

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
26th Students' Union Council
First meeting of the 26th NTUSU Council

Date: 10th September 2016
 Time Started: 1030H
 Venue: SAC Meeting Room 1 and 2

Present On Time	Club Represented/ Position Held
<p>Non-Academic Constituent Club</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keh Zhao Xi 2. Lim Qiu Li Cherie 3. Ong Kwok Kiang 4. Joel Lim Yi Jie <p>Academic Constituent Club</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leonard Chan Jun Wei 2. Wesley Chan 3. Go Li Jia 4. Dong Yiwen 5. Chan Tuck Ging 6. Nicholas Lee 7. Dominique Yeo Zong Xiang 8. Justin Seow Zhu Yeow 9. Johan Ezran 10. Jolene Lee Wei Ling 11. Marsel Mauricius 12. Kong Zhong Han 13. Richard Chan Wing Hong <p>Union Representatives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bess Tay Qi Wen 2. Samuel Salim 3. Edward Lim Xun Qian 4. How Yijie, Darren 5. Lynnette Chng Jiamin 6. Lim Strahan 7. Low Choon Chye 8. Gan Rui Yun 9. Caroline 10. Goh Yu Xian, Jayden 11. Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob 12. Auginia Natalia 13. Ong Jiamin Amanda 14. Yosua Nathanael Santoso <p>Observers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cassandra Ho 2. Zeng Hui 3. Tan Kwang Boon 	<p>President – CAC Honorary General Secretary – CAC President – Sports Club Representative – WSC</p> <p>President – SPMS President – ADM President – ASE President – CEE President – EEE President – HSS President – MAE President – MSE President – NIE President – SBS President – SCBE President – SCSE President – LKCSOM</p> <p>Union Representative – WSC Union Representative – WSC Union Representative – CAC Union Representative – CAC Union Representative – HSS Union Representative – HSS Union Representative – MAE Union Representative – MAE Union Representative – SPMS Union Representative – NBS Union Representative – NBS Union Representative – SBS Union Representative – MSE Union Representative – EEE</p> <p>Outgoing Vice-President – CAC Outgoing Council Chairperson/President – SBS Outgoing President – ADM</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Hoh Shi Teng 5. Henry Loh 6. Goh Keller 7. Goh Kang Shiong 8. Liu Hongze 9. Lim Tian Ning 10. Lai Sheng Lin 11. Gabriel Chee 12. Liniki 13. Kwok Meng Kei 14. Tan Yee Ru Elysa 15. Sim Xuan Wei 16. Aloysius Voo Xin Ping 17. Guo Weihao 18. Loh Zheng Jia 19. Grace Foo Xin Hui 20. Xia Minghong 21. Por Hui Fang 	<p>Outgoing President – SPMS Outgoing President – HSS Outgoing President – NBS Outgoing President – LKCSOM Outgoing President – CEE Outgoing President – ASE Outgoing President – MSE Outgoing President Outgoing Vice-President (BCC) Outgoing Vice-President (WSA) Outgoing Honorary Financial Secretary Outgoing Human Resource Executive Outgoing Finance Executive Outgoing Operations Executive Outgoing Orientation Executive Outgoing Student Engagement Executive Outgoing Information Technology Executive Observer</p>
Late with apologies	Position Held
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Juden Hoo Hong Xiu 2. Lim Xuan, Nicole 3. Ooi Jing Ting Florence 	<p>President – NBS President – WKWSCI Vice-President – Sports Club</p>

Absent with apologies	Position Held
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lim Sze Chi 2. Billy Ng Chee Wan 	<p>President – WSC Vice-President – WSC</p>

Absent	Position Held
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 	

Meeting Agenda

1. Council Chairperson Election
2. NTUSU Executive Committee Election
3. AOB

No	Agenda	Action
1.	<p>1.1 Proposed for Representatives to be present and have speaking rights Proposer: Yosua Nathanael Santoso Seconder: Low Choon Chye</p> <p>Mr Zeng Hui, the outgoing Council Chairperson and Mr Gan Rui Yun, the outgoing Honorary General Secretary helped to facilitate the first council meeting. They would retreat to the back after the new Council Chairperson and Honorary General Secretary are elected.</p> <p>1.2 Proposed to proceed to the first agenda Proposer: Yosua Nathanael Santoso</p>	

