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## Minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup> 39<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council Meeting

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Time:** 1917 - 2020

**Venue:** LT26, Faculty of Science

### **Meeting Agenda:**

1. Election of Finance Standing Committees\*
2. Election of Publication Standing Committees\*
3. Presidential Updates
4. Any Other Business

**\* Requires voting**

### **Attendance:**

### **Present:**

### **Council Representatives (20):**

Raymond Thien	Arts & Social Sciences Club, President
Wang Ziyi	Arts & Social Sciences Club, Vice President
Joel Lim Hee Heng	Computing Club, President
Elysia Tan Ziyi	Computing Club, Vice President (Student Development)
Sia Xin Rang Sophronia	Design and Environment Club, President
Raelyn Lee Yi Ling	Design and Environment Club, Vice President (External)

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Tan Wei Tao	Science Club, President
Tham Jun Han	University Scholars Club, President
Jeremy Jee De Sheng	University Scholars Club, Honorary General Secretary
Joscelin Ong Jia Xin	Community Service Club, President
Xiong Chengjie	Community Service Club, Vice President (Regular Programmes)
Fennie Wong	Community Service Club, Vice President (Special Projects)
Bryan Ong	Cultural Activities Club, President
Cassandra Yeo	Cultural Activities Club, Vice President (Internal)
Foo Sheng Kai Elston	Political Association, President
Chan Wei Jun Sean	Political Association, Honorary General Secretary
Lee Jing Hua	Dental Club, President
Yeo Jun Jie	Business Club, Vice President (Internal)
Clemon Ho	Business Club, Vice President (Student Life)
Melissa Chua	Medical Club, President

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## EXCO Representatives (13):

Kaung Mon Thu	Engineering Club
Desmond Lee	Business Club
Khow Yong Zhi	Medical Club
Lee Zi Quan Jeffrey	Science Club
Hakeem Bin Zuhairi	Science Club
Sean Yan Xiang	Community Service Club
Ng Jun Ting Shirley	Community Service Club
Jacob Li Peng Cheng	Cultural Activities Club
Ang Li Qing	Cultural Activities Club
Toh Wei Cai	Political Association
Caitlin Celestine Fernandez	Political Association
Edwin Tung Keng Wee	Sports Club
Yu Shibin	Sports Club

## Observers (9):

Seah Zi Quan	Science
Benjamin Loo	Computing
Hsu Wen Chi	Arts
Terry Ong	Science

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Chong Qian Yun	FASS
Liew Jing Hua	USC
Lim Wee Khim	Business
Lim Si Min, Charmaine	Business
Chen Yiqi	Arts

## Absent with Apologies (16):

Lim Jun Heng	Law Club, President
Xavier Chan	Science Club, Sports Director
Jeremy Chew Xuan Yu	Engineering Club, President
Lo Ka Chun Marcus	Engineering Club, Vice President (Internal)
Lester Foo Shi En	Engineering Club, Vice President (External)
Samantha Chang Shi Min	Engineering Club, Vice President (Student Affairs)
Amanda Tan Qian Ling	Computing Club, Vice President (Internal)
Shermin Chia	Sports Club, President
Ng Ling Ying Vernice	Sports Club, Vice President (Internal)
Ho Shi Xuan Sherrilyn	Sports Club, Vice President (External)
Seah Hui Rong Sebastian	Sports Club, General Secretary
Sim Teng Kuan Joel	Computing Club, Vice President (Student Life)

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Ng Li Ying

Political Association, Vice President

Peh Zhi Rui

Political Association, Honorary Finance Secretary

Ivan Fenzely Yang Shao Yi

Engineering Club

Chotiga Tiwana

Arts & Social Sciences Club

## Absents without Apologies (6):

Kevin Darmawan

Business Club, Vice President (External)

Shannon Tan

Business Club, President

Soo Guo Sheng

Law Club, Vice President

Isabella Mariska Liem

Business

Tai Pei Lin, Rena

Arts

Sheng Yu

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## Meeting Agenda

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting was called to order at 1917 by Mr. Elston Foo, Council Chairperson of the 39<sup>th</sup> NUSSU Council.

S/No.	Agenda	Action By
1.	<b>Election of the Finance Standing Committee.</b>	Information No Action Required
1.1	<b>Council Chairperson went through the Roles and Responsibilities of the Finance Standing Committee.</b>	
1.2	<b>Opening of nominations for Finance Standing Committee proposed by Jeremy (USC) and seconded by Bryan (CAC).</b>	
1.3	<b>Nominee: Cassandra (CAC) Proposer: Bryan (CAC) Secunder: Shirley (CSC)</b>	
1.4	Cassandra (CAC) accepted the nomination.	
1.5	<b>Closing of nominations proposed by Tham Jun Han (USC) and seconded by Raymond (Arts).</b>	
1.6	<b>Cassandra (CAC) made her election speech to the 39th NUSSU Council.</b>	
1.7	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Bryan (CAC).</b>	

