

Date : Thursday, October 5, 2017

Time : 18:00-19:05

Venue : Classroom 11

Note Taker: Kalla Sy

Speaker: Jay Lusk

Present: Jay Lusk, Brandon Lee, Annabelle Ho, Yi Ern Low, Kalla Sy, Scott Chua, Haroun Chahed, Rachel Juay, Sunwoo Nam, Madeline Tan

Absent: Averyn Thng (Excused)

Late (Excused): Aditya Karkera (6:30), Sowmya Uppili Raghavan (late -- Week 7)

Judiciary Representatives: Fiona Grace Freeman-Grundeil, Avery Simmons

Extend meeting to 7:05PM, unanimous vote

Closed -- 7:05PM

Topics	Discussion points	Actionables, Person- in-Charge
President's Address (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Statement of Intent-- President Lee will make an announcement regarding the Statement of Intent.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ After meeting, President will publish the statement of intent on the Student Government Slack channel○ All government members will give signatures and these will be posted on the Facebook page● Recruitment of standing committee members.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Form will be published in the Yale-NUS College Students Facebook group, open to all students● Nomination of students to Academic Integrity committee (VP Chua)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Eugene Choo looking for student nominees○ 3 nominated students from Year 2 and nominated students from Year 3○ President Lee, VP Chua and 2020 Rep are the 3 nominated students from Year 2○ Responsibilities include being a student voice in cases and advocate for student integrity	
Reports of Directorships and Liaisons (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student Life<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Director of Student Life is absent (excused)● Academics<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Director of Academics is absent (excused)● Student Organisations (Constitutional amendment discussed later in the meeting)	

- **Finance (Budget report delivered later in the meeting)**
- External Communications
 - Confirmation of Rachel Juay as Director of External Communications
 - Recorded vote: Unanimous
 - Oath of office administered
 - Institutional flag discussion
 - Liaising with PA (Public Affairs)
 - Overwhelming disagreement with design of the flag
 - Will meet with a new focus group to agree on a flag design
 - President Lee voiced out the concerns of the students and the PA team is open to a greater modification for the proposed flag design
 - President Lee advocated for DExComm to be the correspondent with the main designer and the PA
 - New focus group will be a smaller group of students so as to be more targeted.
- Events
 - Haunted House
 - Meeting tonight will NUS Students regarding the Haunted House
 - Will work with college councils etc.
 - Town Hall
 - 12th October 2017 in TCT Theatre, 8-9PM
 - President Lee said government members are highly encouraged to attend
- Athletics
 - 24 Sept, Athletic Retreat was successful
 - Meeting and students vehemently expressed dislike for the flag
 - Monday of recess week, friendly game
 - President and he had first meeting for ICG -- Yale-NUS will be
 - Students from other RCs unhappy about YNC having too many students representing (large pool of students) in Inter-Collegiate Games (ICGs)
 - Concern brought up to the dean of students and college masters who will decide the solution
- Liaison to ERT
 - Asked about the laptop loaning policy, what they said is that they do not typically provide laptops to students, but that there can be exceptions for short-

	<p>term loans depending on the reasons. Rep. Sy will follow up with ERT about this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rep. Tan-- what are the exceptions and how short is short term. Rep Sy. This was not made clear, they need to bring it up to directly. ○ Rep. Tan-- should there be a guideline somewhere? VP Chua-- can we push for more clarity. Is an accident or an upcoming exam a good enough reason? What are the reasons, timelines, will they make their availability put anywhere public, etc. ○ P. Lee-- regarding ERT, there was again a counter-view that the library is too warm now. Does Rep. Sy intend to act on this? Rep Sy-- I do not intend to bring this up again. If the President thinks it is OK do a Poll. Agreement is no poll is needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liaison to Infra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sent comments -- was not available both prior to and during recess week ○ Lift card access to Tower B of Cendana and Saga is inefficient ○ Infra rationale for why change cannot be made is that elevators stop only on sky gardens for security reasons ○ Rep Tan -- doesn't see how it is for security purposes ○ Liaison to Infra -- will push for a meeting with Infrastructure ○ Staircase doors are designed according to Singapore fire regulations -- ● Graduation updates from Speaker Lusk (Dep. Speaker Nam took over presiding for this subsection) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dean Bridges convene a class day committee ○ Student feedback will occur through this committee ○ Will be composed of members of the Class of 2018, Dean of Students staff and Class of 2018 Rep (Rep. Lusk) ○ Budget already allocated by EVP-level committee ○ Award scheme -- not aware, Rep will follow up ○ 2018 Rep will follow up with rectors and EVP regarding awards scheme and RC level recognition ○ Dean Bridges -- class day will be divided by RC then come together for an event 	
<p>Reps Tan (2019) and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reps. Tan and Nam will describe a proposal to have a Class of 2019 and Class of 2020 information session with CIPE to 	

