

**Date:** 23 Nov 2016

**Time:** 16:00-17:30

**Venue:** Classroom 14

**NoteTaker:** Michael and Shardul

**Speaker:** Scott

**Attendance:** Saza, Glen, Stinson, Logan, Shardul, Avery, Brandon, Sunny, Aditya, Izzah, Scott, Ana, Hebe, Michael, Sara, Timo, Nirali, Avery, Izzah Haziqah Haris (30 minutes late), Aditya Karkera (Late)

**Judiciary Representatives:** None

**Absent:** Stinson Shi, Timo Lim

**Next meeting:** 23 Nov 2016

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Actionables</b>
Recap of Minutes	<p>Scott: There are administrative functions that we need to discuss. I will recap what happened in the past.</p> <p>Glen: Does someone wants to take over me for Liaison for Arts?</p> <p>Sunwoo: I volunteer.</p> <p>Scott: Does everyone agree that Sunwoo should become the new liaison to arts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Yes: Saza, Glen, Stinson, Logan, Shardul, Avery, Brandon, Sunny, Aditya, Izzah, Scott, Ana, Hebe, Michael, Sara, Timo, Nirali, Avery</li></ul> <p>Glen: Joceline (Class of 2018, former Government Member) will be my co-chair for the next by-elections. Nominations will happen all the way up to winter break. The first week of classes will be campaign season. Finally, the election will take place the second week of classes. We will release this information in a full By-Elections Committee document.</p>	<p><b>Avery</b> to send Judiciary the motion</p> <p><b>Nirali</b> to apply for community events funding for the Arts</p>

<p>Administrative Tasks</p>	<p>Saza: Aditya wants to change the title of his directorship from Budget to Finance.</p> <p><b>Scott: I motion to change the name of portfolio Director of Budget to Director of Finance so as to encapsulate the other work that the Director will be doing as well - forming a budget committee to decide budgets for student organisations and so on.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes: Saza, Glen, Stinson, Logan, Shardul, Avery, Brandon, Sunny, Aditya, Izzah, Scott, And, Michael, Sara, Timo, Nirali, Avery</li> <li>- No: None</li> <li>- Abstain: Hebe</li> </ul> <p>Avery: We should consider amending the constitution to better account for who is in the by-election committee. What if next year we do not have any resignees who are willing to run the by-elections committee? We should work it out what we should do for by-elections next semester.</p> <p>Glen: We might get completely random people to run if you don't plan it well. That is the reason why we have student council members run the by-election.</p> <p>Saza: We could have a constitutional amendment made to address this. Additionally, Avery and I are going to initiate a Cabinet reshuffle after the by-election next semester. Let us know if you want to be moved to another portfolio or if you want to stay in your current assignment.</p> <p>Glen: I came up with an attendance sheet, recording Student Council absences and tardies, as of last week. For the most part, attendance has been very sad. Congratulate: Avery, Hebe, Sara, Saza, and me for showing up for all the meetings. There still are number of unreported absences</p>	
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	<p>and these become problematic. Unexplained absences are unconstitutional; if you miss 1/3 of the meetings there are grounds to impeach you. Two of our members have missed 1/3 of meetings and therefore may be impeached.</p> <p>Glen: Your absence will be counted as unexcused if you do not tell me the reason for your absence <i>before</i> the absence occurs.</p> <p>Saza: I want to congratulate you all on the things you have done well. This government is more visible than previous governments, and students seem have more positive view of the government nowadays. Student life and Athletics really stepped up their game and highlighted the role of student government in a positive way. Student Organizations is also extremely responsive in approving student groups and assigning budget.</p>	
<p>Academics</p>	<p>Shardul: We started out with meeting with the previous director. We talked about existing issues that he had in the college. In addition, we will not have a problem with DDP students right now because we have enough space in the college to house them. We had a meeting with the CIPE SAC</p> <p>Avery: Do you have weekly meetings with CIPE SAC? Regular contact is the best.</p> <p>Shardul: There was an idea that CIPE SAP could have lunch hours.</p> <p>Saza: We should work with the Dean of Faculty to engage faculty in conversations on mental wellness.</p>	<p>CIPE survey will be released next semester</p> <p><b>Timo</b> and <b>Shardul</b> will make an action plan for academics for the next semester.</p>
<p>Athletics</p>	<p>Brandon: I have received feedback that the gym should be open over the December break. I agree; I feel that there should be a place for the students to work out if they come back from break early. This is especially relevant since ICGs are in early January. In addition,</p>	<p><b>Brandon</b> to continue working on extending gym hours and releasing more information</p>

