science

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- 1) Presidential Updates
- 2) DE Constitution\*
- 3) UEC election\*
- 4) AOB

\* Requires voting

### **Attendance:**

#### **Present:**

#### **Council Representatives (27):**

Wong Xue Wen Laura	Arts Club, President
Soh Wei Ren Alson	Arts Club, Honorary General Secretary
Cheryl Low	Bizad Club, Vice President (External)
Tee Yan Yie	CAC, President
Glen Anthony Ooi	CAC, Vice President (Special Projects)
Chong Wei Ling	CAC, Honorary General Secretary
Loo Qi En, Benjamin	Computing Club, President
	Computing Club, Vice President (Human Resource and Development)
Low Yong Cheng	Computing Club, Vice President (Operations and Projects)
Soh Wei Hao	Computing Club, Director of Publicity
Tan Li Kiat, Rebecca	CSC, President
Stanrly Moo Jia Lir	CSC, Vice-President (Special Projects)
Joscelin Ong Jia Xin	CSC, Vice-President (Regular Programmes)
Ang Shi Min Charmaine	DE Club, President
Tan Yu Kiat	DE Club, Vice President (Internal)
Quek Jia Xin, Bevin	DE Club, Vice President (External)
Sun Zi Cheng	DE Club, Honorary Finance Secretary
Tan Shao Tao	Engin Club, President
Wong Yongsheng Jedd	



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Loi Wen Tian Jodie	Engin Club, Vice President (External)
Teo Yong Shun	Engin Club, Honorary General Secretary
Lim Yu Han	Engin Club, Secretary of Student Affairs
Elston Foo Sheng Kai	PA, Vice-President (Projects)
Shen Yunni	PA, Vice-President (Engagement)
Benjamin Lem Han Wei	PA, Honorary Financial Secretary
Ng Shi Yuan Brandon	Science Club, President
Yvette Choo	Sports Club, Vice President (Internal)
Hong Li Wee	Sports Club, Vice President (External)

## EXCO Representatives (16):

Siong Li Qing Jeannie	Arts Club, EXCO Representative
Toh Wen Hui	Bizad Club, EXCO Representative
Tan Zhi Hao Ian	DE Club, EXCO Representative
Lee Chin Shian	CAC Club, EXCO Representative
Quek Yan Tong	CAC Club, EXCO Representative
Vivian Leow Hui Ying	CSC, EXCO Representative
Ong Zhang Yao	CSC, EXCO Representative
Tai Ben Wey	Engin Club, EXCO Representative
Tan Wee Bian	Engin Club, EXCO Representative
Kenji Ong Shao Qiang	Law Club, EXCO Representative
Soong Tse Kiat	Medical Club, EXCO Representative
Tseng Fan Shuen	Medical Club, EXCO Representative
Nguyen Dang Hoang Yen	Science Club, EXCO Representative
Kong Xiao Wei	Sports Club, EXCO Representative
Yue Yao Chong	Sports Club, EXCO Representative
Soon Hao Jing	USC, EXCO Representative

## Observers (7):

Eu Xuan Lin	Engineering
Wong Zhi Wei	Arts
Seah Yan Xiang	Engineering
Ivan Fenzely Yang Shao Yi	Engineering
Marcelina Viana	Engineering
Ho Hao Ming	Engineering
Chan Yong Qing	Business

## Absence with Apologies (11):

Sangeetha Krishnan	Arts Club, Communications Secretary
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Ivan Low	Medical Club, President
Hargaven Singh	Medical Club, Vice President
Eileen Lim	Medical Club, Nursing Sub Club President
Tan Jun Wei	Bizad Club, Vice President (External)
See Xin Yu	Bizad Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Loh Jin Wei	Dental Club, President
Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey	Science Club, Exco Representative
Loh Yi Chin	PA, President
Tan Jie Yin	CAC, Vice President (Internal)
Nicole Lau Jean Xuan	PA, EXCO Representative

## Absence without Apologies (7):

Wei Yi Chen	Bizad Club, President
Thaddaeus Tan	Medical Club, Honorary General Secretary
Matthew Tan	Sports Club, President
Ryo Yap Zhe You	Law Club, President
Lee Yew Boon	Law Club, Vice President
Cheah Wen Jie	USC, President
Lim Jia Wei Elvin	PA, Exco Representative

The 4th Council Meeting was called to order at 1020hr by Mr Glen Anthony Ooi, Council Chairperson of the 38th NUSSU Council.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	<b><i>Presidential Updates</i></b>	Information
1.1	Wee Bian (Engin) presented to the council on Functional Role Discussion and Peer Leadership Workshop. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	No Action Required
1.2	Jodie (Engin) joined the meeting at 1018.	



