

**Date :** Thursday, November 9, 2017

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

**Venue :** Classroom 11

**Note Taker :** Low Yi Ern

**Speaker :** Jay Lusk

**Present:** Brandon Lee, Scott Chua, Aditya Karkera, Madeline Tan, Kalla Sy, Averyn Thng, Low Yi Ern, Rachel Juay,

**Absent:** Sunwoo Nam (Excused)

**Late:** Sowmya Raghavan (unexcused), Annabelle Ho (excused), Haroun Chahed (unexcused)

**Judiciary Representatives:** Avery Simmons, Agatha Tan

**External Guests:** Reetha (Senior Associate Director, Campus Life, DOS)

<b>Topics</b>	<b>Discussion points</b>	<b>Actionables, Person- in-Charge</b>
<b>President's Address (10 minutes)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The President will deliver an address.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Introduce Reetha, new senior associate director of campus life, works closely with Dean Bridges, previously was student government advisor in U.S</li><li>○ There are suggestions for a staff advisor to be involved in student government meetings. Appointed Scott to head the committee involved in looking at the feasibility of it.</li><li>○ All members are expected to be responsive to emails and messages, ideally within a day, and be proactive in acknowledging emails and on slack</li><li>○ Reminder that this will be student government's last meeting, and while winter break is approaching, we should still be proactive and responsive in our responsibilities because we are still government of the day</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Reports of Directorships and Liaisons (15 minutes)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Student Life<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Next thurs 16 nov Dean bridges will have lunch with the students in the dining halls (was previously stated in 12 nov meetings). Antechamber rooms have been booked for these meetings, and posters for the event are done pending the addition of the Student Government logo.</li><li>○ Sexual assault Survey has been delayed to next semester to effectively incorporate the large amount of feedback received.</li><li>○ Student life survey will be pushed to a few months after that to avoid the burden of double surveys in a</li></ul></li></ul>	

similar time interval.

- Sexual assault task force subgroups will present what each group is doing on 15 November, 1215 - 1300, Cendana Anteroom.
- Academics
  - Meeting with DF courtney, putting forward statement of intent by next semester for a College-Wide Honor Code.
  - Academic wellness meeting - need to create in-house policy for this is scheduled for next semester
  - Petition for DI3 grades
- Finance
  - All projects that student gov members have met executives for are all under planning
  - One page faq on how to use the budget proposal system will be up this week
  - FINCOM is sticking to its goal of approving its budget every 6 days, only hiccup is with the proposal regarding the women's sleepover, Jacob (FINCOM) will get in touch with Speaker Lusk to get more details on that
- Class of 2019:
  - President is unhappy with proposed contents of welfare packs. It will thus be reconsidered by class reps.
  - Speaker: someone should check on what the policy is on welfare event during reading week/exam week
- External Communications
  - The institutional flag project is near completion, PA has approved the flag and should be completed by the end of the financial year before the next ICG
  - Director of athletics and external comms has been in touch with PA regarding the design of the Mascot (costume), will be ready by graduation
- Events
  - Town hall equipment has been settled, will be held on 14 Nov 8pm at the MPH
  - Topic will be on sexual health update and academic wellness
  - Rep of 2021 question: how was the halloween event?
  - Director of events reflects that more collaboration is required between the director of events and her standing comm
  - Intent to advise the next director of events with