	<p>Secunder: Low Choon Chye</p> <p>Procedure of the Council Rally was briefed by Mr Zeng Hui and the procedure included presentation, question and answer and voting.</p> <p>1.3 Council Chairperson’s Council Rally Nomination for Council Chairperson: Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei Proposer: Johan Ezran Secunder: Marsel Mauricius</p> <p>1.3.1 Presentation: Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei shared his past experience in Singapore Polytechnic. He wishes to create an organisation to make changes to reality and the council to be like a family. He also shared his personality and his belief in professionalism. He believes the council needs to be meet a consensus without argument and everyone needs to hear each other out when there is a difference in opinions. He wants to create a space and community where ideas and voices are heard, so to further student interest.</p> <p>1.3.2 Question and Answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Henry Loh asked what Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei’s vision for the 26th Council. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that that consensus has to be reached for the vision. • Mr Henry Loh asked what his stand is if there’s a conflict. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that he would let both side say their pieces and try to reach a consensus. • Mr Henry Loh asked council members raised up an agenda that is not of most people’s interest. He said he would use the just say no card. • Mr Low Choon Chye asked what he would do if there is an agenda that is not of the members’ interest but is necessary. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that if everyone has a stake in it, it is important. • Mr Henry Loh asked about the council image and how he would value add. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that more marketing can be done as it is important to increase the awareness. • Mr Henry Loh asked what is the strength and weakness of the 25th Council. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that food was scarce. • Ms Tan Yee Ru Elysia, Outgoing Honorary Financial Secretary, asked where he would get money. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that buying food to share need not necessary come from the budget. • Mr Henry Loh asked how the constituency of his is to be represented. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that he would voice out his opinion if his school is being targeted. • Mr Zeng Hui asked how he would make up for his lack of experience in the council. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that he would ask those who are experience like Zeng Hui. He believes he can provide new insights. • Mr Hoh Shi Teng asked about his workload and how he would prioritise his priorities. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that he would try to take one thing at a time and considering his background, he won’t face a problem this semester. • Mr Zeng Hui asked what he can do better in as compared to his predecessor. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that being better is subjective. He feels can be different in terms of encouraging food and being efficient during Meetings. • Mr Low Choon Chye asked how he expects everyone who raises a problem to have a solution for problem. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that the solution may have to require input from other people. 	
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- Mr Henry Loh posed a scenario, if a small club is facing an issue with orientation and it's not of the council concern, whether the Council should discuss and act on this issue. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that they would have to first come up with a standard operating procedure for these issues.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked what the role of the council was and to list three issues that were pertinent to the council. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that the council was the legislative branch of the Union to talk about and thrash out policies. For issues, Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei said the freshman orientation camp but was unable to list any other issues.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to share about the council chair's role in interacting with management. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that as a student representative, he has the privilege to share about difficulties and things that he done, being the bridge between the students and the management.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked for his thoughts on intra council romance. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that his attitude would be "so be it" and that he has no control over it. He also commented that people should maintain their priorities and to take conflicts outside the council.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked how he would address cases of people who do attend meetings. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that he would try to find out the reason for the absences before following the regulations and the removal of the member from the council.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked whether halls should be allowed to sit in on council meetings. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that they can sit in but should not be allowed to vote to prevent double representation.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked whether halls should be invited to council meetings. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that it would be best to invite them for issues that are of concern to them.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked for his thoughts on electronic meetings. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that it was a possibility but he sees it as an alternative, rather than a replacement to physical meetings.
- Mr Gabriel Chee commented that he hopes that the freshman orientation camp would not be the main agenda for the council.
- Mr Joel Lim Yi Jie commented that he has not been confident with many problems in the previous year. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that he was initially affected by the shock from entering university. He went on to elaborate that he does not define his student life by his GPA. That he has faith in his school club committee. Council wise, he said that he does not know about many things but as a council, they have to work together.
- Mr Ong Kwok Kiang asked about punctuality. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei apologised for being late. In the event that someone is late for a meeting, if there is a valid reason, he would accept it.
- Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked about the contrast between his inexperience and the experience of the Union executive committee president. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that they need to work closely with each other.
- Mr Richard Chan Wing Hong asked if he considers integrating medicine students into the NTU community an important issue. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that everyone has to be involved if integration is to be achieved.

Mr Zeng declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Leonard to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Leonard left the room for voting.

1.3.3 Voting

Total vote:29

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
13	10	6	0

Mr Leonard was not elected as the council chairperson.

1.3.4 Propose for 30 minutes break

Proposer: Marsel Mauricius

Secunder: Wesley Chan

1.3.5. Council Chairperson’s Council Rally

Nomination for Council Chairperson – Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei

Proposer: Marsel Mauricius

Secunder: Wesley Chan

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei is thankful for the second nomination and want to take this chance to clear up the queries.

