

Date: 14 Sept 2015

Time: 6.30PM-8.30PM

Venue: Classroom 15

Note-Taker: Dave

Presiding Officer: Tee

Government Attendance: Bing, Qis, Dave, Yongzhi, Feroz, Tee, Maria (late), Jay, Jared, Zach

Absent: Ami

Agenda:

Sports Captains

- **Feedback on IFG Organisation Process (Sports & Mind Sports captains)**
- Feedback on structure of Athletics Council (Sports captains)
- Feedback on **Athletics Department** (all captains)
- Summary of Decided Action (Athletics Council **and/or** joint action by Athletics Council & Student Government)

Main Government meeting

- Community Values
- Halloween
- Library

Summary:

No.	Sport	POC	Captain	Attendance
1	Badminton	Ami	Kim Hoong '18	YES
2	Basketball (M)	Zach	Subhas '17 (Zach '17 covered for him)	YES
3	Basketball (W)	Zach	Christina '17	YES

4	Bridge	Yongzhi	Yongzhi '18 or Junn Kit '18	YES
5	Chess	Yongzhi	Weiliang '18	YES
6	Crew	Tee	Nick Siew '18 (Bernie '18 covered for him)	YES
7	Dodgeball	Zach	Bernie '18	YES
8	DotA	Yongzhi	Kai '18	YES
9	Floorball (M)	Feroz	Feroz Khan '18	YES
10	Floorball (W)	Feroz	Stacey Yuen '17	YES
11	Frisbee	Tee	Jonas '18 or Tim Goh '18	YES
12	Handball	Ami	Josh Ragbir '18	
13	IFG Committee	Feroz	Hannah James '18, Tinesh Indrarajah '17, and Christina Ho '17	Tinesh: YES Hannah: YES Christina: YES
14	Mixed Martial Arts	Ami	Shina '18	YES
15	Netball	Zach	Sharlene '18	YES
16	Reversi	Yongzhi	Sean '17	YES
17	Road Relay	Tee	Sim Yi Shien '18	YES
18	Soccer (M)	Feroz	Puvan '18	YES
19	Soccer (W)	Feroz	Shelby '18 (Adam '18 is covering for	YES

			her)	
20	Table-Tennis	Ami	Tinesh Indrarajah '17	YES
21	Tchoukball	Ami	Jon Tan '17 (M) and Rachel Ong '17 (W)	YES
22	Tennis	Feroz	Hannah Yeo '18	YES
23	Touch Rugby	Zach	Gin Ong '18	YES
24	Volleyball (M)	Ami	Naud Berkhuijzen '19	YES
25	Volleyball (W)	Ami	Lynn Lee '17	YES
26	Wakeboarding	Tee	Luke Ong '18 <i>or</i> Kalya Kee '18	YES, BOTH
27	Rock Climbing	Tee	Peter Ooi '18	YES

Attendance : 27 Sports Captains + 11 Student Government members = **38 total**

GENERAL MESSAGE

Dear Sports Captains,

The Student Government would like to invite you to a **students-only** meeting to discuss current and future IFG policy and the College's Athletics structure. You are invited to represent your sports team as its leader. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please appoint a deputy and inform us accordingly, as non-invitees will not be allowed into the meeting. If you are no longer the Captain or equivalent leader of your sports team, please also inform us accordingly.

As this meeting will concern the shape of Athletics for the school and is in public interest, the Government will endeavour to provide refreshment (in the form of Koi bubble tea).

The meeting will be held in **Classroom 15** on Monday, and will begin at **6.30PM sharp**. We hope to see you there.

