

**Date:** 19 Aug 2016

**Time:** 6:15-7pm

**Venue:** Saga Anteroom

**Note-Taker:** Isaac **Speaker:** Ross

**Attendance:** Aadit, Ross, Adam , Annette,, Scott, Regina, Izzy, Isaac (late, with apologies), Joceline, Keith, Dee

**Observers:** Zhicong, Tee Zhuo

**Absent:** Meredith (Semester Abroad)

1. Administrative Things (5 minutes)
  - a. Deputy Speaker: Ross
  - b. Logistics**
  - c. External Communications**
2. Presidential Search Committee things (5 minutes)
  - a. How did the meetings go, any further action
3. CIPE Report (15 minutes)
  - a. Financial aid part
4. Project/Portfolio updates ( 30 minutes)
  - a. President ( 10 Minutes)
    - i. Updates, reminders
    - ii. ERT needs volunteers to test student portal
  - b. Vice President ( 10 minutes)
    - i. Constitutional Amendment
  - c. **Academics** ( 3 minutes)
    - i. Updates, if any
  - d. **Student life** ( 3 minutes)
    - i. Updates, if any
    - ii. Mascot process with PA

- iii. Graduation Committee over the Summer
- e. **Events** ( 3 minutes)
  - i. Updates, if any
- f. **Budget** ( 3 Minutes)
  - i. Updates, if any
- g. **Student orgs** ( 3 minutes)
  - i. Updates, if any
- h. **Athletics** ( 3 minutes)
  - i. Updates, if any
- 5. Other (5 minutes)
  - a. As needed
- 6. Feedback updates (News around campus, new projects) (10-20 minutes)
  - a. by portfolio when necessary
- 7. Next Agenda (5 minutes)

Date: August 26, 7pm

**Summary:**

In this meeting, the Council discussed its meeting with members of the Governing Board on the Presidential Search where members had the chance to raise issues such as the lack of sufficient courses in certain majors and internet access capabilities, in addition to points discussed last week. The Council also voted unanimously to amend a clause in the Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, Clause 5, to allow voting for elections to be done on personal computers on CANVAS, in addition to voting booths. This will make it easier for those on study abroad to vote, and also ease the logistical burden for the committee. Also discussed was the CIPE feedback report, status of the school mascot, and graduation committee discussions.

Agenda	Discussion Point	Actions taken
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administrative Things (5 minutes)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Deputy Speaker: Ross</li> <li><b>b. Logistics</b></li> <li><b>c. External Communications</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Presidential Search Committee things (5 minutes)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How did the meeting go, any further action                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Regina: We were able to raise all the points discussed during the Student Council meeting, and some more -- Internet access capabilities, how some majors like Psychology lack enough courses and students going to NUS have found themselves unable to take courses there.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. CIPE Report (15 minutes)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ross gave an overview of the CIPE report, based on feedback collected in March 2016. It is grouped by feedback on programme offerings, application and decision timelines, and communications. Full report will be on the Student Govt website when it has been submitted to CIPE.</li> <li>b. Regina: Not too confident of submitting the feedback on financial aid policies because the feedback seems inconclusive and it's hard to say if it is true that some students are getting less aid/it's not fairly distributed. Necessary to have some opaqueness in finaid policy, I think. Does anyone have experience with CIPE financial aid?</li> <li>c. General agreement that there is not enough certainty on feedback about CIPE finaid</li> <li>d. Ross: Let's remove it then. Moving forward, I will send an email to Dean Craig and arrange to meet her with Regina or Scott.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Project/Portfolio updates ( 30 minutes)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. President ( 10 Minutes)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Updates, reminders</li> <li>ii. ERT needs volunteers to test student portal, 10 people. It's on grouping functions like add/drop courses, checking the dining hall menu, in an intuitive way. Let's be helpful.</li> <li>iii. Everyone in Council to drop by IT Development Office (beside Programme Room 1 in the library, Level 1) 9am - 6pm, between 24 August. Let's get this done before the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>b. Vice President ( 10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Constitutional Amendment to change Article VI, Section 3, Clause 5 to allow voting for elections through personal computers rather than require everyone to use the voting booths.</li> <li>ii. Tee: Rationale for using iPads in voting booths was to prevent people from influencing each other when voting,</li> <li>iii. Scott: The risk of being influenced before one enters the voting booth doesn't seem significantly different.</li> <li>iv. Scott: Risks of allowing people to use personal computers - people using others' accounts to commit fraud votes, influencing each other, students not taking classes voting - doesn't appear worth the trouble of getting iPads and restricting voting to booths.</li> <li>v. Scott: We will still have voting booths in the dining halls, but there will only be 1 laptop and people can vote there or online.</li> <li>vi. A proposed amendment such that the student body can vote within their own rooms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The amendment would now read: The student body will vote using a secure voting platform.</li> <li>2. Motion to adopt the proposed amendment: 11 for, 0 against. The motion passes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
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c. **Academics** ( 3 minutes)