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2.	<b><i>DE Club Constitution*</i></b>	
2.1	Yu Kiat (DE) presented to the council on DE Club's proposal to amend some parts of their constitution, in a similar manner to Law Club during the last council meeting. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
2.1.2	Wee Bian (Engin): I don't think University Council here refers to NUSSU Council?	
2.1.3	Jeannie (Arts): "For the University Council consideration"	
2.1.4	Glen (CAC): I believe we did the same thing for Law. It was also "University Council"	
2.1.5	Shao Tao (DE): Just to add on, if you go back to the slide with the year. I think this is also quite old so there might be some changes in the naming. If you look at the picture carefully, this is the original copy, we do not have the soft copy. This is how old our Constitution is. The "University Council" as stated here might be some traditional convention that might be different. In this same thing, instead of saying OFS is the University Registrar or whatever not, so the naming is a bit off. So if you want to change, we would have to go back and refer to the University Council which I think will start a storm of everybody changing everything here and there again.	
2.1.6	Shao Tao (DE): Do you have the copy of Law Club's constitution?	
2.1.7	Glen (CAC): Not in this agenda.	
2.1.8	Jeannie (Arts): Under NUSSU's Constitution, "University Council" means the University's Board of Trustees, the University's Senate or the University's Senate Delegacy.	
2.1.9	Wee Bian (Engin): Is that the same for Law too?	
2.1.10	Glen (CAC): Yes it is the same for Law. I cannot speak for Ryo since he is not here but if I recalled correctly the purpose of changing Law Club's Constitution is because we are in the midst of changing NUSSU Constitution and if that is successfully changed, everything from the Constituent Club would fall under as by-laws. So "University	



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2.1.11	Kenji (Law): In National University of Singapore Act, Refer to First Schedule Part 3, it defines the Council. "There shall be a Council of the University which shall consist of the following members: the President, not more than 6 members from the Senate and the Register of Graduates to be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Council, and not more than 12 members to be appointed by the Government." So in this context, the "University Council" is not us.	
2.1.12	Yu Kiat (DE): We shall postpone this offline first.	
2.1.13	Glen (CAC): We will also be looking through our previous vote on Law Club's Constitution.	
2.2	Ben (Computing) and Wei Hao (Computing) joined the meeting at 1024. Tee Yan Yie (CAC) joined the meeting at 1026.	
3	<b><i>Election of Union Election Committee*</i></b>	
3.1	<b>Council Chairperson went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the Union Election Committee.</b>	
3.2	<b>Opening of nominations for Union Election Committee proposed by Wee Bian (Engin).</b>	
3.3	<b>Nominee: Wee Bian (Engin) Proposer: Jeannie (Arts) Secunder: Xiao Wei (Sports)</b>	
3.4	Wee Bian (Engin) accepted the nomination.	
3.5	<b>Nominee: Glen (CAC) Proposer: Jodie (Engin) Secunder: Yu Han (Engin)</b>	
3.6	Glen (CAC) rejected the nomination.	