	<p>Halloween event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Speaker: town hall and judiciary meeting will be held right after this student gov meeting</li><li>○ Director of finance : do you have records of receipts you filed?</li><li>○ Director of events has filed the receipts and gave them to Rahul (FINCOM)</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Athletics<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Icg committee had second meeting last friday</li><li>○ Decided that yale nus will organise touch rugby, male soccer and volleyball</li><li>○ Posters will be put up next week for athletes to participate in icg, captains will choose athletes to represent them</li><li>○ Volunteers needed for photographers and videographers</li><li>○ ICG meeting involved in planning of ICG appreciation dinner, discussed icg updates and things that needs to be done before the semester ends</li><li>○ President: ICG will not have any more announcement of winning college, and Yale NUS will participate as a full college</li><li>○ Compromise is that there is no winning college, but individual sports results will be awarded</li></ul></li><li>● Liaison to ERT<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ President and Rep of 2021 had meeting with IT last 8th November Wednesday</li><li>○ YNC IT and NUS IT apologised for network issues last week and shared that they are currently working on improving wifi on campus</li><li>○ Point of contact for students is ITcare phone number and email - best if students make use of these communication points so that they know where the problems are for them to address it</li><li>○ Compromise for ERT and IT is to contact a student to let them know should the email be down to inform the student body - rather than sending an email to let students know that the email is down because that was counterintuitive</li><li>○ Reasons for weak wifi - connecting to different access points results in slight delay, they have been doing physical site survey rounds to look into this issue, ask students for more feedback based on places that they have experienced wifi issue with</li></ul></li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shared that they are open to having more access points to the school to give students an easier connection, but will have to do a site survey prior to this</li> <li>○ Actions to be taken - add IT questions to college FAQ, possible reasons why wifi is down and possible actions students should take when wifi is down, will release a statement to students regarding what IT is doing</li> <li>○ Will finish up this round of wifi survey by the end of november, second round will commence possibly next semester</li> <li>● Liaison to Infra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting with infra - graduated students access to the gym, they cannot give cards to graduated students however they will think of how they can implement this without having to give out cards</li> <li>○ Erection of shelters at gate b of cendana and saga is very unlikely as when a space is covered with shelter it is constructed space and is not property of the college, possible only when request is sent to other authorities for approval.</li> <li>○ Mph flooring will be reviewed again</li> <li>○ Infra wants proof that students request for sheltered walkways</li> <li>○ President: Director of athletics need to get message out to students that they have to provide feedback to infra via AIMS</li> <li>○ AIMS - NUS platform where students have to report any injury, losses or accidents,</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Student Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This week was the student orgs recognition cycle. The standing com+ DOS met to discuss the submitted proposals. Ultimately they were either approved or rejected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Constitutional Amendment: Veto Contradiction Rectification (5 minutes)</b></p> <p><b>VP Chua</b></p>	<p>The Vice-President will present the following constitutional amendments</p> <p>“Article 3, Section 4, Point 2c:</p> <p>change from</p> <p>Veto a decision of the Council. The Council can override a veto</p>	

	<p>with a 2/3 majority vote, and the President cannot veto the Council's override. The President's veto can also be overridden by Student Opinion vote in the student body, as defined by Article X, Section 3,</p> <p>to</p> <p>Veto a decision of the Council. The Council can override a veto with a 4/5 majority vote, and the President cannot veto the Council's override. The President's veto can also be overridden by Student Opinion vote in the student body, as defined by Article X, Section 3"</p> <p>and:</p> <p>Add the following definition:</p> <p>"Motion: A motion is defined as a formal proposal by a member of a deliberative assembly that the assembly take certain action. This refers to all motions, whether they be main motions, incidental motions, subsidiary motions, or any other class of motions, and a 2/3 vote will be required to pass any motion that requires a vote of any kind in Robert's Rules of Order"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vote for this motion: all voted in favour</li> <li>● Vote for this constitutional amendment: all voted in favour</li> </ul>	
<p><b>FINCOM Motion Introduction (Director of Finance Karkera)</b></p> <p><b>25 minutes</b></p>	<p>The Director of Finance will make a motion in writing which can be found at the following link:  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/17xz0LBZsT3KxpeW9behlpJEBBCRH-uQgvj5lwi0YZ2o/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/17xz0LBZsT3KxpeW9behlpJEBBCRH-uQgvj5lwi0YZ2o/edit</a>. Members are to read and understand the motion which the Director will present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion aims to accomplish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clearly define the student org budget allocation procedure</li> <li>○ Direction that the director of finance wishes to take</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Speaker: Motion will require two thirds vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All voted in favour of voting clause by clause</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Clause a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clause reaffirms FINCOM's responsibilities as stated in the constitution</li> <li>● Chief Justice Simmons: erstwhile budget committee are you</li> </ul>	

referring to the previous budget allocation committee?

