

Date : Thursday, September 7, 2017

Time : 18:00-19:00

Venue : Classroom 9

Note Taker: Scott Chua

Speaker: Sunwoo

Present:

Absent: Jay Lusk (Excused)-- Sunwoo Nam will preside as Deputy Speaker

Judiciary Representatives:

Topics	Discussion points	Actionables, Person- in-Charge
President's Address (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Information on Standing Committees<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All standing committees○ Unified call for standing committees so that students can pick from one link○ Purpose, intent; # of students, term duration; brief description of what you do (3-4 sentences)● Follow up on Octant article written by Director of Finance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Two versions; first one--due to "marks" that might appear that it stems directly from StuGov; over past week, Brandon met with unhappy students and spoke with Aditya○ Marks in the article includes "Director of Finance," "Constituents;" in second version, disclaimer was published stating clearly that this is his personal opinion○ Brandon to issue formal letter of notice (attached below under Attachment 1) and request letter of undertaking from Aditya○ Constitution: must inform Director of External Comms and President before issuing official statements<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Doesn't include daily course of work, regular conversations; mostly stances on controversial issues● 1st Town Hall<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Combined with President Tan, who will share his visions with student body (20-40 minutes)○ Will be after recess week once frosh are back in town from Week 7● Resignation of Director of External Communications<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Izzah Haziqah Haris stepped down today and Brandon will appoint a new director within the next	<p>Directors who want standing committees; Tuesday 10pm</p> <p>Annabelle, Brandon and Scott to set up Town Hall</p> <p>Brandon to appoint new Director of External Comms</p>

	<p>week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to unforeseeable personal circumstances--she will continue to work with us and perform the handover to the new director 	
<p>Reports of Directorships and Liaisons (10 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Averyn: met with Dining Hall Committee last week to get acquainted ● Academics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Went for SAG meeting; DoF to set up Diversity and Inclusion Working Group (under Joanna)--cultural and racial sensitivity; prof relations with students; begin more direct feedback channels ○ Met with Sexual Assault Task Force--juniors to start a handwritten note project for next week ○ Complaints about the library--external members before 6pm--strain on resources ○ Delayed appointment times with Wellness Center (counselors) ● Student Organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had first meeting--recognized and budget allocated to first 3 orgs in round 1 of DoS org deadlines ○ Meet up with Zhongxuan Khwa for ideas regarding student orgs student orgs ● Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget ready ○ Documents ready, transaction register open ○ Urgent need for Finance Committee ○ Annual budget far larger, new items on it--proposes town hall to explain the budget ● External Communications ● Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Halloween 2017: Began discussing theme, timeline & roles ○ Talking to members of Saga College Council ○ Will speak with NUS CAPT, Tembusu, UTown residential colleges tomorrow ● Athletics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Institutional flag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meeting did not work out last week due to student unavailability; postponed to Monday of next week ○ Athletics Council retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 24th September (Sunday)--for captains and 	

	<p>vice captains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Met with Athletic Managers for goal setting; discussed operational vs developmental role of council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liaison to ERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met with Dean Milne on 13th Sept: discussed library temperature--Coco Cao Jinglu ('19) conducted a survey, the results of which was brought to Dean Milne--will get an update from Infra ○ Wifi (NUSSTU)--Clin Lai's screenshots and collated documents provided to ERT ○ 24h computer lab access--computers made available in group study rooms--Rooms 4 and 5 are already 24 hours--before door construction (between computer lab and 24h study area) begins in December ● Liaison to Infra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To set up first meeting 	
<p>Establishment of External Communications Standing Committee (Director of External Communications, 5 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director of External Communications Haziqah has requested a standing committee be established covering External Communications. Council must vote to ratify this request. 	
<p>Constitutional Amendment Ratification (5 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read the amendment document and be prepared to come and make an informed vote upon the changes ● Motion to ratify all amendments listed in document submitted to judiciary (find constitution here) ● In favor: Annabelle Ho, Kalla Sy, Averyn Thng, Mya Raghavan, Madeline Tan, Haroune Chahed, Scott Chua, Brandon Lee, Aditya Karkera ● Hence, ratified 	
<p>Rationale on Lift System (Reps of 2021 and 2019, 10 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reps. Sy and Tan have requested that an official rationale and discussion take place concerning the tap system for lifts. Members are to familiarize themselves with the current system (tapping of student cards is required, and lifts stop on sky garden floors) and come to the meeting prepared to ● Maddie: Have received comment: "Having lifts stop only on sky garden floors is very inconvenient, especially if people 	<p>Haroune to find out how the lift stops; rationale for the lift system; possibility of changing the floor stopping system</p>

	<p>have to carry bulky items during term time. The rationale was to encourage people to meet one another but so far, I have not actually met a lot of people from other floors like this. In fact, one can always meet other people in the lift itself. Since the benefits do not outweigh the costs, I think it's time to have lifts stop at every floor.” Others have commented that after a certain time, say 12am, it is no longer a need to have lifts stop at every floor. Also, from my personal experience living in Cendana Tower B, the current system does not shorten lift waiting time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunwoo: time taken in Cendana Tower A reduced with the implementation of the skygarden floors policy ● Mya: Cendana Tower B system inefficient ● Madeline re safety concerns: capstone art exhibited in suite; NUS student without card entered suite and showered; police had to be called 	
Dining Hall Food Feedback (Rep of 2019, 5 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rep. Tan will bring up feedback from her class about the quality of Dining Hall food. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Range of neutral to negative feedback--Madeline directed these persons to forward feedback to Dining Hall Committee 	
Study Abroad Options (Rep of 2019, 10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rep. Tan will bring up feedback from her class concerning Study Abroad options ● Limited slots 	
Wifi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rep. Nam will bring up feedback from her class concerning new wifi. 	Kalla to continue follow ups with ERT
Public comment (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Speaker has not at time of writing received any notification of anticipated public comment. 	

The September 21 meeting will have 25 minutes of time (minimum, with the possibility to be increased based on interest and other agenda items) reserved to discussing Sexual Assault at Yale-NUS. The Speaker strongly encourages members to work to write a resolution about this. In particular, the Speaker has arrowed the Director of Student Life to prepare a resolution which covers this issue. Any other member having interest in writing their own resolution or assisting the Director of Student Life should reach out to me or the Director as relevant.

ATTACHMENT 1

Mr. Aditya Karkera
Director of Finance
4th Yale-NUS Student Government

14 September 2017

Subject: Letter of Notice

Dear Mr. Aditya,

It is a matter of concern that you wrote, submitted and caused to publish an Octant Article on 7th September 2017 titled *A LETTER TO MY CONSTITUENTS* without first informing the External Communications Director and seeking approval from the President.

This runs contrary to Article VII (Code of Conduct), Section 2 (Rules and Regulations), Clause 11 of the Yale-NUS Student Government Constitution (amended 24th August 2017) that states “Government members shall comport themselves in a manner upholding the reputation of the Student Government and Yale-NUS College. In doing so, they shall [n]ot make any statement in an official capacity or on behalf of the Government, including speaking to the press or posting online, without first informing the External Communications Director and obtaining approval from the President. The only online information which will be considered official shall come directly from a Government online platform.”

I acknowledge that you subsequently conveyed an edit request to the team at Octant to include a more explicit disclaimer stating that your view did not necessarily represent the view of the Student Government.

You shall be required to submit a letter of undertaking that is addressed to me no later than 20th September 2017, 10pm stating that you will adhere to the Constitution - in particular the Section that governs the conduct of the Student Government as spelt out above.

I expect you to comply with the Constitution from hereon.

Regards,

Brandon Lee
President
4th Yale-NUS Student Government