

Mid-Term Statement of Intent for Student Body

Hello everyone,

We are writing this Statement of Intent as the collective Student Council serving you for the Academic Year 2016/2017. We are now midway through our term, and after reflecting on our goals and projects, we would like to share our updated visions, primary foci, and key projects for the second half of our term.

Our vision is to proactively and responsively care for the welfare of the student body. This means leading and serving with compassion, efficiency, and competency. Our primary foci for the rest of our term are:

1. Advocate on students' behalf to change specific institutional policies to improve the student experience at Yale-NUS College (see list of projects below)
2. Act as an effective liaisons between the student body and the senior administration, Student Advisory Committees, various offices and key personnel in Yale-NUS;
3. Advocate for and facilitate increased transparency and student involvement in the formation of Yale-NUS policies;
4. Increase the student council's visibility in the eyes of the student body by improving communication channels, feedback loops and response time;
5. Increase transparency and accountability within the student council to ensure that projects are running efficiently

While we will be ready to assist in the resolution of issues as they arise, we will also be proactively working on several projects under the various portfolios:

1. Continue to work together with Aloe, PS We Care, and the Dean of Students to improve mental health policies and structures;
2. Create YNCyclopedia, an online platform to store academic resources, Yale-NUS histories and archives, and other information necessary to Yale-NUS College life
3. Update the Student Government website;
4. Release a survey on Academics and address the relationship between CIPE and the student body;
5. Increase storage space available to students, including over-the-summer storage, arts storage, and other student organizations;
6. Edit and gather student feedback on the Yale-NUS Honour Code and have it ratified;

7. Follow up with DOS on improving health insurance and increasing students' knowledge of their healthcare options, including as healthcare relates to sexual and women's health;
8. Work with Dean of Faculty to encourage consistent grading practices across the different levels;
9. Initiate and pass Constitutional Election Reform in a transparent way, involving members of the public;
10. Reform the classroom booking system to make it sustainable and user-friendly;
11. Find an alternative to donating meal taps which still benefits Yale-NUS staff;
12. Work with DOS on reforming the Event Committee Policy to reflect student concerns;
13. Organise Inter-College Games with the other Residential College committees in UTown
14. Regular dialogue with student organisations
15. Recognition and budget approval of student organisations
16. Purchasing, packing and distributing of welfare packs to the entire student body
17. Organise a month-long Staff Appreciation
18. Extend gym hours
19. Work with Dining Hall committee to improve dining experience for students
20. Gather feedback from students through many channels - Weekly Update emails, Office Hours in dining halls, Posters in lifts
21. Work with Graduation Committee
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Yours Sincerely,

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