- Finance: the budget committee was a constitutional structure prescribed by the constitution, did not happen for the last two years
- Budget committee was never created because of lack of human resources, last year council decided that they will combine the budget committee and student org recognition committee
- Rep of 2019: Why is there a need to reaffirm it if it is already there?
  - Director of finance: Because there is a lot of confusion with how this current process works
  - Chief Justice Simmons: Confusion is due to confusion regarding the lack of people hearing things regarding budget committee
  - Speaker: council is providing more definition to explain what the constitution is trying to say , that all of us voting is agreeing to interpret the issue this way
- Motion to call previous question - unanimous vote
- Clause a) - unanimous vote in favour

Clause b)

- Hypothetical situation: eg. gavel society will submit its budget proposal event timeline etc to DOS by 28 Feb, Petrina will sit down with FINCOM to process all allocations, whilst working together with student organisations committee
- Expected that since working closely with DOS the proposed budget allocation will be concrete
- Student orgs committee will review this application and make changes as they see fit
- Whole process will take 4-6 weeks
- Director of student life: what is the difference between allocation and awarding?
- Director of finance: Allocation involves processes how much budget to be awarded
  - Director of student orgs will sign off
- Chief Justice Simmons: fincom will discuss how student orgs budget be allocated? And if everything has to be rehashed what is the purpose of things being discussed twice?
- Director of Finance: Rationale comes in when student orgs committee requires clarification on orgs that they think allocation is not satisfactory for
- President: in event of appeal what will happen?

- Director of Finance: according to constitution, appeals committee will have to be set up, not stated if dos is involved in this process
- President: motion to add in “preliminary” before all mentions of “allocations” in clause b
  - unanimous vote in favour of this motion
- Clause b) - unanimous vote for this clause

Clause c):

- Rep of 2019: propose rephrasing of this clause
- Director of Finance: clause is inserted to show the values that fincom is trying to pursue, is a fact that fincom rep are pushed to work outside of what is seen as government work, and more in professional work experience work and is a different direction to what student government is working towards in the path, FINCOM’s sole goal is to attract experienced dedicated students in the shared goal of what student government is trying to achieve
- Chief Justice Simmons: seen a lot of resistance to this type of language and tone that has led to mixed reviews in the past
- Director of Finance: resistance met has not led to any effect on FINCOM’s selection rate or interest in applying for fincom
- President: inherent in this wording that it breeds competition, between fincom and other standing committee, fails to see how necessary this clause is in advancing this motion
- Speaker: recommends that the council either amend the legislation, vote on that amendment, or vote as it stands, as debate has grown repetitive.
- Director of student life: motion to extend time, all in favour for this motion
- Motion to call the previous question, all in favour for this motion
- Clause c) -  
 AYES: DOF Karkera, DOE Ho  
 NOES: P Lee, VP Chua, 2021 R Sy, 2019 R Tan, DOA Raghavan, DStuLife Thng

On a vote of 2-6, the noes have it and the motion fails to be adopted.

President does not use veto power as the clause did not pass in the first place.

	<p>Clause e):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Speaker note: By default council can dissolve committees if they do not meet the deadlines given by council</li> <li>● Clause e) - passes, all voted in favour</li> </ul> <p>Clause f):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clause f) - passes, all voted in favour</li> </ul> <p>Clause d):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion passes to only discuss subclause 4, the rest of the subclauses to be postponed to first meeting next semester</li> <li>● Director of finance: Rationale for this clause to be passed now is because invitations are to be sent out in december</li> <li>● President: how will this be different from YNSIG or consulting event by student orgs? Could fincom collaborate with these orgs instead?</li> <li>● Director of finance: the aim is to look at the government and public sector. Niche that student government can fill</li> <li>● Chief Justice Simmons: is it then student government at yale nus slash civil service club being the niche?</li> <li>● Clause d) subclause 4) passes, all voted in favour</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Public Comment (5 minutes)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Speaker has not received notification of any public comment at this time.</li> </ul>	

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