1.3.6 Questions and Answers

- Mr Wesley Chan commented that they understand that if he assumes this position, that he does not know everything. He asked him to share what he learnt from the previous session. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that he learnt that the council is part of the Union and that he needs to understand more about the issues and take a few steps back to understand the situation.
- Mr Low Choon Chye commented that orientation is important but other things are important as well.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun commented that he needs to understand issues from different points of view with a macro perspective.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him to list other issues pertinent to the council. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that an issue he considered was how buses do not have enough standing space and that the accuracy of the arrival timings was poor.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him how he envisions his working relationship with executive committee. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that they should not just work together but to be bonded together.
- Mr Dominique Yeo Zong Xiang commented on how he could sense his desire to create a friendly environment and asked how he would facilitate meetings. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei replied that while there is a need for professionalism to facilitate discussion, that through bonding, they can make work seem less tiresome. Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei also said that he has the duty to calm everyone down when there are heated debates and if the discussion goes too far out of hand, he would restate their objective, while remaining impartial and unbiased.

Mr Zeng Hui declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei left the room for voting.

	<p>1.3.7 Voting Total vote:29</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="220 387 1252 456"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Against</th> <th>Invalid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Council Chairperson: elected in position.</p> <p>Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei took over the council proceedings as the new Council Chairperson and Mr Zeng Hui retreated to the back.</p>	For	Abstain	Against	Invalid	25	4	0	0	
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25	4	0	0							
<p>2.</p>	<p>2.1 Proposed to proceed to the second agenda Proposer: Johan Ezran Seconder: Marsel Mauricius</p> <p>2.2 Honorary General Secretary’s Council Rally Nomination for Honorary General Secretary: Mr How Yijie, Darren Proposer: Yosua Nathanael Santoso Seconder: Keh Zhao Xi</p> <p>2.2.1 Presentation Mr How Yijie, Darren, shared about his background and experiences, which included being the Honorary General Secretary and President of the Pioneer Hall Council. Through this experience, he has gained important values and skills that are important to the position he is running for. He is running for this position because he feels that he still has the desire to serve the greater population, to improve NTU students' experience and to bring in fresh perspectives to the Union. He went through the portfolio of the Honorary General Secretary and described his plans to optimise the Human Resource Policy and Facility Management. He believes that Accountability, Transparency, Sustainability are important part of the Internal Governance System, with a high standard for documentation.</p> <p>2.2.2 Question and Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Zeng Hui raised the issue of practicality of typing minutes and that the council secretary is required to be fast and effective in rephrasing. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that he is not the fastest typist but he believes that this can be managed by effective and efficiently digesting the issues being discussed. • Mr Henry Loh asked him that coming from JCRC background, does he foresee any challenges in being clouded by the halls’ perspective? Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that he understands the need to think for the greater student population while bearing in mind his responsibility to represent his own constituency of CAC, that he is not a person who comes in with an agenda. • Xia Minghong asked how, without specialised knowledge, how would he work with the Information Technology committee. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that it is an ongoing conversation and he needs to be receptive to their limitations. • Mr Low Choon Chye asked what the biggest challenge he thinks he would face is. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that not having previous experience in the Union, learning and adapting on the job would be challenging but is something he has done before. • Mr Low Choon Chye asked if there was anything he foresaw being challenging in the committee. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that discipline within the committee is very tricky to enforce as they are also friends. 									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Low Choon Chye asked him how he would utilise Global Lounge. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that they can look into holding events in the Global Lounge which a more cosy place, suitable for a smaller scale event. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to name two strengths and two weaknesses of his. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that his strengths were being meticulous and hardworking and his weaknesses were being short-tempered and lacking empathy. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to assess his predecessor’s performance. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that he is task oriented and that they have a similar working style, from limited interaction in the past year, he was not as polished. Mr How Yijie, Darren continued that he seems to be more polished now based on his recent interaction with him and believes that he is able to inspire. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to describe his predecessor’s accomplishments and how he can improve upon them. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that he made improvements to the constitution and implemented the human resource policy. Mr How Yijie, Darren felt that he can continue to improve upon these and to apply his experience in this. • Mr Gabriel Chee commented that the internal governance system is also something his predecessor had established and asked how he could add on to it. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that he can continue the implementation and enforcement of the internal governance system and to make optimisations where appropriate. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked how he would make the committee follow the internal governance system. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that resisting change is not good and it is important to ease things in by providing positive examples and slowly, building up the culture. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked what he would do if a committee member does not want to follow the rules. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that if a committee member is being defiant, he would first get the executive in charge of him to him to understand the issue he is facing and that if the values of the member are irreconcilably contrasting, removal or a change of role would have to be done. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked for his opinion on the possibility of the Student Activity Centre being open twenty-four hours a day. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that the issue has similarities with reading rooms in halls and that it might not be the best for the students if it were to be always open. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked what he would do if there is an issue that he needs to present to the council. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that if it is a burning issue, he would get his assistant to help cover the minutes typing and that if it is not so serious, he can get another union representative of another constituency which shares the concern to voice the concern instead. • Mr Henry Loh commented that while there being black and white is important, some leeway for grey is still required. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that there is a need to make their committee feel appreciated as well. • Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso asked how as an honorary general secretary he would prevent committee from going missing on the job. Mr How Yijie, Darren commented that retaining members is an issue faced by every club and that there is a need to inform them of their expected performance while understanding their situation through clear communications. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked what he would do if an underperforming committee member was a good friend of one of the executives. Mr How Yijie, Darren replied that he would approach the executive to talk things out to ensure that standard isn’t being dropped because of their friendship and that if the issue persists, he would further pursue it with the executive and explain the implications and consequences to him. 	
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Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr How Yijie, Darren to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr How Yijie, Darren left the room for voting.