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1.8	<b>With no questions asked, Bryan (CAC) proposed to close Q&amp;A session, seconded by Jeremy (USC).</b>	
1.9	Council Chairperson, Elston Foo (PA), reminded the Council that it will be an open voting for standing committees unless someone from the council objects.	
1.10	<b>Voting Results for Cassandra (CAC)</b> <b>Total Strength: 30</b> For: 29 Against: 0 Abstain: 1	
1.11	<b>Cassandra (CAC) has been elected as a member of the Finance Standing Committee of the 39th NUSSU Council.</b>	
1.12	Kaung (Engineering) left the meeting at 1930.	
2.	<b>Election of the Publications Standing Committee.</b>	
2.1	<b>The Council Chairperson went through the roles and responsibilities of the Publications Standing Committee.</b>	
2.2	<b>Opening of nominations for Publications Standing Committee proposed by Cassandra (CAC), Raymond (Arts) seconds.</b>	
2.3	<b>Nominee: Ziyi (Arts)</b> <b>Proposer: Raymond (Arts)</b> <b>Secunder: Yan Xiang (CSC)</b>	

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2.5	Ziyi (Arts) accepted the nomination.	
2.6	<b>Closing of nominations proposed by Shirley (CSC), Sophronia (SDE) seconds.</b>	
2.7	<b>Ziyi (Arts) made her election speech to the 39th NUSSU Council.</b>	
2.8	<b>Opening of Q&amp;A session proposed by Raymond (Arts).</b>	
2.8.1	Raymond (Arts): How do you think your previous experience can help contribute to this role?	
2.8.2	A: I do not have direct publicity experience, but I have general experience throughout NUS. One of the objectives of the Publicity Committee is to enhance student leaders' presence and their recognition in NUS. I am also trying to do this as well.	
2.8.3	Question by Joscelin (CSC): In this committee, what are the types of publications that you are focusing on?	
2.8.4	A: Apart from student leaders' presence, I will work on the branding.	
2.8.5	Follow-up Question by Joscelin (CSC): To your point of wanting to gain more recognition for student leaders, what are the platforms that you think is suitable to be used for this recognition?	
2.8.6	A: I was thinking of an award system that can be held every year.	

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2.8.7	Follow-up Question: How is that different from Student Achievement Awards like the leadership category?	
2.8.8	A: I am thinking of something more exclusive.	
2.8.9	Yan Xiang (CSC): Do you think unified union branding throughout NUSSU and committee clubs is important?	
2.8.10	A: Yes. To brand ourselves together rather than just NUSSU and the rest.	
2.8.11	Follow-up question by Yan Xiang (CSC): Do you think current situation shows this ideal situation that I asked?	
2.8.12	A: We can work on it more.	
2.8.13	Follow up question from Joscelin (CSC): If you feel that more can be done, what do you think is the "more" to have a more unified branding?	
2.8.14	A: There can be more communication before coming to a consensus and more discussions will be needed.	
2.9	<b>Closing of Q&amp;A session proposed by Yan Xiang (CSC). Edwin (Sports) seconds.</b>	
2.10	Elston Foo (PA) reminded the Council that it will be an open voting for standing committees unless someone from the council objects.	
2.11	<b>Voting Results for Ziyi (Arts): Elected Total Strength: 28</b>	

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2.12	<p>For: 28 Against: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p><b>Ziyi (Arts) has been elected as a member of the Publications Standing Committee of the 39th NUSSU Council.</b></p>	
3.  3.1          3.2	<p><b>Jeffrey (Science) presents his Presidential Updates.</b></p> <p><b>Community Chest Awards 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NUSSU is the proud recipient of the Community Chest Special Events Platinum Award and the 15-year Outstanding Special Events Award</li> <li>• Event was held at the Istana on 13th October 2018 and graced by Mdm. Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore</li> <li>• NUSSU was featured on: Singapore Chinese Newspaper Lianhe Zaobao on 14th October 2017 and NUSSU The Ridge, on 15th October 2017</li> <li>• The awards are the indication of the efforts of all the Union volunteers who have collectively made NUSSU Rag and Flag possible all these years</li> <li>• Moving forward, the Union strives to keep up with this unique Union tradition, and to continue to exemplify the NUS spirit of giving back to the society</li> </ul> <p><b>Friends of PAYM Networking 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NUSSU was invited to the Friends of PAYM (People's Association Youth Movement) Inauguration Ceremony 21st October 2017 as one of the official partners of PAYM</li> <li>• The inauguration was graced by Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Minister in Prime Minister's Office and officially marked PAYM as the</li> </ul>	