<p>Nam (2020) Proposal for a session with CIPE regarding the future of Study Abroad and Internship options (10 minutes)</p>	<p>discuss the future of Study Abroad and Internship Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tan emailed Lindsay -- not have session until the results are out because of the uncertainty ○ More relevant now for class of 2020 as results have already been released for class of 2019 ○ Several have questions about study abroad -- workshop may extend to internships ○ Proposed this so as not to trouble CIPE ○ DAcademics will set up joint meeting with 2019 and 2020 and CIPE 	
<p>Constitutional Amendment (DStuOrg Low, 10 mins)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director of Student Organisations Low will introduce a constitutional amendment to be debated by the council, the text of which can be found in slack. Council members are to read the text of this amendment and be prepared to vote on the amendment (requires a 2/3 vote of the entire council to pass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VP -- Past year, focused on going through all student orgs. Split job, better knowledge of keeping track of budget. Strict with budget but also compassionate with special needs of organisations. ○ Recorded vote: Unanimous ○ The Speaker will transmit this amendment to the Judiciary for review 	
<p>Finance Resolution Presentation (DFinance Karkera, 20 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director of Finance Karkera will introduce his planned budget for the year. The budget itself can be found in slack. Council members are to have read and understood the budget and come with any comments, modifications, or amendments they have for the budget, as the Council will vote to give in principle approval of the budget at the conclusion of this discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget has been prepared, has yet to be formally approved by finance committee ○ Largest budget in history -- consolidated budget thanks to Dean of Students office ○ Budget resolution will be released to the public, once the finance committee officially meets ○ Surplus of 7000 SGD -- safety mechanism ○ DOS Transitional Budget Buffer put in place if the past government has extra spending, to ensure that there will be no negative values ○ Welfare Events -- carried out by directors, engaging the entire student body (3000 SGD for entire academic year) ○ Petrina (DOS staff) on finance committee will 	

	<p>manage the 50,000 SGD set aside for travel fund for entire academic year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Directors have been allocated budgets to be able to carry out their duties for the student government ○ Student Grant Initiative will be used by student government for student-led projects that will benefit the entire student body as a whole ○ Miscellaneous Event / Project Partners budget is for partnerships outside of DOS and Yale-NUS ○ Class rep budget? -- Class reps are to sit down and discuss with 2 finance executives regarding plans -- create pool divided amongst the class representatives -- on a rolling basis, take funds from the budget then at the end of AY, note how much each class requires for future reference ○ Gavel purchase? Speaker will purchase a gavel for this student government. <p>Finance committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aditya - Rachel Tan (DF) - 6 Executives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accounting and Budgeting - Michael Kuzminski - Strategic I - Diyanah Kamarudin - Operations - Rahul Ans (collects RPFs) - Student Life - Jacob Jarabejo - Compliance - Matthias Goh (transparency, financial protocol) <p>DFinance -- Request a special budget session given the complexity of the budget and the heightened responsibilities given the larger budget. -- Tedious but necessary for good confidence with DOS and CIPE.</p> <p>In-principle approval vote: Unanimous, motion passed</p> <p>Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Director of Finance (found in Slack)</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous (9 votes of 11 voting members is ⅘ majority)</p> <p>The Speaker will transmit the Amendment to the Judiciary.</p>	
<p>Public Comment (5 minutes)</p>	<p>The Speaker has not received notification of any public comment at this time.</p> <p><u>For the Good of the Order:</u></p>	

	<p>D Athletics -- Dean Bridges asked about the data of past Wellness survey. Copy will be sent.</p> <p>D Acads -- ALOE asked to be involved with the mental health survey.</p> <p>D ExComm -- No access to student government website yet but will ask for information from the members. Compile everything and get it finalised by next week.</p> <p>2019 Rep -- A student proposed an information session for the latin honors system to get a better sense of things. For students to share concerns and grievances too. Clarification of the rumour regarding the abolishment of latin honors system. Did not know about the system when first entered the college.</p> <p>Speaker clarification note-- Latin honours implemented with a great deal of controversy. Re-publicise the system of latin honours has been suggested.</p> <p>Acad -- Review of latin honors (every four years) -- it will be discussed next year. Can email the dean of faculty to organise a meeting.</p>	
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