	<p>the gym is working on extending opening hours from 12am-2am. This should go into effect next semester.</p> <p>Saza: Next semester, in order to accurately track how many students are using the gym after midnight, users will be asked to sign in a log book.</p> <p>Brandon: Athletics dinner was good. It was a milestone for the school. Dean Bridges seemed quite pleased.</p> <p>There will be a document that will be created about how funding for school athletics teams is allocated. This will include who decides the funding allocations and the criteria involved in splitting up athletics funding.</p> <p>Logan: I heard from Evan that the funding for various sports depends on how well your team does and the attendance. I think this doesn't have a lot of student feedback on it.</p> <p>Brandon: Information on funding - there will be a base funding given to each team, about 2000 dollars. About 5% of funding will be based on performance and attendance respectively.</p> <p>Sara: When do you plan to release the funding allocation guide? To give some context: for the past two years not a lot of funding was given to athletics teams. When Li Ling was added to the staff, she made a huge inventory of sports needs and bought a bunch of extra supplies.</p> <p>Brandon: The athletics department does not know how much budget will be allocated until the 9th of December. We need to have an idea of how much money we have as a lump sum before we allocate the funds to certain sporting teams.</p> <p>Saza: Are you the one handling the disbursement to the students?</p>	<p>about funding process</p>
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	<p>Brandon: DOS and Li Ling will run funds directly into athletics team.</p> <p>Hebe: What is your feedback format?</p> <p>Brandon: I receive feedback through the student government feedback portal; I can also hear feedback during the Athletics Council/Captain’s meeting.</p>	
Events	<p>Nirali: The faculty appreciation day timeline has been uploaded to the Student Government Google Drive. The new proposal for the retreat was also uploaded. All of you are expected to be there at the retreat on January 21. We will be kayaking, planning what we will do next semester, and working on communication skills in general.</p> <p>Glen: The way I have planned the by-elections timeline, new members will be elected by 20th, so they can attend the retreat on the 21st.</p> <p>Nirali: We can let them know about the retreat beforehand. Excitement.</p>	<p><b>Nirali</b> to finalise and confirm activities for retreat</p>
Budget	<p>Aditya: I have created a detailed budget resolution. This deletes the previous budget, which the previous government outlined. In its place, we will present our own budget to DOS. The proposal also explains why we have expanded our budget this semester. This proposal can be found here:  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LkFPsVC64-cWKts8MdtpjLj9UlbRi4hgK8cLtThXD8c/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LkFPsVC64-cWKts8MdtpjLj9UlbRi4hgK8cLtThXD8c/edit</a></p> <p>Saza: I motion to repeal the Stipend Proposal, which had previously allotted financial aid funding for student government members who had financial need. All those in favor of repealing, vote “Yes;” those opposed to repealing, vote “No.”</p> <p>- Yes: Saza, Stinson, Logan, Avery,</p>	<p><b>Aditya</b> to send Budget Resolution and reasons for repealing the Stipend Proposal to the Judiciary.</p>

	<p>Brandon, Sunny, Aditya, Izzah, Scott, Ana, Hebe, Michael, Sara, Timo, Nirali, Avery, Izzah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No: None</li> <li>- Abstain: Shardul, Glen</li> </ul>	
<p>Student Life</p>	<p>Sara: YAPAC is dissatisfied with how we have handled Meatless Mondays. Based on the student life survey, we want to ease the student body into Meatless Mondays by 1) giving the SATs chef more time to design a high quality vegetarian dinner and 2) only having Meatless Monday in one dining hall at first.</p> <p>Avery: So why is YAPAC dissatisfied?</p> <p>Sara: YAPAC wanted it to be it with all three dining halls but SATs would have problem managing that. They also feel that they have been left out of the loop, and that Student Government is intruding where we don't belong.</p> <p>Sara: Other than that I am working on everything else.</p> <p>Glen: On the mental health taskforce-- it might break off from the student government and exist on its own. Alex is drafting a proposal for this. They want to separate due to the transient nature of the student government; further, the taskforce wants to work on the long term plans. It is possible that the Mental Health Taskforce will report directly to Wellness, just like PS We Care.</p> <p>Nirali: If you report directly to wellness, won't that raise a conflict of interest, especially if the Mental Health Taskforce is critiquing some aspects of Wellness?</p> <p>Glen: PS We Care is directly under Wellness,</p>	<p>Continue dialogue with YAPAC and DoS on Meatless Mondays.</p>