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3.3	<p>Union's Official Youth Partner for the upcoming year ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will seek to strengthen our cooperation in Youth Outreach Programmes with PAYM</li><li>• They can sponsor up to 1.5K</li></ul> <p><b>PGPR Priority Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Leaders only (MC-level)</li><li>• If not MC, we can assess on a case by case basis for project directors who have to be in school everyday</li><li>• VERY Limited slots + No Guarantee</li><li>• Prince George Park (PGP) only as the name suggests</li><li>• Individual Apartments &amp; Single Room</li><li>• S\$114 - S\$124/week (Depending on room types)</li><li>• Subject to Hostel as fees may increase</li><li>• 17 weeks in AY18/19 Semester 2</li><li>• Total: \$2108 in Semester 2 per person</li><li>• Note: ONLY for AY17/18 Semester 2 &amp; Summer</li><li>• Tell Wei Cai if you are interested by 27th Nov 2017</li><li>• Must apply by yourself in the UHMS system by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ \$26.5 (Application fee)</li><li>○ \$200 Deposit subsequently by 24<sup>th</sup> of December which is non-refundable</li></ul></li></ul>	
3.4	<p><b>Residential Admission Scheme (RAS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To show appreciation to Student Leaders</li><li>• Not restricted to MC level<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Can be sub-club MC members, Project Directors and Main committee</li></ul></li><li>• Prince George Park (PGP) only</li><li>• Individual Apartments</li><li>• Single Room</li><li>• S\$114 - S\$124/week (Depending on room types)</li><li>• Subject to Hostel fees review increases</li></ul>	

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3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 weeks in AY18/19 Semester 1</li><li>• 17 weeks in AY18/19 Semester 2</li><li>• Total: S\$2052 - S\$2232 in Semester 1 per person</li><li>• Total: S\$1938 - S\$2108 in Semester 2 per person</li><li>• Note: <b>ONLY</b> for next academic year (AY18/19)</li><li>• Tell Wei Cai if you are interested by coming February. There is no rush.</li></ul> <p><b>UTown Residence (UTR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Married Apartments</li><li>• Same gender roommate</li><li>• <b>VERY</b> Limited rooms</li><li>• Must be 2 persons</li><li>• S\$124/week per person</li><li>• Subjected to Hostel fees review increases</li><li>• 17 weeks in AY17/18 Semester 2</li><li>• Total: S\$2108 in Semester 2 per person</li><li>• Note: ONLY for AY17/18 Semester 2</li><li>• Tell your Wei Cai if you are interested by 27th Nov 2017<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Must apply by yourself in the UHMS system by 11th Dec 2017</li><li>○ Select any option as there is no option for UTR<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ \$26.75 (Application Fee)</li><li>■ \$200 Deposit subsequently</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	
3.6	<p><b>Exam Welfare Packs Branding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Having one side of the bag retained for NUSSU branding has been successful so far</li><li>• With student feedback generally acknowledging NUSSU and even some finally realizing that EWPs are given by NUSSU</li></ul>	
3.7	<p><b>OSA Dialogue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Held on 27th October 2017 at OSA Conference Room with the Conpos, Presidents of Constituent Clubs, Dean of Students Prof Peter Pang and OSA staff</li></ul>	

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<p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>3.10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● OSA workplan and 39th NUSSU Exco Direction was shared</li> </ul> <p><b>NUS Senior Management Dialogue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Held on 1st November 2018 at University Hall with NUSSU Exco, Presidents of Constituent Clubs, NUS President and Senior Management</li> <li>● 39th NUSSU Exco Direction and plans were shared and a Q&amp;A session on the following topics were held:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The role of the Union in the eyes of the University management and administration</li> <li>○ Complementary relationship between the Union and the University</li> <li>○ Recognition for student leaders</li> <li>○ The NUS “X-factor”/Spirit</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>NUS Board of Undergraduate Meeting (B.U.S)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chaired by Prof Ashraf A KASSIM, Vice Provost of Special Duties</li> <li>● Held on 2nd November 2017 at University Hall with the respective Deans of Academic Affairs</li> <li>● Student feedbacks and concerns were presented by Welfare Cell and Council Welfare Standing Committee</li> <li>● New updates by university side were also shared             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Going IT with exams</li> </ul> </li> <li>● PDPA Quiz on IVLE: DP1001 <i>(Please go and do)</i></li> </ul> <p>Melissa (Medical Club), Clemon (Business Club) and Jun Jie (Business Club) came in after both the elections and presidential updates.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>	

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4.1	<b>Elston</b> Went through AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dental Club Budget &amp; Brief on Current Situation</li><li>• Placeholder Dates for 4th, 5th &amp; 6th Meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Preference for Friday evenings</li><li>○ 26th January</li><li>○ 9th March</li><li>○ 13th April</li></ul></li><li>• Synopsis of upcoming agenda items: UEC elections; Presidential updates</li></ul>	
4.2	<b>Jing Hua, newly elected Dentistry Society President went through the key activities for the year 2017/18 and presented the budget for Dental Club.</b>	
5.	<b>Jeffrey went through Strategies to Enhance Student Wellness. He informed the Council of the direction that the university is moving towards.</b>	

With no other outstanding matters to discuss, Mr. Elston Foo proposed to close the meeting at 2020hr.

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