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3.7	<b>Nominee: Zhang Yao (CSC)</b> <b>Proposer: Vivian (CSC)</b> <b>Secunder: Tse Kiat (Med)</b>
3.8	Zhang Yao (CSC) accepted the nomination.
3.9	<b>Closing of nominations proposed by Benjamin (Computing), seconded by Yu Kiat (DE).</b>
3.10	Glen (CAC) informed the council that there will be a 5 min presentation and 15 mins Q&A and it will be an open voting unless otherwise proposed.
3.11	Hao Jing (USC) proposed for secret ballot. Glen (CAC) accepted the proposal. Voting of the UEC will be secret ballot.
3.12	<b>Wee Bian (Engin) made his UEC election speech to the 38th NUSSU Council.</b>
3.13	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Benjamin (Computing)</b>
3.13.1	Hao Jing (USC): Wee Bian, if you are running for UEC that means you cannot run for President for a second term again? We would like you to stay and re-run for a second term. Once you join this, there would be no chance.
3.13.2	Wee Bian (Engin): Thank you for having the confidence in me. But yes, if I am running for UEC, I will not be able to run in the next term.
3.13.3	Hao Jing (USC): How do you intend to improve outreach to students and get more people to vote?
3.13.5	Wee Bian (Engin): For outreach, there are 2 types of outreach. First, to let as many students as possible to know of the upcoming election so that those who are interested will step up. The usual publicity channel will carry on to let students know such thing.
3.13.6	As for outreaching to get votes, I am thinking of having more ballot boxes instead of having them at YIH only. Maybe we can have 1 or 2 more. I haven't really decide and think through it because we don't have a team yet and it is still rather early. However, we definitely understand that



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	<p>outreach is an issue and not everyone is willing to come down at YIH, something which your AAR have reflected and I have read through also. So that is one way which we will try to improve. Of course, as I have mentioned earlier, it is not possible to have them at every faculty.</p>	
3.13.7	Jeannie (Arts): Would you consider doing online voting?	
3.13.8	Wee Bian (Engin): As of now no. But if in future we have valid reason to do so we can consider.	
3.14	<b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Jedd (Engin).</b>	
3.15	<b>Zhang Yao (CSC) made his elections speech to the 38th NUSSU Council.</b>	
3.16	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Yu Kiat (DE). Jedd (Engin) seconds.</b>	
3.16.1	Hao Jing (USC): Are you graduating this year?	
3.16.2	Zhang Yao (CSC): Yes, I will be graduating.	
3.16.3	Haojing (USC): In that case, I would like to raise a point of information. I went to read up the NUS Statutes and Regulation. According to Regulation 9, it defines here that when you graduate, you will no longer be an undergraduate and so you will not be a member of the Union. But in Section 4, if have graduated, you need to get a written approval from the NUS President in order to be eligible to continue to be a Union member. If you look at Statute 5 Section 4b, "No one other than Union members can participate in activities of the Union" and election is an activity. If you look at the exceptions, elections are not of a social nature, a dinner or a party, and is not held with external bodies. So the basic idea is that if you graduate this year, and the election is held next semester, you will no longer be able to help conduct the elections if you have graduated and you don't get the letter from the President. I think Zhang Yao, you will need to get a letter of approval from the President before you can run. Otherwise, when you graduate, you are not going to be a Union member and so if you cannot carry out the job that you are being considered for, you are not eligible.	



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3.16.4	Zhang Yao (CSC): So, there is a need to define the exact date in which you deem as "graduation".
3.16.5	Hao Jing (USC): That is when you get your degree. You should know better.
3.16.6	Zhang Yao (CSC): In that sense, I think there is a need to relook at this and check if it applies to UEC as well. I believe the deemed date of graduation should be when we have the commencement.
3.16.7	Hao Jing (USC): I think commencement is in July but elections are usually in August or around that time. Elections will be happening after you get your degree.
3.16.8	Zhang Yao (CSC): I think, at least for a period of time, from now until my graduation, I should still be able to contribute in the planning of the elections. As for this part, I think we have to see how we can go about settling this issue.
3.16.9	Hao Jing (USC): My recommendation is, if you want to run to be part of the UEC, you need to get a letter from the President, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan. Otherwise, I don't see how you can be an UEC member.
3.16.10	Zhang Yao (CSC): Ok, my response to this is that I will still run for this UEC and it is up to the Council to decide if this information is relevant. But for now, if I still get elected in, I will find actions as to how to follow up to this issue. If this really serves as a contradiction, I will consider other alternative and still be accountable to the Council.
3.16.11	Hao Jing (USC): I have just one last statement. Note that this is under NUS Statutes and Regulations. If you want to check what I have just said, you can just run a Google search, go to Regulation 9 or Statute 5.
3.16.12	Glen (CAC): Point of information. How our legislation work is that we take advisement from the Regulations then NUSSU Constitution and finally our Elections Regulations.
3.16.13	Hao Jing (USC): I understand that the Statutes and Regulations are above NUSSU Constitution. Just for the avoidance of doubt, if you look at "Regulations", means the regulations, rules and procedures



