

STATEMENT
OF
OBJECTS & REASONS

1. **Determined** in its perpetual mission to make the Yale-NUS College Student Government (henceforth “Government”) a pivotal institution on campus that serves as a beacon of Yale-NUS College autonomy to institutions both future and foreign, and so seeking to expand Government towards that end by safeguarding and working to nourish the uniquely beautiful diversity of Yale-NUS College;
2. **Identifying** certain constitutional ambivalences and limitations that either prevent or hinder the Student Government from achieving the aforementioned mission in a manner that serves the student body and its interests to the best capacity of Government, and so wishing to streamline and strengthen Government;
3. **Having** consulted with relevant members of the Office of the Dean of Students to doubly check for the feasibility, implementation, and meaningfulness of the required Government expansions, and so confident in its convictions;

This Council seeks to amend the Yale-NUS Student Government Constitution in this, the thirtieth week of Student Government, 2017.

Aditya Karkera
Director of Finance

RES06-2016/17

A Resolution

to

Amend the Constitution

in the thirtieth week of Student Government, 2017

Sponsor(s): Aditya Karkera (Director of Finance)

1. **Article III, Section 8** of the Yale-NUS College Student Government Constitution (henceforth, “Constitution”) shall be amended as such:

Delete from the Section

“6. Logistics, who shall:

- a. Manage internal records, including attendance, voting history, indexed minutes, etc. in concordance with the Speaker,
- b. Keep a database of useful resources, such as important contacts,
- c. Work closely with the External Communications director to publicise minutes and other matters, as delineated in Article III, Section 2, Clause 7;”

Add to the Section

“7. Diversity, who shall:

- a. Actively advance the interests, concerns, and aspirations of minority communities on campus, including but not limited to ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic minorities.
- b. Work closely with the Office of the Dean of Students to prevent and/or address discrimination or harassment of any kind within the student body.
- c. Work with the Office of the Dean of Faculty and the Director of Academics to address concerns of diversity within classrooms, academics, and syllabi.
- d. Form a Diversity Committee of a number decided by the director, demographically adjusted for representation, which shall serve to draft policies relevant to the Directorship, and assist the director in the execution of their duties.
- e. Function as the sole competent authority to liaise with non-Council parties on

questions of diversity, identity, and cultural wellbeing on campus.”

2. **Article III, Section 8, Clause 7** of the Constitution shall be amended as such:

Replace

“7. External Communications, who shall:

- a. Manage communications with the student body,
- b. Seek out opportunities to establish relationships with parties external to Yale-NUS College, including College alumni and other universities,
- c. Assist the President in logistics related to establishing relationships with external parties,
- d. Manage the Government website, publicity, and direct democracy votes,
- e. Liaise with other directors to publicise their events as necessary,
- f. Provide regular updates, including but not limited to weekly minutes, to the student body on the Council’s progress,
- g. Function as the sole competent authority in maintaining mediums of Council communication.”

with

“6. Outreach, who shall:

- a. Manage, optimise, and record Government communications with the student body and College administration,
- b. Seek out opportunities to establish beneficial relationships with parties external to Yale-NUS College, including College alumni, corporations, and other universities, and serve as the point of contact with these parties,
- c. Assist the President in establishing relationships with external parties,
- d. Manage the Government website, publicity, social media and direct democracy votes,
- e. Liaise with other directors to publicise their events and projects as necessary,
- f. Provide regular updates, including but not limited to weekly minutes, to the student body on the Council’s progress,
- g. Function as the sole competent authority in maintaining modes and media of Council communication.
- h. Assist directors in enlisting public membership for all committees under the charge of Student Government;”

*This Council, by the powers afforded to it and by the will of the President, hereby **moves to pass this resolution as it stands**, and*

1. **Instructs** the Directorship of External Communications to ensure that the student body is well aware of the amendments to the Constitution so made with this resolution, and is encouraged to provide feedback and/or contentions;
2. **Applies** all changes of title brought about by the amendments so made with this resolution, whereby any and all references to the “Director of External Communications” or “Directorship of External Communications” are to be retrospectively changed to “Director of Outreach” and “Directorship of Outreach”, upon the beginning of the election period for AY2017/18.
3. **Creates** the Directorship of Diversity as a future office, to be filled beginning with the election of the Student Council for AY2017/18, and does not require this office to be filled for the remainder of this present Council’s (AY2016/17) term of office.

IN FAVOUR: ??

IN OPPOSITION: ??

IN ABSTENTION: ??

HENCE, ***PASSED/DEFEATED/RATIFIED***