

**Date:** 28 Sept 2015

**Time:** 6.30PM-8.30PM

**Venue:** Elm Dining Hall Anteroom

**Note-Taker:** Yongzhi

**Presiding Officer:** Jay

**Attendance:** Bing, Zach, Qis, Dave, Yongzhi, Feroz, Tee, Maria, Ami, Jay, Jared

**Present:** Bing, Zach, Qis, Dave, Yongzhi, Feroz, Tee, Maria, Ami, Jay, Jared, Jon Ho, Adam Goh, DF Daniel, Shiun Jian, Subhas Nair, Chee Yeow, Kavya Gopal, Han Chong

**Absent:**

**Agenda:**

- Library Crowding Update
- General Assembly
  - Dave's idea
- New budget
- Updates from DOS
- Inter-class sharing
- Admin Liaison
- Athletics written summary
- Graduation questions for the whole government

**Summary:**

Agenda	Discussion Points	Action
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Library Crowding Update

### Question of Library Space Usage

1. Library has implemented 10-minute policy (personal belongings can be left unattended for a maximum of 10-minutes), and library staff have placed signs to remind users.
2. At peak hours (between 7PM and 10PM on weekdays, library closing hours on weekends), there is high user traffic by non-YNC students.
3. DOS has suggested that the Student Government book classrooms as alternative study spaces that will be exclusive to students. These can be booked for individual colleges (eg Saga in Classroom 7, Cendana in Classroom 17).
4. Community Living committee (comprising Stugov members, RCAC members, and Public Reps) has crafted a **Library Report**, submitted to the Head Librarian and ERT on 19 Sep.
  - a. Making the 24 hour Study Area Yale-NUS exclusive by installing card access machines to the entrance and to the interior door, which seals when the library closes;
  - b. Putting up signs requesting that non Yale-NUS students use other study spaces during time periods leading up to midterms and finals, until this system can be introduced;
  - c. Making the meeting rooms Yale-NUS exclusive;
  - d. And converting the fire door on level 2 of the library, facing Elm, into an entrance.
5. ERT and Head Librarian want to keep library as open as possible while ensuring that Yale-NUS student has priority to spaces. They are not for the idea of an outright ban unless necessary.
6. Student concerns: security, study space, suggestion of card access.
  - a. View that YNC study space should not be open to non-YNC personnel, but library resources should still be made available to them. Suggestion for these library resources to be reserved using an online portal and non Yale-NUS students come down physically to collect them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. View that YNC space is insufficient to cater to non-YNC personnel. Suggestion that the study space in Library should be a “student commons.”</li> <li>c. Dave: 24-hour study space should be YNC exclusive, outside of library opening hours. Card access is currently in the works.</li> <li>d. View that other UTown colleges’ ‘libraries’ are not comparable because they are similar to our common lounges and not our library.</li> <li>e. Suggestion for a guestbook for visitors, that helps monitor traffic and improve accountability. Problem of weak enforceability.</li> <li>f. Student Government report has recommended that student learning commons be card-access only. Initial design envisioned YNC students taking books into the learning commons, which thus made it open.</li> <li>g. Question of doors open to non-YNC students if the 24-hour study space is card-access only: door via Wellness Center, door from ground floor, and (eventually) fire-alarm door at Elm.</li> <li>h. Qis (as student-librarian) : there already exists an inter-library loan system accessible by faculty only. If we want to keep the 24-hr study space YNC-exclusive and card-access only, does this mean locking the door from Wellness Center?</li> <li>i. Jared : what is the status of YNC library? Qis : we are considered a NUS library and therefore it should be kept open.</li> </ul> <p>7. <b>MOTION (Passed)</b>: This house believes that 24-hour learning commons space should be prohibited to non-Yale-NUS students.  <b>(Area delineated by the cabinets)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. YES: Ami, Dave, Jared, Jay, Qistina, Tee, Yongzhi, Zach</li> <li>b. NO: Bing, Feroz, Maria</li> <li>c. ABSTAIN:</li> </ul> <p>8. Question of no-votes. (1) Less strict restrictions are possible; (2) relations with NUS; (3) openness on principle</p>	
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	<p>9. <b>MOTION (Failed)</b>: This house believes that the entire library space (ground floor and 1st floor) should be prohibited to non-Yale-NUS students. (NUS students will still have book-borrowing rights.)</p> <p>a. YES : Zach</p> <p>b. NO : Ami, Bing, Dave (with rights), Feroz, Jared, Jay (with rights), Maria, Qis (with rights) Yongzhi</p> <p>c. ABSTAIN : Tee</p> <p>10. Dave : relations with NUS; overcrowding issue is already dealt with by previous motion; restrictions can be strengthened in future if need be.</p> <p>11. Jay : insufficient evidence to justify strengthened policy</p> <p>12. Qis : presently, no one is using the ground floor, ∴ no space crunch.</p> <p>13. Tee : Inherent contradiction that Yale-NUS is an autonomous college but our library is an NUS library. Therefore, a decision cannot be made.</p> <p>14. <b>Group Study Rooms</b>. They cannot be booked by NUS students. Some of the difficulty in booking lies in the question of entitlement - who is entitled to use these rooms? - as well as the logistics behind booking raised earlier. (The booking issue has been found to be false- there is immediate approval for bookings of group study spaces.)</p> <p>15. Concern about moving personal belongings that are taking up study space. Tee's suggestion that we can ask librarians to move the items.</p> <p>16. <b>MOTION (Passed)</b>: This house believes that the group study rooms should be prohibited to non-Yale-NUS students at all times. (even when they are not booked and/or when no one is using them)</p> <p>a. YES : Bing, Jared, Maria, Qis, Zach</p> <p>b. NO : Jay (with rights)</p> <p>c. ABSTAIN : Ami, Dave, Feroz, Yongzhi, Tee</p> <p>17. Jay : rude, already have a booking system</p> <p>18. Maria : easier to implement a rule</p> <p>19. Tee : separation of floors doctrine (corollary to Maria argument)</p> <p>20. Qis : problem of enforcement (Maria says this is why she votes YES)</p>	<p><b>Dave</b> will chase ERT &amp; Head Librarian.</p> <p><b>Jay and Jared</b> will raise results of SG vote to VP(Admin) TTY</p>
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	<p>21. Daniel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ivy leagues have openness policy</li> <li>b. In New Haven people can enter libraries with time restrictions</li> <li>c. Yale undergraduates can't enter graduate spaces after certain times</li> <li>d. Caveat: Yale does have more spaces. Also overcrowding may still be an issue even with restriction</li> <li>e. Can't let a policy hide the rudeness. It may also come across as more rude and harmful for relations.</li> </ol>	
General Assembly	<p><u>Idea for General Assembly</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We need to host two general assemblies</li> <li>2. Dave's suggested General Assembly on Yale-NUS' identity in relation to Yale and NUS. Invite NUS Students. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dave is in contact with other UTown members and can spread the news.</li> <li>b. Involve DFs and maybe even P.S. We Care.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Concern that NUS students may witness heated discourse among Yale-NUS students that may not necessarily be very pleasant. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. May not be a problem if moderation is done well</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. IPA<sub>TEE</sub>: General Assembly on question of Identity. IPNA<sub>TEE</sub>: open invitation to Yale and NUS students.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Events and Identity</b> to meet and discuss the plan for General Assembly.</p>
New budget	<p><u>Budget</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Removed Polo Tee shirts and website items.</li> <li>2. Removed funding for academic focus groups and misc.</li> <li>3. Reduced funding for publicity (<math>P_{\text{poster}}</math> falls from \$20 to \$6, thus allowing for a shifted budget constraint to hit the same indifference curve)</li> <li>4. Removed weekly update as it has been shifted to website. But note that Tee is interested in the money.</li> <li>5. Welcome Tea with the Athletics Council &amp; welfare.</li> <li>6. Welfare : \$20 per person. Feroz wants 6 Al-amaans. Next Student Government</li> </ol>	