Sincere regards,
 Feroz, on behalf of the Student Government

Agenda	Discussion Points	Action
Opening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What mandate does student government have over athletics? (Hannah Yeo, Tennis) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jay: We are constitutionally mandated to have oversight over athletics, among other aspects of student life. b. Yongzhi: We have received feedback regarding athletics 2. What is the agenda? (Christina, IFG & Basketball) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agenda of meeting shown to Captains present. b. Tee: We want to meet and discuss the feedback on this 3. Would an administrative decision be overturned by any decision made by the Student Government? (Christina, IFG & Basketball) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Feroz: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss sports as a whole, not just the sports on the athletics council. We have no intention at present of pushing to overturn any decision made by James ref. the Athletics Council. If we do hear feedback at this meeting which is relevant to the new structure of the Council, we will raise it to James. 4. Why is it a closed door meeting? (Jon Tan '17, Tchoukball) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tee: We have received substantial feedback about members of the administration so we did not want them to be present during the meeting. 	

	<p>b. Feroz: The students are the primary concern of the student government, so we want to have something concrete to present to the administration before involving them.</p>	
<p>Feedback on IFG Organisation Process (Sports & Mind Sports captains)</p>	<p><u>Feedback on IFG Organisation Process</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of process (Tinesh, Christina, IFG Committee). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yale-NUS was invited to participate in IFG 2015, as part of the NUS community. James pushed out an email to Captains, and Hannah James '18 was appointed to be Yale-NUS liaison as part of a five-member committee. Communication with NUS began in April. b. Sports were divided amongst the five-member committee - Sharlene, Tinesh, Christina, Hannah, Puvan - and ensured that there was fair distribution of resources (such as MPH training time) c. Note that the email was sent in March, but the real work began only when Fall semester started for most committee members. Hannah was involved throughout Summer. 2. General Feedback on the IFG organisation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dodgeball: Better than last year, more emails that came earlier. Other than that was fairly similar. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Captain selection. Dodgeball and touch rugby: It would be good if there was some kind of advocacy process for choosing a captain of a sport - it seemed rather arbitrary. ii. IFG Committee decided to select particular respondents when there was no clear team Captain for the various sports, but was open to teams selecting their own Captain. b. Basketball: It all went fairly smoothly. The referees were much better. NUS rules were different from last year's for Women's. c. Badminton: Pretty good in general. Communication was a bit last minute and chaotic. 	<p>Captain selection (Dodgeball, Road Relay, Touch): Suggested that captains could be selected by the teams</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Competition dates and match fixtures could have come out earlier. ii. IFG Comm: booking problems on NUS end resulted in delayed competition date confirmation, and lag time on fixtures was due to late confirmation of faculties participating. d. Tennis: Those that organised it put in a lot of effort. Sometimes communication was hard, especially with regard to booking of courts. Difficult to communicate with Wain and James on this (particularly for training spaces). e. Bridge and Dota: Do mind sports get funding for coached training sessions from athletics funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Administration says that money should come from Student Orgs, as they aren't classified as Athletics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can student government review this for the case of IFGs? ii. Mind sport competition organisation also less well organised than other sports. f. Floorball: IFGs were well run. Minor logistical complaint was that the 100+ was locked into a box <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The reason was that one sport took all of the 100+ ii. Last minute issues with Floorball (W) membership. Floorball (W) captain was not included in communications. g. Football and Touch Rugby: Were not able to secure training facilities through the school. ACSI training facilities were used but Shelby had to be present throughout the training. Tried using SP pitch, but had to leave when someone else from SP needed the space. Tennis and Netball registered similar issues. Rules provided before the game were not adhered to and was put up to the referee's discretion. h. Netball: Wanted outdoor courts but was only given indoor MPH for trainings. 	<p>Information & communication (Badminton, Touch) : competition dates, match fixtures</p> <p>Funding (Bridge, DotA) for IFG coaching (particularly Mind Sports)</p> <p>Training facilities (Football, Tennis, and Touch Rugby)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Touch Rugby : better communication - meetings were unclear, and Captaincy was not clearly decided. j. Reversi: Could have benefitted from having more participants to choose from. Organisation by IFG committee was generally good. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SGC President Weiliang: Recruiting more participants should be the responsibility of the captain and not the IFG committee. ii. IFG Committee: We also helped with publicity. iii. NUS organisers did not know about milliseconds. (There was a long dispute about whether YNC's reversi team's final move was still counted given that the clock had not yet reached but was close to 0:00) iv. Need for standardised regulations between Yale-NUS and NUS? k. Chess: Unclear about tie-break system on the NUS side. Regulations are still being disputed. Handball had to look up international regulations and IFG rules (referees were wrong). l. Tchoukball: schedules had come out earlier, but YNC received them late because of administrative bottleneck. (Time delay ~2 weeks.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IFG Committee: Faculty may not want to coordinate with individual captains due to inefficiencies. Lag in information due to NUS IFG committee side. ii. Question of Captaincy: communication delays. IFG Committee would like to point out that only 30% of teams met the deadline for confirming the Team Roster; and this created problems for coordination with NUS Faculties. iii. Training inconsistency: training times were problematic for Tchoukball. This may stem from lack of coordination due to rushed meeting time. iv. IFG Committee notes that training time allocation means trade-offs across all IFG sports. This is under James, but because so many Captains approached the IFG Committee 	<p>Publicity for Reversi</p> <p>Regulation & rules discrepancy (Basketball (W), Chess, Handball, Reversi, Volleyball) BUT Touch was legit.</p> <p>Coordination with NUS (suggestion): Individual sports Captains to be linked to NUS counterparts.</p>
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	<p>directly, and due to the delay from administrative end, the IFG Committee took the initiative to allocate training times. But James and Wain will take charge from now.</p> <p>m. Volleyball: organisation was good, although fixture release was delayed. Sentiment that IFGs overall were placed too early, which rushed the schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tinesh notes that NUS already trains during the summer and start school earlier. ii. Structurally, Yale-NUS is participating in NUS's event. Yale-NUS will be at disadvantage due to relying on new classes and lack of training over summer (due the number of students that will be out of the country) iii. Discrepancy in regulations: 3 games of 15 points to 25 points. <p>n. Road Relay: training and organisation was smooth. NUS took a long time to confirm the route and create a haze-policy. Captain arbitrariness, same as Dodgeball & Touch Rugby.</p> <p>o. Frisbee : no comment.</p> <p>p. Table-tennis: no comment</p> <p>q. Mind-Sport funding: Can the IFG committee confirm that mind sports can be funded from the Student Organisations for IFGs?</p>	<p>MPH Training Allocation Training times were problematic for Tchoukball.</p> <p><i>James to take charge.</i></p> <p>IFG timing</p>
<p>Feedback on structure of Athletics Council (Sports captains)</p>	<p><u>Feedback on Athletics Council</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprises all sports captains, IFG committee (non-captains of sports to prevent conflict of interest) selected from the council. This may change as James is currently in the midst of restructuring the Athletics Council to be based on appointment system. 2. Athletics Council focuses on organising competitions. 3. Tiered system (exclusion of non-competitive teams in the Athletics Council) is not representative of sports situation in Yale-NUS. 4. Feroz: Unclear whether the new sports will be included. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Tee: How many people were aware of this new athletics council? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Christina: James and Wain have been pushing for a constitution, but the turnout for sports captains hasn't been large enough. 6. Tee: How should we structure the Athletics Council? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Question of division between Athletics Department job-scope and Athletics Council job-scope. b. We should first find out what Wain's role is before we can decide what the Athletics Council should be in charge of c. Basketball (W): Captains are captains (and should focus on playing well rather than administrative burdens). d. Floorball: Athletics Council should step up on responsibility. e. Volleyball: It has become clear that captaincy has an administrative burden. (Supports Floorball.) f. Wain has not been doing his job. But he supports the students. (move down to feedback for AD later) 7. Zach would like it on record that Wain and James said that they would organise tournaments for the basketball team. 8. Athletics Council origin. Floorball (W) question on the origin of Athletics Council. Old Council was selected by Dean Kim. Now defunct. 	
<p>Feedback on Athletics Department (Sports captains)</p>	<p><u>Feedback on Athletics Department</u></p> <p><u>Non-IFG sports</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wakeboarding, Rowing, MMA, Rockclimbing was not in IFGs. 2. Rowing: James is good. He knows rowing. Happy with James and Wain. 3. Wakeboarding: Inter-varsity, polytechnic games. Wakeboarding wants to play. More support if possible. 4. Rock-climbing. Wain and James are sometimes slow - when Rock-climbing got quotations for equipment, Wain took a month to reply. Supplies were sold out by the time YNC could get back to the equipment supplier. Director also wanted 	<p>Very fast comments. Feedback is closed-door.</p> <p>Rock-climbing . Budget problems, administrative</p>

