

Date : Thursday, Jan 18, 2017

Time : 18:00-19:00

Venue : Elm Anteroom

Note Taker : Rachel Juay

Speaker : Jay Lusk

Meeting called to order at 6:05 (late) due to many classes overrunning.

Absent: Low Yi Ern (Excused), Scott Lee Chua (Excused)

Present: Kalla Sy, Brandon Lee, Averyn Thng, Aditya Karkera, Sunwoo Nam, Haroun Chahed, Rachel Juay, Sowmya Raghavan, Jay Lusk, Agatha Tan (Judiciary), Fiona Freeman-Grunde (Judiciary)

Topics	Discussion points	Actionables, Person- in-Charge
President's Address (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The President will deliver an address.- By-elections to take place over the next week. Nominations have begun, and will take place until Friday. Voting will take place over Week 2 of semester 2.- Bring laptops next week.- Chief Justice Agatha will replace Chief Justice Avery.- StuGov retreat will happen over the weekend of the 3rd or 4th February.- Town Hall planning is still in progress, most likely will take place in week 4 or 5.- Class of 2019 Representative Madeline Tan has resigned, and her resignation was accepted by the President.	
Reports of Directorships and Liaisons (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student Life<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sexual Climate survey to take place over the next two weeks.- To avoid survey clash, student life survey will be pushed till the end of the term.- the Sexual Respect Survey will end on the 31st of January. The results will be tallied and presented to the school.● Academics<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Been looking into the SI petition;- Petition was looked into, and it was dropped after a response from the Dean of Faculty, and there are no further actions to the petition.- Looking into a student honour code- Latin honours feedback session will be withheld until 2020 during the 4-year latin honours review. Director of Academics is pushing for earlier review.- Common Curriculum review to be done at the end of the	

semester.