2.2.3 Voting

Total vote:28

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
28	0	0	0

Honorary General Secretary: Elected in position

Mr How Yijie, Darren took over the council minutes recording and Mr Gan Rui Yun retreated to the back

Ms Lim Xuan, Nicole entered the meeting at 1320H

2.3 Propose for 40 minutes lunch break

Proposer: Gan Rui Yun

Seconder: Joel Lim Yi Jie

2.4 Propose for resumption of meeting

Proposer: Gan Rui Yun

Seconder: Lim Strahan

2.5 President’s Council Rally

Nomination for President: Mr Gan Rui Yun

Proposer: Low Choon Chye

Seconder: Dominique Yeo Zong Xiang

2.5.1 Presentation

Mr Gan Rui Yun shared his background in NTU and how he progressed to becoming the honorary general secretary of the Union executive committee. As an honorary general secretary, he gained insights and important knowledge into how the school and various clubs and societies were run. He shared about how he has the right experience, skills and knowledge for the job. He wants to improve the welfare of students because he cares. He aims to ensure that student needs are met, to enhance their welfare and to broaden their perspectives. He described his plan for the direction of the executive committee in the four interconnected areas of development, collaboration, integration and engagement. He stressed the need to engage the students to find out their needs and concerns. He shared about his accomplishments as an honorary general secretary with his internal government system and human resource policy, stressing the importance in making students buy into the ideas of the executive committee. He shared about his desire for a two-way communication with students and how he organised student trust workgroups to achieve this in the previous year. He shared about how he is including advisors to help to carry through with the changes made in the previous year. He also shared about how he is bringing in associate executive committee members but assured the council that they would not have voting rights as they were not voted in. He described how he would welcome negative feedback as it shows that the students care enough to make the complaint. He closed by reiterating his core aims of ensuring student needs are met, enhancing their welfare and broadening their perspectives.