	<p>may get less money if we spend too much on ourselves (functionalist/utilitarian argument).</p> <p>7. 2 inter-class sharing sessions, where JSF will unite. Bing suggests converting into 2nd General Assembly.</p>	
Updates from DOS	<p><u>DOS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Library : DOS says it's not them.</li> <li>2. UTown Halloween : DOS says sure, give us a proposal. \$800~\$1000 is estimated budget; Rectors might help fund food. This event will be <b>alcohol-free</b>.</li> <li>3. Dave: there will be UTown-wide event, and the money will be spent on Yale-NUS spaces. There will be a separate, YNC-exclusive Halloween mixer.</li> <li>4. Students entering suites : use good judgment. Lock your suites. Policy is that students cannot enter rooms, but 'rooms' is ambiguous.</li> <li>5. Tee notes that school has magical master key. And if VR or R has unlocked suite, can we just go in anytime? Idea of <i>consistency</i> on policy.</li> <li>6. DOS will have alcohol training for hosts and servers. Alcohol: good to meet costs, not good to sell for profit, DOS money cannot go into alcohol, use of RC space needs approval by Rectors, cannot walk around campus with alcohol but can host event with alcohol.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Dave</b> to poll student body on suite privacy.</p>
Inter-class sharing	<p><u>Postponed to next meeting.</u></p>	

Admin Liaison	<u>Postponed to next meeting.</u>	
Athletics written summary	<u>Athletics.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send a report to PL about problems with Athletics.</li> <li>2. Feroz has completed the Wain laundry list.</li> </ol>	
Graduation questions for the whole government	<u>Graduation.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Commencement speaker will cost approximately S\$100,000. PL is of the view that we do not need a commencement speaker.</li> <li>4. Faculty and staff have gowns. Students may need gowns.</li> <li>5. Next year, YNC will have a team of consultants look through all the logos and designs.</li> <li>6. Where should graduation be held for Class of 2017? <b>Not MPH.</b></li> <li>7. RC dinners: Class of 2017 reps find that there is minimal classroom bonding.</li> <li>8. Graduation is tentatively scheduled for 12 May 2017. This is right before the Yale commencement.</li> <li>9. Shangri'La ? Mdm Kwok ? Governing Board ? Call in favour ?</li> </ol>	<b>Identity</b> will look into these questions.

**Agenda for our next meeting:**

- Admin liaison
- Inter-Class Sharing

**Reminders/ Updates**