	<p>but that essentially means we get our funding from Wellness. There hasn't been a conflict in our vision, goals, or methods of critiquing.</p>	
External Communications	<p>Hebe: I can't make the Student Council emails "opt out" yet, because the VRs and Student Services have not replied to me on how to do this.</p> <p>Glen: Are we putting up posters this week?</p> <p>Hebe: There will not be many people on campus next week, so let's resume the posters next semester. Let's increase visibility on the Facebook page by posting updates on student government members' activities and travels over the holidays.</p> <p>Saza: 100 words and pictures is good for publicity.</p>	<p>We are making a post on the Facebook through <b>Hebe</b> about what council members are up to during the break.</p>
Logistics	<p>Michael: I will be resigning from my position as the Director of Logistics. Next semester my position will be filled by another Student Government member.</p> <p>Avery: This will be determined by the Cabinet Reshuffle early next semester.</p>	
Student Organizations	<p>Ana: We wrote our rationale for why we will not be posting minutes.</p> <p>Saza: Did you send it to the judiciary?</p> <p>Ana. We wanted to show it to the student government first. We are going to make a document about how to set up an org and also set up an FAQ page. This is a report we drew up for not publishing our minutes. <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KdcnV3u9qjZexPPa5-FLi51J2hFY3aNGOBCPmA7qoxY/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KdcnV3u9qjZexPPa5-FLi51J2hFY3aNGOBCPmA7qoxY/edit</a></p> <p>Aditya: I think that there should be two committees related to student organizations</p>	<p><b>Ana</b> to email Zoe Peters.</p> <p><b>Avery</b> to examine constitutionality of having one/two committees for Student Orgs funding.</p>

funding.

- 1) To recognize student organizations and outline initial budgeting
- 2) To assign budget for already existing student organizations

I think that this is too much work for one committee. The Student Organizations committee already has a lot to deal with. Further, this is what the Constitution seems to suggest.

Ana: Having two committees is inefficient and inconsistent; I move that Aditya and I co-chair one larger committee.

Avery: From what I heard last year, when there were two separate committees, there was a lot of confusion and an excess of bureaucracy.

Ana: I think we can have the same group of people allocating budget to the existing and a new committee. The committee can handle two actionables so it would not be unconstitutional.

Glen: In terms of constitutionality, is this an issue?

Ana: No.

Aditya: Yes.

Avery: Okay, I will look at the Constitution, and we can have a further conversation on the constitutionality of having one committee. If it is a problem, remember that we can always amend the Constitution after some discussion.

Ana: Next semester, we are also having a cleaning up party in the student orgs room. We will tell each org to nominate one member to help clean the Student Orgs room. Student Orgs can “rent” as many storage tubs as they desire. Renting space will provide accountability, but groups won’t be excluded



	<p>from renting space on a financial basis; student orgs will be given money back when budget is allocated.</p>	
<p>Liaisons</p>	<p>Glen: The Infra Town Hall was poorly attended. Further, we also got contradictory information regarding the channel of communication between the Dean of Students office and Infra.</p> <p>Glen: When I leave, Brandon will take over as Liaison to Infrastructure.</p> <p>Glen: Sunwoo will be taking over as Liaison to Arts &amp; Media. There is talk about a festival happening next semester. The Tembusu music festival will definitely happen next semester. Arts now has its own website where all the performances will be posted.</p> <p>Avery: The Crest is coming along. I am working on putting it on tote bags.</p> <p>Hebe: Feedback to use more blue tack on the student government posters.</p>	