	<p>to take the budget submitted from the starting of club, and this became problematic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Basketball: Unclear what Wain does. James is the one who primarily liaises with students, but he seems very busy. Wain does not seem to make any final decisions, but seems to redirect all questions. 6. Touch rugby: It's gotten to the point where we just talk to James first, not Wain. 7. Jay: What is Wain's job? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dodgeball: Clubs go to James who asks permission from Wain. b. Frisbee: Always goes to Wain and receives support. c. Table Tennis: He's very good at approving budgets. He's very good at emailing faculty with timings. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IFG Committee: has conflicting experiences on the timings. They have kept Wain in the IFG email loops but he has not been keeping up with these updates. d. Tchoukball: Working with Wain and James has been smooth. There has been an improvement since last year in terms of working with Wain. e. Athletics Council: No progress on varsity tournaments, mascots, logos. Feels that these are battles that Wain should be fighting with the senior administration for the students. f. Basketball: question of whether Athletics Department should help out with research for budget or facilitation of budget item proposals. 8. Jared: Have the captains approached other administrative members about problems with Wain? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tinesh has spoken to Dean Kim b. Zach has spoken to everyone in the senior administration 9. Basketball: Athletics Department (Wain & James) has promised to organise tournaments. Although Athletics Council has noted that this has thus far failed to materialise. 	<p>lagtime.</p> <p>Actionable Student Government to query Athletics Department on the specific jobscope of the Athletics Director, in particular what Captains and students may approach AD for.</p> <p>Laundry list of what Athletics Department needs to do Varsity tournament policy for non-IFG teams, mascots, logos.</p>
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		Each sports captain to submit a list of deliverables for Wain to government representatives
Summary of Decided Action (Athletics Council and/or joint action by Athletics Council & Student Government)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow-Up with Wain. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Student Government member will contact Captains to confirm actionables/agenda for Athletics Department, and request a timeline. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IRCGs 2. Feedback on IFG process. 3. Inter-RC games (?) 	
Community Living	<u>Community Living Poll</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poll is troublesome. 2. People are having trouble with the poll, unable to log in 	

Halloween	<p><u>Halloween</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RC4 student has asked for Yale-NUS' involvement in Utown wide Halloween event <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Good for building relations with the rest of Utown 2. Every college will contribute to the budget, we can ask DoS to help with funding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Budget of about \$800 was spent for Halloween event 2 years ago in collaboration with other Utown RCs 3. There will be an internal Halloween event according to David and there is potential to collaborate with Utown college 4. Participation in the Utown-wide Halloween event? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gauge student interest and ask student organisations if they are interested b. Maria thinks that government should scout people for this event and delegate work away from Student Government c. A process similar to committee forming we've had in the past 5. MOTION: Discharge authority over the Halloween event to a select committee originally formed by the government. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Motion passes with unanimous agreement, Ami absent 	DoS Admin Liaisons to give DoS an approximation of the budget
Library	<p><u>Library</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Results of poll on the openness of library <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Not open to non Yale-NUS students: 48 votes b. Open to non Yale- NUS students sometimes: 33 votes c. Always open to non Yale-NUS students: 8 votes 2. Feedback that problem needs to be solved before Mid-terms 3. Close poll by this Friday 4. Current library policy meant as an experiment and want student opinion on library policy 5. Implement system to prevent "choping" of seats 	<p>Dave to close poll by Friday 8PM.</p> <p>Jared will bring matter up to DoS after consulting with Dave about poll numbers</p> <p>Dave to</p>

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