2.5.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked him to list two main issues that the executive committee and council have and comment on the overlap. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that orientation is one such issue as it was a hot topic last year. The next issue was NTU fest and how both the executive committee and council would have to discuss whether to bring it back. He briefly mentioned food prices and housing as other secondary issues.
- Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked how he would behave if he were to have a conflict with the council chairperson who is more junior than him. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would talk it out with him and share his background knowledge on the issue. Mr Gan Rui Yun also commented that disagreements are inevitable and that if needed, they can present the issue to the council, stressing the need to not show division.
- Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping what areas of improvement would he have from his predecessor. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he can work more in building relationships within the council although his predecessor did try to do so last year, Mr Gan Rui Yun feels much more can be done and that without this, it would be hard to accomplish things in the future.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to name three strengths and three weaknesses of his. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that having accuracy in things, efficiency and being a perfectionist were his strengths and being unable to stand ambiguity, impatience and having a short temper were his weaknesses.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked how he would manage these weaknesses. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would manage these weaknesses by delegating out work and setting deadlines to avoid becoming impatient and short tempered. He would also try to take a step back and assess the need for ambiguities.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to list three things he would be better than his predecessor at. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would be a better multi-tasker, be more efficient in as he gets things done early and have more experience with regard to internal governance.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to describe his leadership style especially since now he has to handle the entire committee. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would empower other executive committee members and give them responsibility so they would buy into his ideas, he would also try not to micromanage.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked what he would do if not everyone buys into his ideals. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that people shouldn't see Union as just a co-curricular activity and they should be here to make a difference to the lives of NTU students.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to share how the human resource policy would help subcommittee members buy into the identity of being Union members. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would give them committee names rather than calling them subcommittees, appreciating them and recognising their efforts.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked how he would address conflicts between executive committee members. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would talk to them individually then talk to the senior executive committee member in charge of them because he acknowledges that he would not know everything about the situation. He stressed the need to resolve this situation as soon as possible.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked what he would do if he was in conflict with another member of the executive committee. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would find a neutral party to mediate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee asked what he thought of cliques. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he is against having cliques as there are negative effects but acknowledges that they are inevitable, stressing the need for professionalism. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him how he would integrate the more introverted members into his team. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would talk to these members as a senior executive committee member and try to find common topics to pull them into the group. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what do he thought of intra-office relationships. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he thinks such things are okay but they should not bring any conflict into the executive committee and that they need to remain professional. Mr Gabriel Chee stressed that it is a real problem and has led to bad circumstances in the past. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what he thinks of the orientation changes. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that the overall removal of discrimination and dirty games are good, but some things are good to bring back and it should be discussed as to what should be brought back. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked about the direction that the orientation camps are headed. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that inclusiveness is good but there is a need to make compromises elsewhere to accommodate greater numbers. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked whether the plan to continue increasing the quotas with no end is good. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that it would be bad as when the camps get too big, other problems would be brought into the picture, he stressed that it is important to tell the Undergraduate Orientation Coordinating Committee that this is a problem. • Mr Gabriel Chee posed the scenario that in the Union Orientation Camp, a senior throws a freshman into water. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that the senior would be removed immediately and everyone would be told the reason so that no false information would be spread. Mr Gan Rui Yun also mentioned that since such a case is considered ragging, it would be reported to the Student Affairs Office. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what he thinks of NTU Fest and what do he thinks about the format if it were to continue. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he thinks it is a good idea but the previous format has not been effective. Mr Gan Rui Yun continued that they should give more opportunities for NTU students to perform, bringing the venue back into the west or into NTU to engage the students and the community around them. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him for his opinion on the welfare in NTU. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that welfare is good to have and can be improved but they should be careful about making students have to pay more for more welfare. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what aspects of welfare should be improved. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied transport, housing and food prices. • Mr Gabriel Chee Asked him if he thought the north spine revamp was a good thing. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that it is good as there are more areas for students to have activities and more options for students to eat good food. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked if increasing the number of external vendors becomes an issue for clubs fundraising. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that it is as it as there are exclusivity contracts with these vendors. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked if students have a say in how course curriculum is designed. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that students should have a say but it depends on the course and that students would want different things from the university and may not know the value in the degree through academic rigour. Mr Gan Rui Yun elaborated that they have to work with the academic constituent clubs on this. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee asked if a compulsory industrial attachment is good for the students. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that it is good, as some students secure jobs through these, but not if it forces students to take an extra semester. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him if executive committee members would be allowed to take extended Internships. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that it would be okay as long as they still do their jobs and able to delegate work effectively and that if anyone in the current committee has to do this, he would see it as a trial as some in other committees are able to do it. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what kind of engagement should there be. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that engagement should not be just on his personal level but that every one of the union representatives should engage the entire council, especially the council members without union representatives. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him how do he thinks his relationship with council chairperson be like. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he thinks they communicate more as his previous experience as an honorary general secretary has allowed him to gain a lot of knowledge from the previous council chairperson. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked for his stand on alcohol during meetings and what he would do if an executive committee member is caught drinking during an activity. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that alcohol during meetings is a hard no. Mr Gan Rui Yun continued that if he catches an executive committee member drinking during an activity, he would lecture the person very sternly as it is against the code of conduct unless it is an activity that requires them to drink. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what the kind of relationship he envisions the council having with the management. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that there is a need for everyone in the council to be engaged with the management, that they should not just talk at events, making more opportunities to voice concerns to management. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what kind of relationship should the NTU Student Union have with other unions in Singapore. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he thinks that they should have a good relationship to learn about how other unions do things and apply it to themselves. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping, on behalf of Mr Henry Loh, mentioned that the executive committee is larger than ever, whether having such a big group hinders or helps. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he thinks it's good as some things need to be handed down directly. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping, on behalf of Mr Henry Loh, asked if there is a need for advisors when past executive committees could do it without advisors. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that advisors give a direct contact person who can share exactly what happened in the past and to avoid making the same mistake again. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked if advisors would limit the growth of the committee if they are not allowed to learn from their mistakes. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that they would be learning from the past experiences of the advisors and that mistakes are not necessary to learn things and some mistakes might have serious implications. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked what he would do about students not being able to exercise their satisfactory/unsatisfactory option after their exam. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that they have to find out what the students want, find out what happened in the past that caused the change to the current state. Mr Gan Rui Yun continued that if the reason for it is a solid reasoning, there may not be grounds to propose for this. • Ms Cassandra Ho asked what his stand was on transparency within the council. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that they have been fairly transparent with minutes being posted for 	
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others to view. Mr Gan Rui Yun also mentioned the need for people to know about the council in the first place.

