

**Date :** Thursday, September 21, 2017

**Time :** 18:00-19:00

**Venue :** Classroom 9

**Note Taker:** Sowmya Uppili Raghavan

**Speaker:** Jay Lusk

**Present:** Brandon Lee, Kalla Sy, Yi Ern Low, Madeline Tan, Scott Chua, Anabelle Ho, Averyn Thng, Sunwoo Nam, Haroun Chahed, Sowmya Uppili Raghavan

**Absent:** Aditya Karkera (Director of Finance) -- Excused

**Judiciary Representatives:**

Topics	Discussion points	Actionables, Person- in-Charge
<b>Brief Speaker's Note (5 mins)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Speaker will seek a special dispensation from the council regarding representing the interests of the Class of 2018. Members are to read the special dispensation before the meeting-- posted in General channel of Slack.</li><li>- <i>Motion to ratify the special dispensation</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Passes unanimously</b></li><li>- <b>Speaker and president will address later</b></li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>President's Address (5 minutes)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Statement of Intent-- President Lee will explain the statement of intent, and the statement of intent approval will take place at the meeting held after Week 7.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Process of drafting it</li><li>○ Will do so by the end of week, put on Slack, and let President know of any modifications, and release by mid-week next week</li></ul></li><li>● Discussion of Yale-NUS College Students Facebook Group</li><li>● Yale-NUS College Students: active role in administrative control over the FB Group along with four Class Reps and the Director of External Communications<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Recognize/accept members (incoming students)</li><li>○ Existing admins will be removed (Adlin, Gin Ong, Raidan), were in agreement</li><li>○ Class Reps just need to accept</li><li>○ No management of content</li><li>○ Legacy = matter of passing it down to the next</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Reports of Directorships and Liaisons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Student Life<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Student government and student body lunch meetings with Dean Bridges</li></ul></li></ul>	

**(10 minutes)**

- Requests that we set up StuGovt and student body lunches with Dean Bridges - 2/10, Week 8
- Agenda:
  - Just discourse
  - TBD
- Suggestions to promote:
  - Posters
  - FB Posts
  - Done in the dining halls (preferences)
- Meeting with Wellness
- Sexual Assault Taskforce
  - Week 9/10 to be pushed out
  - StuGovt has to review
- Academics
  - Last Friday met with the Dean of Faculty and outgoing directors (matt and Clin). Are open to working with Student Government regarding the common curriculum. Trying to source recommendations for courses and study abroad. DOF and CIPE have explained the reasons for the cap on slots: RE: anthro-- lots of courses already. RE: CompSci-- working with NUS, and want students to keep in mind that study abroad should be a holistic experience. Email will be sent to the student body.
  - Working with Sexual Assault task force and policy working group, working with policy evaluations.
  - Question: Rep 2020-- did ask about MCS options? DAkids: They did not specifically address the issue.
  - Rep 2020 requests pushing forward on the issue of MCS options at partner institutions. DAkids agrees.
- Student Organisations:
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- Finance (written statement delivered by the Speaker on behalf of absent Director of Finance)
  - Budget has grown
  - Finance Committee formed, based on director's applicant, above 3 people vying for 1 spot
  - Budget resolution almost drafted
  - Council and Govt needs a public session to discuss technicalities of the budget
  - On schedule for delivering a budget within the first meeting of Week 8
- External Communications

- No current director
- Events
  - Upcoming Town hall
    - After **Recess Week, 12/10, 8-9pm**
    - **Tentative date**
    - Budget: 250
    - TTY will speak for 15 minutes
    - Specific agenda:
      - President: TTY will share vision with college, StuGovt will take up 2nd half, compile presentation, specifics not covered
  - Halloween event
    - 4 sections:
      - Trick or Treat/Suite for Sweets (President talking to TTY) about opening up the Rector's Commons
      - Movie screening - popcorn will be provided, talking to Buttery managers
      - Haunted House
      - Using speakers along the hallways
      - Photobooth: providing facepaint, fake blood and decorative items for students to allay lengths
- Athletics
  - Not currently present
  - At the conclusion, welcome to look at designs for the Institutional Flag at the end of Meeting
- Liaison to ERT
  - ERT Updates- library etc
  - Liaison to ERT, Clin, Haroun met Raju from NUS IT Support:
    - Explained that the routers have been spotty because of the drill to restart the system
    - Somewhat fixed
    - Following Up Meeting: October
  - *Laptop Loan policy is unclear from IT Support*
  - Update from Bethany, the Librarian:
    - Increasing temperatures
    - Warmer - 2 people have said it is too warm
    - Issue resolved

