

Date: 16 Sept 2015

Time: 4.00PM-5.00PM

Venue: Elm Dining Hall

Note-Taker: Ami

Presiding Officer: Dave

Attendance: Ami, Bing, Dave, Jay, Yongzhi, Zach, Avery ('19), Fatima ('18), Matthew ('18), Will ('19), Wyin Kok ('19), David ('17), Taha ('19), Narayani ('19), Vasudha ('19)

Present: Ami, Bing, Dave, Yongzhi, Avery ('19), Fatima ('18), Will ('19), Wyin Kok ('19), Clara ('19), Vasudha ('19)

Absent: Jay, Matthew ('18), David ('17), Taha ('19)

Agenda:

- Library Policy drafting (30 mins)
- Community Values discussion (10 mins)
- Arts Council Follow up (10 mins)
- RC^3 Statement Proof Read (5 mins)

Summary:

Agenda	Discussion Points	Action
Library Policy drafting	<p>Issue of overcrowding in library has become a prevalent issue, a lot of onus on us to sort it out before midterms. Dave has already emailed librarians and he has agreed to implement a no-choping policy. However, he did not want the tray idea.</p> <p>Dave will be meeting with the librarians on Friday, Zach to be meeting the President tomorrow to present survey results and policy proposal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should non-YNC students be allowed to use our library? 154 votes 7 % always 39.2% sometimes 52.6% never 	<p>Policy Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent card access to learning commons • Socially enforced Yale-NUS priority during

	<p style="text-align: center;">Rest do not care</p> <p><u>Drafting a policy for library regulation</u></p> <p><u>Suggestions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulations based on times of day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulations based on certain days (e.g ban during midterms) - Regulation in that they can access books but not study spaces - permanent bans - Restrict their access to certain parts of the library (e.g. 24 hr area, group study rooms) - Non YNC students to only be allowed in if accompanied by YNC students <p>Fatima: Very difficult to restrict them from certain areas. If we want them to be accompanied by YNC students, we need a system that cannot be implemented in the short term. Not in favour of full ban at the moment, prefers to try out regulation based on timing</p> <p>Will: Agrees with card-access based method, in that only YNC students have a card. Not necessarily out of line to say until the card system is set up we should ban non-YNC students</p> <p>→ Fatima: How do you enforce that?</p> <p>→ Dave: Student-enforced plan would create massive friction. Could use signs or library authority</p> <p>→ Avery: Thinks it should be a ban for midterms or finals exam. Just posting signs that say this study space is for YNC students during a certain period is best. Saying that we can come to your space but you cannot come to ours could be problematic so appealing to their conscience to let YNC students have the space at certain times would be best.</p> <p>Wyin: Against permanent ban, too hostile. Everything else seems alright. Concern is that non-NUS students with YNC friends, are we going to have to restrict their group size?</p> <p>→ Fatima: Cannot imagine that situation happening</p> <p>→ Bing: Whole uproar will prevent this from happening</p> <p>→ Yongzhi: Our policy is more reactive, and what you are saying is more tangential and I would caution against creating a policy for that now. Let us not be too drastic</p>	<p>mid-terms and finals period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non-Yale-NUS may not use the meeting rooms ● Making current fire alarm door not a fire alarm door. Either open or by card access.
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Clara: Feels strongly about restricting usage of study rooms (read: in support of the idea of restricting access to these rooms by non-YNC students)

→ Dave: Paper-based booking being removed, booking has moved online

2. Should non-YNC students be able to use the study rooms if they are not booked?

148 votes

7.4% always

25% sometimes

4.1% don't care

63.5% never

Zach: Agrees with card system but concern is how does this work during the day? NUS students are supposed to be able to have access to the books

→ Dave: There has been a suggestion for this, which is by Han. The suggestion is to follow how we borrow books from NUS or Yale, which is to go through faculty or a system to borrow a book and then it gets delivered to you. (Yale-NUS students can only borrow from NUS or Yale through faculty, currently)

Another suggestion is to have the library locked only after a certain time.

→ Fatima: Would this encourage chopping?

→ Dave: Not with the new no-chopping policy

Clara: Does not think the rooms should be available to non-YNC students even if no one has booked them, YNC students should have priority

→ Wyin agrees

→ Avery does not have a problem with NUS students using our space. however, since the vast majority of students do not want them there and that we are representatives, we have to listen to that.

→ Will: Not an equal two way street because an influx of NUS students would be harder for us to handle as compared to the other side of the coin.

What do we think about being able to kick out non-YNC students if you have booked the room?

→ Yongzhi: There may be competing bookings

→ NUS students are not able to book rooms

→ Fatima thinks it should be card-based, rather than by saying we have booked a room in order to keep non-YNC students out.
→ NUS card system and YNC card system have no overlap

Book-sharing system: NUS students wanting to use our books. How do we facilitate this if we close off the library?
→ Fatima: They should be able to have access to our library, but not sure how this is possible if we limit their access. If we could have the books they request sent to their library, this could be a compromise
→ Will agrees with Fatima
→ Avery thinks they should be able to come in and get books
→ If we let NUS students in during library hours, it solves the problem because after library hours they cannot borrow books anyway
→ Wyin: Sending books over not a long term solution because of logistical and manpower issues. Clara and Vasudha agrees, but wonders if they have to access the learning commons to borrow books?
→ Zach adds that ideally the library should be open to them but the study spaces should only be for us, even during the day. How to implement this is difficult to think of, and would probably fall on us asking them if they “go here”
→ Will asked Elm RCAC for opinions. Aaron and Erika think NUS students should be banned.

Card access to Learning Commons:

- When?
- What does this mean

→ Vasudha thinks the card access to learning commons should be 24/7 because there are other spaces in the library area for them to use. Problem is that the door by the cargo lift can be opened currently without using a card.

Everyone agreeable to proposing policy/proposal of:

- 1. having permanent card access for Learning Commons**
- 2. Having the library closed off during midterms and finals periods**
- 3. Not allowing non-YNC students to use group study rooms**
- 4. Making fire alarm door facing Elm and Saga NOT a fire alarm door**

Community Values discussion	<p>Saga, Elm and Cendana gates issues to be tabled.</p> <p><u>Honour Code</u> -Results are in favour of Student Government guiding the conversation for an honour code</p>	<p>Student Govt to work on a process of guiding the Honour Code conversation</p>
Arts Council Follow up	<p><u>Arts Council follow-up</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dave has collated a list of Arts groups and societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VAS (Visual Arts) - Filmmakers - Photography - SYNCD (Dance) - Fifth Wall (drama and theatre) - YNC Singers Guild - Lit Collective - Comedy Conglomerate (Improv) <p>Govt to allocate POCs for each</p> <p><u>RC^3 follow-up</u> -Student Government statement on housing policy → Where can we find the housing policy information? Bing thinks it is not formally written down anywhere. → Can be rephrased as saying this is a directive from DoS, as suggested by Yongzhi and Fatima</p>	<p>Jared to follow up with DoS, Dave to get in touch with Jared on this</p>
RC^3 Statement Proof Read	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to feedback and in line with Dean of Students guidelines, the Student Government would like to remind students to not enter suites without permission from a member of that suite, as it is in violation of student privacy. This goes for both individual students and for student organisation activities. Thank you. -The Yale-NUS Student Government. 	<p>Admin Liaison system to change to Head of Committees</p>
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Agenda for our next meeting:

- Saga and Elm gates

Reminders/ Updates