- Ms Cassandra Ho asked if there would there be a transparency of budget. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that they would not make any more changes further to the recent changes unless there is a serious issue.
- Ms Grace Foo Xin Hui asked how he would empower his executive committee. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he would give senior executive committee members his vision and let them empower their junior executive committee members. Mr Gan Rui Yun also commented that he would collect frequent feedback from his executive committee.
- Ms Grace Foo Xin Hui posed the scenario of someone going missing at the end of the term. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that he is limited in what he can do at that point. But he would try to get that person down to give a handover briefing with proper documentation so that even if the person completely goes missing, they would have something to show.
- Ms Grace Foo Xin Hui asked how can shuttle bus services be improved. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that they can push for greater accuracy in the global positioning system and the time till arrival.
- Mr Dominique Yeo Zong Xiang commented that many union representatives are not previously from within the Union, and asked how he would ensure continuity such that efforts are not wasted. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that continuity has two parts, documentation and convincing committee members to step up.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian posed the scenario of there being a serious orientation incident like NUS that year. Mr Gan Rui Yun replied that they need to have a stand like NUSSU did, as well as having close relationship with the corporate communications office to get help with public relations.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Gan Rui Yun to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Gan Rui Yun left the room for voting.

2.5.3 Voting

Total vote:30

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
28	2	0	0

President: elected in position.

2.6 Propose for 10 minute toilet break

Proposer: Low Choon Chye

Seconder: Lim Strahan

2.7 Propose for resumption of meeting

Proposer: Lim Strahan

Seconder: Chan Tuck Ging

2.8 Vice-President (WSA) Council Rally

Nomination for Vice-President (WSA): Mr Low Choon Chye

Proposer: Lim Strahan

Seconder: Yosua Nathanael Santoso

2.8.1 Presentation

Mr Low Choon Chye opened with sharing some of his hobbies, sharing his past experiences in Hall, the Welfare Services Club and MAE club. He described the four reasons he had for stepping up being to lead, to inspire, to serve and to change. He mentioned how he intends to embody the Union’s motto, vision and mission. He shared the structure of his division and his multi-step process which he believes his portfolio should have. He listed the challenges he foresees for his term, the sustainability of the current orientation model, rising food prices, hall points and the trust of the students. He shared his goals for improving the image of the Union, gaining the trust of students and getting more leaders to serve.

2.8.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Kwok Meng Kei, Outgoing Vice-President (WSA), asked him what he can do better than his predecessor. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that his predecessor had a lot of patience and that he takes all criticism very well. Mr Low Choon Chye continued that a lot of things were happening last year which made orientation a big issue and he was only able to focus on orientation and not the rest of student welfare. Mr Low Choon Chye said that he would try to strike a balance between orientation and student welfare.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked him what approach he would take when interacting with the management. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that the Vice-President (WSA) should represent the students and the first step would be to engage the students to gain more data that he can present to the management.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked him if he is more for the management or the students. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he is more for the students as he is voted in by the students.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked him what he thinks of his president. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he feels like they complement each other as they are good at different things.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked how he would resolve a disagreement between himself and his president. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that people have differences because their objectives are different so conflict resolution would be done by reviewing their objectives.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked him how he would inspire people as a Vice-President (WSA). Mr Low Choon Chye replied that inspiring people is about mind-set and the way you do things and that he would show them his passion and let them learn from him.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked what he could do as a Vice-President (WSA) to improve trust. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he can do so through the student engagement committee to show the students that they really represent them and getting executive committee members to do down to engage the students. Mr Low Choon Chye commented that his division alone is not enough and it needs to be a combined effort from all portfolios.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked how he can help the academic clubs. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that they should address the academic issues either in council or with just the acad club presidents to have a more representative view to bring to the management.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked him what some Union events are that can be improved, changed or removed. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that they should increase the vibrancy during welfare pack giveaway, changing the image of the Union to be more than just giving out goodie bags.

- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked if he was open to collaborations with clubs not in the council. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that student interest groups are important and sessions need to be conducted to receive their views of issues.
- Mr Kwok Meng Kei asked how he would behave as a MAE union representative, being the previous MAE president. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he feels very strongly for MAE but understands the need to consider the whole cohort instead of just MAE.
- Ms Sim Xuan Wei, Outgoing Human Resource Executive, asked for his thoughts on intra-council or executive committee relationships. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that it is important to remain professional, keeping emotions from affecting your job.
- Mr Joel Lim Yi Jie asked him if his competitiveness was a good thing. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that it is good when he competitives to achieve things but bad when he is stubborn and does not listen to other’s comments.
- Mr Joel Lim Yi Jie asked him what his leadership style was. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he is an inspirational leader.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to elaborate on how he would represent the students. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he would gain a balanced view through listening, engaging and understanding.
- Mr Gabriel Chee mentioned that many students want to keep old camp style but there is a push towards inclusiveness. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that it is important to bear in mind what is right and what is popular.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked how he would convince the management that he wants something to happen. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that it is important to talk about the consequences of the possible choices and show that he understands the concerns of the school as well.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him if he would walk out of a meeting if he does not get what he wants. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he would not as things would definitely not go in his favour if he does.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him for his opinion on the Union’s relationship with the halls. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that it is good to bring in the halls on issues that involve them.
- Mr Dominique Yeo Zong Xiang asked him how he would react if the university shows evidence that the new orientation is still okay for the freshmen. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that he feels that they should look forward rather than wanting to bring back the format of old.
- Mr Richard Chan Wing Hong asked him if he considers integrating medical students an important issue, knowing that in doing so may be giving in special benefits to them. Mr Low Choon Chye replied that curriculum structure is hard to change but it can be raised during council meetings and discussed.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Low Choon Chye to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Low Choon Chye left the room for voting.

2.8.3 Voting

Total vote:30

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
29	1	0	0

Vice-President (WSA): elected in position.

	<p>2.9 Vice-President (BCC) Council Rally Nomination for Vice-President (BCC): Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso Proposer: Lim Strahan Seconder: Low Choon Chye</p> <p>2.9.1 Presentation Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso described his experience as a Business Projects Executive and how he works hard for the goals he sets. He talked about his motivation, wanting to improve the image of the SU and to serve the students in NTU. He shared his philosophy of leadership as helping, structuring, facilitating, empowering and planning. He also described how he feels that team spirit is important and so having team principles, values and norms are important. He also talked about his vision for the Union as being respectable, corporate and approachable.</p> <p>2.9.2 Question and Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Liniki, Outgoing Vice-President (BCC), asked him the most pertaining issue of the division was. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that it was keeping the subcommittee driven throughout the year and that it was important to keep the team on track with key performance indicators. • Mr Liniki asked if content uploaded to social media be more approachable or more corporate. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that it should be more friendly but still acceptable for corporate standards. • Mr Liniki asked him how branding should be done. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that branding is about the whole impression that is given to students of an organisation. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso continued that having each committee represent the Union’s organisational values is very effective for strong branding, more direct approaches need to be taken as opposed to just mailers. • Mr Liniki asked him about the importance of U-Herald. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that he thinks that the U-Herald is still important but the format can be changed to be more suitable for present trends. • Mr Liniki asked him how he would balance the interests of Housing and Auxiliary Services and Finance Office. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso talked about how he worked with the honorary financial secretary last year to help him with the correspondences with the finance office. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him how he would handle the relationship between the Union and co-op. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that competition is good for students as they have more options, that the aim of U-Shop is not profit but to provide students with the best merchandise. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso also mentioned that they can continue to work as per the current status quo. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked about the possibility of a collaboration with the co-op shop. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that there are possible collaborations such as a bazaar or partnership where they sell the same item or share profit. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso also mentioned that sits on the co-op board and so is aware of their direction. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked if the Union should expand its business into other areas. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that they can add more businesses but only if there is a demand by the students. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked how he would ensure that the Corporate Liaison Executive secures sponsorships that are beneficial to the Union. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that it can be done through establishing a very detailed standard operating procedures to dictate what to do in each instance. 	
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- Mr Gabriel Chee asked if the standard operating procedures can be applied to the rest of the union committee. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that it can but only the things that are relevant to each committee.
- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him what he would do if a contract was signed that goes against the guidelines of the standard operating procedures. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that he would check the guidelines to know if there was really a breach and if it does not break school rules, he would honour the contract but if it does, he would apologise to the company and ask how he can mitigate their loss.
- Mr Marsel Mauricius asked how he would resolve a situation where he has a family commitment and a Union event at the same time. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that he has already communicated to his family to inform them about his commitment to the Union. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso added that he would also weigh the importance of the two events.
- Mr Liniki asked what he would do if the Corporate Liaison Executive breaches the exclusivity terms of a contract. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that if it is for publicity, he would take it down.
- Mr Ong Kwok Kiang asked him what he would accept in exchange for mailer blasts. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that it can be anything but it depends on the negotiation.
- Ms Auginia Natalia, asked him if the current logo was okay what the meaning of the colours were. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that the blue shows trust and red shows vibrancy and that if there is a better option, it would be up to the executive committee to decide if it should be taken up.
- Mr Liniki asked him if all non-digital noticeboards should be replaced with digital ones. Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso replied that he does not think so as the idea of digital was to add, not replace, a platform of publicity and having both has value.

Ms Lim Xuan, Nicole left at 1700H for another event.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso left the room for voting.