- i. Updates, if any
- ii. **Student life** ( 3 minutes)
- iii. Updates, if any
- iv. Mascot process with PA
  1. Dee: Been working with PA over the summer, giving feedback on the designs as they are finalised to the design agency. PA wants me to continue working with them even after my term in the Student Government ends. At most the design process will take until the end of this semester. Does anyone think this is a problem?
  2. Izzy: What is a more uncertain prospect is that there are issues raised against the proposed mascot design which would hamper the choice of mascot. How about you join the Student Life standing committee?
  3. Dee: Not keen for one year commitment
  4. Regina: I think this is fine but if there is negative feedback from students on the mascot design, PA can't really say that they continued to work with the Student Govt on this, since technically you won't be part of the Student Govt for the rest of the sem.
  5. Regina: I don't think it is that important to say that PA worked with student feedback on the whole process really; it's fine if students just had a say in the mascot choice and not a representative say in the final design.
  6. Keith: The next government can receive and handle feedback as per necessary.

7. Dee: If the next student government wants to have a say in the final mascot design, I think it should be fine for them to join and work with me and PA.

v. Graduation Committee over the Summer

1. Dee: Meetings over the summer have been a bit slow, with only one meeting. But perhaps the pace will pick up over the coming semester. One example of a potential problem is that the colours being chosen for the gowns used are being discussed. Should they be the same colours as NUS?
2. Dee: WRT Space, the graduation space would have to be at the UCC.
3. Regina: We shouldn't let the issue of whether we are NUS/distinguishing ourselves from NUS dominate the discussion for graduation. It's been four years. As long as the graduation ceremony is fun, then the graduation ceremony should be good.
4. Dee: Potentially, a going away party could be planned for the graduating class.

d. **Events** ( 3 minutes)

i. Updates, if any

1. Annette: There will be 2 more events: a candidate forum on Aug 25 (Thurs) and a presidential candidate forum on Sep 5 (Mon).

e. **Budget** ( 3 Minutes)

i. Updates, if any

f. **Student orgs** ( 3 minutes)

i. Updates, if any

g. **Athletics** ( 3 minutes)

i. Updates, if any

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Izzy: Wain (Associate Director in Athletics Office) has left. There are now two other staff in the Athletics office including Li Ling.</li><li>2. Jocie: Wellness, health and sports are coming together under one banner in the DoS office</li></ol> <p>5. Other (5 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. As needed</li></ol> <p>6. Feedback updates (News around campus, new projects) (10-20 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. by portfolio when necessary<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Jocie: Replied the feedback on bins but haven't gotten a response.</li><li>ii. Ross: Replied feedback on science majors.</li><li>iii. Regina: Feedback on Consulting and whether they have a screening process. Have clarified with Paren that they don't have a screening process, the form is just to collect info to plan for their trainings. However feedback was anonymous so we can't reply the person.</li></ol></li><li>b. Next Agenda (5 minutes)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Date: August 26, 7pm</li><li>ii. Tee: Are there procedures handover for the incoming government?</li><li>iii. Regina: Yes, to be discussed at the next meeting.</li><li>iv. Scott: 9th September is when the new government takes over.</li><li>v. Regina: 2nd September is when the new council is voted in. So the handover could be done then?</li><li>vi. Dee: Handover might be better done after the President/Vice President is voted in, 9th September</li><li>vii. Regina: Points for handover to be prepared. Let's go out for a dinner on 2nd September then! So we have one final meeting next week to talk about stuff including handover, then a farewell dinner, and on Sep 9 we meet the new govt for handover.</li></ol></li></ol>	
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