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Liaison to Infra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently not present</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Rep Sy (2021)-- Class shirt financing and hangout proposal (5 minutes)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep Sy will describe these two proposals and request council approval where necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Class Shirt Financing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Messaged Bryan Scott Bohme: production of hoodies under the YNC Bookstore is no longer, Class Reps can develop a non-profit manner of selling</li> <li>■ Discuss it in this present meeting and after Finance Committee has been formed</li> <li>■ Find supplier</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Hangout Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Class Dessert: dining hall food would make a class dinner redundant</li> <li>■ Budget: Talk to DFinance first</li> <li>■ 2020 rep - Specifics on how budget is done?</li> <li>■ <b>Oct 7 after Week 7 Trips</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Motion to request an in-principle approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rep may begin on working on a proposal, but finances are not going to be assured, non-binding</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Motion for Class Shirt Proposal In-Principle Approval</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A class-specific event for 2021 only</li> <li>- Unanimous approval</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Motion for Hangout Proposal In-Principle Approval</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unanimous approval</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

**[Trigger warning- this discussion may be upsetting to some]  
Discussion about Sexual Assault on campus -- 25 minutes**

- Director of Student Life Thng will begin the discussion on Sexual Assault and bring forth a resolution on the issue.
- Members are to read the resolution and the minutes of the Sexual assault discussion which can be found here:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tJGHVton0r13aaM\\_bwHkzaNk4xfkLxY8QAAUVxERE00/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tJGHVton0r13aaM_bwHkzaNk4xfkLxY8QAAUVxERE00/edit)
  - What do you do when you are a bystander to sexual assault? A process is being developed to identify a neutral party who can assist in the reporting process. Additionally, educational initiatives, things like open mics, night of solidarity, etc.
  - Additionally, there is a desire for Title IX implementation in Yale-NUS, where it covers sexual assault and prevents gender and sex-based violence. Amendment to the Yale-NUS Constitution indicating that sexual assault is not permissible, and make the situation very clear.
  - Safe spaces for both survivors and people who have committed sexual assault who can recognize the issue.
  - DStuOrgs: Is the training compulsory from the US faculty? DACads: Green dot program. One faculty member will be trained, then students will be trained for an entire semester, then it will be expanded. Rector Weiss is looking heavily and working on the issue. DSLife: Rector Weiss is also looking for a mediator in chief. Rep 2019: What is the timeline? DA: Not sure yet, semesterly.
  - P: How does the representation look like?
    - DA: Aloe represented, 10 students
    - 2021 Rep: Preventative outreach group, less than 10 students
- R2021: Preventative Outreach
  - Student awareness on reporting process
  - Bystander trainings, workshops
  - Centralised information for resources
- DStulife: Survey
  - Headed by Iulia
  - Week 9-10
  - Contextualising Grinell Survey, looking at YNC-Specific Survey
  - Issues around confidentiality
  - 24/09 6-8pm
- DACads: Policy implementation: using the CORE blueprint,

	<p>implementing an admin to student and faculty evaluation process discussing the current system. First meeting is on the Second of October from 6:00-8:00 PM. One major issue recognized by the five member group is what can be done in the mid-term before these processes have been completed. DACads notes that this is an issue which students government can consider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DStuLife: Victim Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hiring Mediator in Chief</li> <li>- Students living off campus</li> <li>- Student Advocate for Victim Support</li> <li>- Bystander Support Training</li> <li>- DACads: Admin really wants a faculty/student support person so that the pressure on a survivor is less, making students, staff, faculty, and DFs more accessible.</li> <li>- R2021: Dean Bridges is opening a letter box where students can submit directly to DOS.</li> <li>- P: Student Gov should release a statement. Can SLife, Acads, and 2021 release a statement. Respective groups will update Student Government in addition to the minutes. P: more important than the minutes, wants a second document.</li> <li>- DACads: Is there any other member of student government who wants to work on the issue-- Rep 2019 wants but might be abroad. DStudentLife suggests putting standing committee members.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Motion of In-principle Approval to draft Binding Statement of Intention (President, DStuLife, DACads, Rep2021) to be immediately published upon conclusion of writing and approval by the President-</i> Recorded Vote: Unanimous</li> </ul> <p><i>Motion to adopt Resolution RES01-2017/18, "Commitment to Improving Sexual Assault Policies, Procedures, &amp; Resources on Campus," (introduced by Director of Student Life)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Point of information-- purpose of a Resolution: to clearly establish a formal justification of our conclusion, specify tangible outcomes, including further actions</li> <li>- Motion by VP to amend resolution to strike "in mindsets" in section 3: passes unanimously.</li> <li>- Unanimous, signed</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Public</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Speaker has not at time of writing received any</li> </ul>	

<b>comment (5 minutes)</b>	notification of anticipated public comment, and no public comment was offered at the meeting.	
<b>Good of the Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Rep 2019: call for working with other Class Representatives, Rep 2020 has agreed to work on a study abroad session with CIPE.</li><li>● President: recognize and communicate with other members regarding overlapping portfolios, think of an alternative communication channel</li><li>● Meeting closed at 7:00 PM.</li></ul>	