- Finance
 - Spending is on track, most of the government fund will be spent this semester (at \$18K).
 - Most of this will go towards welfare packs, summer storage, although it should be noted that this is the largest budget StuGov has received thus far.
 - Budget does not roll over to the next academic year and therefore must be used by this semester.
 - Motion for a project to be discussed later in this meeting.
- External Communications
 - Not many updates given first week. Will follow-up with DF Courtney about mascot discussion.
 - Institutional flag student follow-up
- Events
 - Follow-up from the receipts from Halloween
- Athletics
 - ICGs as main focus, most of the logistic components have been finalised.
 - All sports captains will be met with by the end of the week.
 - O'Comm will be meeting today.
 - Many captaincy handovers for Yale-NUS Athletics teams.
 - Captains met up with Athletics to talk about training timings. Most Captains are happy with timings given.
 - ICG updates presented to Yale-NUS Athletics captains
 - Gym hours have been proposed to be extended from midnight to 2 A.M.
- Liaison to ERT
 - Status of second phase of their site survey on Wifi connectivity issues to be followed-up with.
 - Over the break, a student raised the concern that non-NUS emails cannot be received on the school email address. Liaison to ERT has contacted Paul with IT and connected Paul to the student.
 - Collected email addresses of other students who experienced similar issues and corresponded with Paul Tan of the Yale-NUS IT Department.
- Liaison to Infra
 - President Lee to takeover from Director Chahed for the rest of the semester for the Director of Athletics to focus on ICG planning.
 - Shelter - President Lee working with other UTown RCs' presidents to propose to NUS infra for shelter construction.
 - No feedback with regards to other Infra issues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Organizations (Statement delivered by Speaker on behalf of Director Low) <p>Jan 18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ * over the holidays worked on editing and updating the following documents ○ * student orgs budget guidelines ● * timeline of activities for renewal of student orgs ● * formal recognition process ○ * as of 17 Jan, submitted the proposal to increase max cap set for training and coaching fees, with updated guidelines differentiating the fees paid to instructors that engage in weekly recurring training (professional and semi-professional trainers) versus One-Time Training and Coaching: (internal and external) ○ * arts meeting on 18 Jan with Nabila and student orgs that utilise the shared art spaces like practice rooms and black box theatre. Agenda is to discuss the upcoming timeline for the second semester and other concerns raised by the stuorgs during student org retreat in the first semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All meetings will be held in the Elm Anteroom for the first half of the semester. - All meetings to start by 6.05 P.M., or when all members are present. 	
<p>Motion: Regulations for Yale-NUS College Students Facebook Group (5 Minutes, President Lee)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The President will deliver a motion describing requirements for administration of the YNC College Students Facebook group. Members should read and be prepared to vote on this motion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The responsibility for the Facebook pages will be decentralised and delegated to the various class representatives from the StuGov. - Director of Academics has raised the question of whether or not it is the StuGov’s responsibility to regulate content on Yale-NUS College Facebook pages. President Lee has responded by noting that these Facebook pages should be self-moderating space and that the StuGov is not responsible for moderating content. - Alumni should be excluded from the Yale-NUS College Students as they have their own Alumni Association that should facilitate post-graduation communications. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion has been passed unanimously. - President has not exercised his veto power. <p>This motion has been included in Appendix A of this report.</p>	
<p>Establishment of a Select Committee for Staff Advisorship (5 Minutes, President Lee)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The President will call for the establishment of a Select chaired headed by Vice-President Chua to discuss the possibility of a Student Government staff advisor. - Motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This Council moves to establish a Select Committee, as defined by Article IV, Section 2 of the Yale-NUS Student Government Constitution, to be convened by Vice President Scott Chua, for the purpose of examining the incentives, downsides, and consequences of the Government’s potential adoption of a staff advisor. - This Committee shall consist of two Government members, including the convener, and three randomly chosen public members from a pool of volunteers. It shall disband upon providing the Council with a recommendation for action regarding the adoption of a staff advisor, no later than the end of January 2018. - Govt members will be VP Scott and Rep Kalla - Motion has passed unanimously. - President Lee has not exercised his veto power. 	
<p>Withdrawal of Motion from D.Finance Karkera which was tabled definitely to Semester 2 (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Director Karkera will seek the Council’s permission to withdraw his motion concerning FINCOM which was tabled definitely to Semester 2 upon the council’s last consideration of it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The withdrawal is being done in conjunction with the motion to manage expectations for the semester. - Withdrawal has passed unanimously. 	
<p>Introduction of Motion from Director of Finance Karkera (15 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director Karkera will introduce a motion concerning FINCOM, the text of which can be found in the general channel of slack. Members are to read and understand this motion. - Motion will be voted for in parts. - Clause A of the motion has been passed unanimously. President did not exercise his veto power. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief Justice has raised the question on Clause B, on the difference between the StuGov Fund versus the existing Dean of Students' community event fund. The Director of Finance has responded saying that the new fund will support extended projects that will be left behind for the benefit of the Yale-NUS community (e.g. the Dish It initiative), rather than short-term events. - The Director of Academics has raised concern over Article 3, for they feel that FINCOM may have a greater constitutional power over the council. The President has voiced agreement with the Director of Academics. - Amendment to Clause B to be made to address the above concerns. The committee will now adopt a consensus style voting. - Motion to amend the constitution to Article III. Section 4 has been passed unanimously. President has not exercised his veto power. - Clause B of the motion has been passed unanimously - The Director of Finance's motion, with amendments, has been passed unanimously by parts 	
<p>Public Comment (5 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Speaker has not received notification of any public comment at this time. 	

Appendix A

Motion to Implement Guidelines in "Yale-NUS College Students" Facebook Group Membership (Dated 15 January 2018)

Whereas

1. An increasing number of Facebook groups have been created to address certain academic or social aspects of Yale-NUS college life;
2. Aforementioned Facebook groups are essential for the dissemination of information within the college community;
3. Potentially confidential content only intended for or relevant to the immediate Yale-NUS College community may be shared on these groups;
4. Alumni and exchange students can and do share useful resources on Facebook groups such as "Yale-NUS Academic Resource Hub" and "Yale-NUS Opportunities (Yale-NUS Opps)";

5. The Student Council had accepted the responsibility of moderating the Facebook group “Yale-NUS College Students” from its previous administrators Rakesh Prabhakaran ‘17, Zachary Mahon ‘17, Raeden Richardson ‘17, Adlin Zainal ‘17, and Gin Ong ‘18;

Hence, this Council moves to:

1. Instruct the President, Vice-President, and Class Representatives to manage the “Yale-NUS College Students” Facebook group as Admins;
2. Maintain the membership of the “Yale-NUS College Students” Facebook group as:
 - A. Currently matriculated students and exchange students;
 - B. Students on Leave of Absence who intend to return to Yale-NUS College;
 - C. Currently employed faculty and staff;
3. Remove individuals who have left the immediate College community, such as through graduation, transfer, completion of exchange or employment, every academic year;
4. Encourage these same individuals to remain active members of other College-related Facebook groups, such as “Yale-NUS Academic Resource Hub” and “Yale-NUS Opportunities (Yale-NUS Opps)”.