

Date : 1 Feb 2017
Note Taker : Avery

Time : 20:00- 21:00

Venue : CR 14
Speaker : Scott

Attendance: Sunwoo, Hebe, Shardul, Scott, Avery, Saza, Aditya, Matthew

Absent: Nirali (excused), Ana (excused), Clin (excused)

Judiciary Representatives: Patrick

| Topics | Discussion points | Actionables |
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| President updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Semester 2 Actionables: Brandon, Stinson, Aditya to write actionables (overdue) - Update on Student Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students unsure as to what the role of Student Services is. It is a physical + virtual resource center for students - For instance, if you want to drop a module, and don't know where the form is → refer to them through their email or website - We should tell the student body about them - Brandon: They are very responsive and helpful, make use of them!!!! I use them for everything - Student Portal - Website: https://students.yale-nus.edu.sg/ - Email: studenthelp@yale-nus.edu.sg - Office Hours: Saza disappointed in lack of responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring boxes to meeting to exchange - Today no office hours in Cendana or Saga - Where are the three boxes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One with Aditya - One with Nirali (?) - One with Shardul - Hebe: Office hours feel pointless. - Sunwoo: Agreed, but we need to make an appearance. - Izzah: Make it once a month? - Matthew: Large events may be more effective | <p>Brandon, Stinson, Aditya to write Semester 2 actionables</p> |
| Student Life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Healthcare and Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with Public and Global Health Alliance - Insurance listening session: 1 March 2017 12-1pm, Cendana Anteroom - Insurance agents are coming! | <p>Attend insurance listening session 1 March 2017 12-1pm in Cendana</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student life survey: 83% of students have little to no knowledge of their health insurance - Freshmen given booklet on Student Health Insurance information, but not very accessible→ Saza working on a pamphlet too - Honor Code <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town Hall to publicize - Reach out to RCs to help draft Honour Code - Constitution- Election Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make it more difficult to enter into government - Will be forming a committee - Noise level from UTown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerts - Saza met the NUSSU President, will get schedule for performances - We can't ask them to stop having performances...but we can at least post a schedule - RFP Claims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student request to put online - Saza to meet with Kristen Lynas next week - Feedback: Sexual Health at Yale-NUS College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saza met with D to discuss consent talks, etc - Anecdotal evidence of sexual assault involving Yale-NUS students - UHC sexual health services are inadequate - Frame as sexual health survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services offered on and off campus - Assault - Positive and negative sexual experiences - Matthew: combining with academics survey? - Hebe: I think it is better to have a short separate survey. What are we advocating for once we get this information? - Saza: Kind of like mental health taskforce, now branching off as own student organization. - Hebe: ...but what would this organization do? What new policies we want enacted? - Saza: Sexual Assault policy on campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-disciplinary mediation - Disciplinary action- survivor wants perpetrator to be taken to task - Police report - What exactly do we want to change? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saza: Destigmatization | <p>anteroom</p> <p>Hebe to publicize this</p> <p>Town Hall on Honour Code and Election Reform Wed 8 Feb 8pm LT1</p> <p>Student Government members to read up on sexual health policies and to think about ways we wanna move forward with this</p> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avery: ...and then what? | |
| External Comms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government WhatsApp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hebe- we would have to keep this up - This would only provide interface with one person, versus the entire government - Saza- do we need or want this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is private - Hard to monitor to keep us accountable - We already have feedback form, office hours, email... - Aditya- issue with keeping records. We are obligated to release all communications - Matthew- would create unrealistic expectations for response time. We are not a 24-hour on call number. We aren't Infra or Security. Do people really need instant response from Student Government? 24 hour response time on emails is already fast. - Scott: I motion to investigate making WhatsApp Government number possible logistically. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In favor: None - Against: Hebe, Sunwoo, Matthew, Shardul, Aditya, Saza, Avery - Abstain: Brandon, Stinson, Izzah - Infographic on Student Gov actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present info from Student Life survey and present it in an infographic - Sunwoo: Didn't Sara already have something like this? - Saza: Judiciary suggest we release mid-term report on what we've done. We could also do an infographic at the same time - Izzah to take charge of this - Print from phones→ would be convenient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott to work on this | <p>Izzah to start on Infographic on Student Gov activities</p> <p>Scott to work on printing from phones</p> |
| Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott: Table until next week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In favor: Sunwoo, Brandon, Stinson, Matthew, Shardul, Izzah, Saza, Avery - Against: Aditya, Hebe | |
| Academics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YNCyclopedia moving along, but lack of feedback - Clin apparently has been denied access to CIPE SAC - Feedback: Establish TA-style positions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presumably would be paid | <p>Clin, Matthew and Shardul to continue working on Academic +</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate this - Feedback: Absence policies, especially for cultural holidays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher denied student leave to go home for Chinese New Year - Add question on Academics Survey on student knowledge of absence policies - Talk about cultural holidays to DoF SAC because there is no written policy on this, and there probably should be | <p>CIPE Survey</p> <p>Matthew to follow up on TA positions and taking leave</p> <p>Clin to follow up on summer research payment and semester abroad spaces</p> |
| <p>Student Organizations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts and Media (Performance Arts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ticketing- What to do with ticketing revenues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officially, have to send revenues to DoS - Scott to talk to Petrina about this - Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of student orgs room - Avery to follow up on this as well - Security- restrict access? - No space to store sets, when they are easily reusable - Events Spaces Change [URGENT] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To see new policy: https://students.yale-nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2017/02/Event-committee-policies-and-forms.pdf - Capstones- need the Black Box for performance arts - New notice on Events Spaces. Petrina already made a google form for concerns. - Matthew’s feedback: [insert here] - Substantial change in policy- “large space” bookings now have to have approval from DoS to get form to request space, submit form to request space, can approve/deny (explanation for rejection is not mandatory) - Hebe: Why is this happening? - Scott: Primary target is non-Yale-NUS people from using our spaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DoS is open to feedback on change to this - Scott: Need large number of students to raise concerns about this issue. - Saza: Higher-ups don’t want there to be larger forces | <p>Matthew to send his list of concerns to Petrina’s feedback form</p> <p>Hebe to publicize this change and Petrina’s feedback form, along with Government’s stance</p> |

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| | <p>at work behind Yale-NUS students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit concerns here (online form) - Matthew: What type of public space is Yale-NUS? If we don't have semi-controversial events on campus, how are we different? - Patrick: Who decides how space is used? - Hebe: We should be open to external events! - Matthew: All these events have happened thus far on the invitation of Yale-NUS students. - Hebe: Can we stop it entirely? - Saza: Probably not. Gather feedback and help DoS change this to make it more palatable. - Hebe: We should tell people what this policy will do, and let them draw their own conclusions. This is really quite restrictive, and students will be able to tell that. Many logistical - Patrick: Who is on this committee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott: The Deans, Finance Directors, etc - Aditya: None of these people have time! - Matthew: Have to pay thousands of dollars to use the space if you are inviting an external speaker. Would drain the accounts of student organizations. - Avery: We should get this message out now. - Scott: We should take a stance on this, on behalf of the students. - Matthew: We should take the approach that is most effective to enact change. | |
| For next time | Read the resolutions for next week | |
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