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	<p>prescribed by the President or the Senate. So it is clear that this is not any President but the NUS President.</p>	
3.16.14	<p>Shao Tao (DE): If he cannot be part of the UEC because he is graduating, but can he still help the UEC until he graduate? Such that he will be part of the planning and the rest of the elected team can do the execution. Something I want to clarify. As of now he is still part of Union thus he can be elected. This is just my personal opinion, I do not think that there should be anything that should stop you from helping to plan the elections. But if the Regulations stop you from executing, does that affect anything?</p>	
3.16.15	<p>Zhang Yao (CSC): According to this, in the case that this law applies, during UEC I will not be directly involved in the activity.</p>	
3.16.16	<p>Yu Kiat (DE): So, for this scenario, once elected, will you get the letter of approval from the President so that you will be able to help in the elections? But for now, you will help with the planning until you graduate.</p>	
3.16.17	<p>Zhang Yao (CSC): On my side, I will find out exactly how strict these laws actually apply. If that is the case, we might need to relook into this matter and come up with a guideline for graduating students and find out how their membership applies, not just to elections but also other activities. I think this is quite a serious matter as raised by Hao Jing. We will need to follow up on this and I cannot give you an answer right now.</p>	
3.16.18	<p>Benjamin (Computing): Isn't it better if Zhang Yao requests to extend this Union membership first before we vote?</p>	
3.16.19	<p>Jeannie (Arts): The issue i feel right now is that Zhang Yao wants to run early so that the UEC can start the planning earlier to avoid haphazard planning again. Personally, I feel that it would be better to follow what Shao Tao and Yu Kiat has said which is for Zhang Yao to assist in the election planning until he can get his extension. If his extension is approved by then, then everything will be fine.</p>	
3.16.20	<p>Hao Jing (USC): But the problem is that right now we have an odd number. But without Zhang Yao if he leaves in July, there will be an even number. And if there are any disputes, the UEC will not be able to settle it. The UEC will always need an odd number of people.</p>	



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3.16.21	Laura (Arts): Is it possible to delay voting for Zhang Yao until he gets the letter from the President?	
3.16.22	Closing of Q&A session proposed by Benjamin (Computing). Seconded by Yu Kiat (DE)	
3.17	<b>Glen (CAC) proposed 5 minutes break to decide what should be done for the UEC.</b>	
3.18	<b>Glen (CAC) have decided to postpone the voting for Zhang Yao to the next Council Meeting.</b>	
3.19	<b>Voting Results for Wee Bian (Engin):</b> <b>Total Strength: 39</b> For: 35 Against: 1 Invalid: 3	
3.20	<b>Wee Bian (Engin) has been elected as a member of the Union Election Committee of the 38th NUSSU Council.</b>	
3.21	Brandon (Science) left the meeting at 1115.	
4	<b>AOB</b>	
4.1	Yao Chong (Sports) briefed the 38th Council on the Residence Admission Scheme. Please refer to the attached slides for further information.	
4.1.1	Hao Jing (USC): Is it for the outgoing group or for the next batch of MC?	
4.1.2	Yao Chong (Sports): It is for our batch.	
4.1.3	Hao Jing (USC): So it is for us to stay in the next semester?	
4.1.4	Yao Chong (Sports): If you are a current MC and you are still a Union member next year, you are eligible to be elected for this scheme.	
4.1.5	Hao Jing (USC): Is this for one semester or one year?	



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4.1.6	Yao Chong (Sports): This is for one year stay in PGP. If there are any questions, you can email me.	
4.1.7	Glen (CAC): Back to the topic of UEC, it should comprise of 5 members. If anyone is interested, please feel free to approach me.	

With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Glen (CAC) proposed to close the meeting at 11 22.

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