2.9.3 Voting

Total vote:29

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
27	2	0	0

Vice-President (BCC): elected in position.

2.10 Propose for 10 minute toilet break

Proposer: Marsel Mauricius

Secunder: Johan Ezran

2.11 Propose for resumption of meeting

Proposer: Johan Ezran

Secunder: Marsel Mauricius

2.12 Honorary Financial Secretary Council Rally

	<p>Nomination for Honorary Financial Secretary: Mr Strahan Lim Proposer: Yosua Nathanael Santoso Seconder: Nicholas Lee</p> <p>2.12.1 Presentation Mr Lim Strahan introduced the role of the Honorary Financial Secretary. He shared his aim of promoting engagement and communication with the SU committees and their financial controllers. He described how his predecessors have established a strong foundation which he hopes to build upon.</p> <p>2.12.2 Question and Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked him what measures he intends to take to improve communications. Mr Lim Strahan replied that they would continue to work closely with the finance office and they would maintain a constant dialogue to pre-empt any issues the financial controllers may have. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked him how he would improve budgeting. Mr Lim Strahan replied that he intends to introduce a zero base budgeting system in which committees would not have any purchases that are automatically approved. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked how feasible his aim in implementing zero base budgeting. Mr Lim Strahan replied that he believes that the amount of committees is small enough to allow him to carry this out. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked what he would do if a committee over-budgets. Mr Lim Strahan replied that he would compare their budget to previous years to make sure that their budgeting is correct and check the supporting documents for disparate costs in items. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked him how he would delegate work between himself and his Finance Executive. Mr Lim Strahan replied that he would talk with his Finance Executive after being elected to settle this. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked him what he would do if an event ends near the finals and the documents come in after finals and after the deadline for the financial controllers. Mr Lim Strahan replied that there is a need to maintain threshold for deadlines but he would work with them to try to get as many documents required as soon as possible. • Mr Aloysius Voo Xin Ping asked him if finance documents could be passed from a third party. Mr Lim Strahan replied that ideally the documents should be passed first-hand but he might accept in some cases especially if it is from the chairperson. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him if there was a drawback in terms of not having an accountancy background. Mr Lim Strahan replied that he has prior finance experience in the airforce and he gained some understanding of some of the best practices. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him to suggest a procedure from the Airforce that can be applied to the Union. Mr Lim Strahan replied that one thing would be empowering and supporting the financial controllers by giving them the requisite finance knowledge. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him if the Union should hold onto petty cash. Mr Lim Strahan replied that petty cash is very messy but necessary in some situations, that it needs to be very well managed. • Mr Gabriel Chee asked him if having 5 males in the senior executive committee was an issue. Mr Lim Strahan replied that it was not an issue in this day and age and that there are many girls in the executive committee to balance things out. 	
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- Mr Gabriel Chee asked him how he would contribute to the senior executive committee. Mr Lim Strahan replied that he would provide the point of view from being in human resources previously and being a HSS student.

Mr Keh Zhao Xi and Ms Lim Qiu Li Cherie left at 1742H.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Lim Strahan to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Lim Strahan left the room for voting.

2.12.3 Voting

Total vote:27

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
26	1	0	0

Honorary Financial Secretary: elected in position.

2.13 Human Resource Executive Council Rally

Nomination for Human Resource Executive: Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin

Proposer: Lim Strahan

Seconder: Gan Rui Yun

2.13.1 Presentation

Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin described her experiences working full time at Resorts World Sentosa in people management. She shared how she gained leadership skills from her previous experiences in leadership positions in NTU and how she believes that people management is a delicate balance, requiring a strong internal structure to motivate, empower, encourage and appreciate. She talked about how she wants to make people feel valued. She believes that with her CCA and working experience, she is equipped to perform this role. She described her plan to align committee members to the goals of the SU and to conduct a bonding event in semester 2. She intends to properly document the HR policy such that it can be passed down from year to year.

2.13.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her how she can do better than her predecessor. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that her predecessor had to set up human resource policies so she was not able to work on bonding the executive committee.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her what effort has she put in to learn about this position, being from outside the Union. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that she has been communicating with her predecessor to learn about her role and responsibilities.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her how she would resolve a conflict within the executive committee. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that she would sit each of them down individually and try to understand their points of view and then bring them together to talk it out while she mediates.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her what she would do if a chairperson promised someone 7 points when they were not supposed to. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that she would check with the chairperson why this was done and she would talk to the person affected to explain the reasons why they would not be able to give the 7 points.

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if she has any plans on bonding the committees. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that she would start with bonding them within their committees.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun posed the scenario of a committee member being hostile to another constituent club. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that she would talk to the perpetrator and find out why he behaved in that way, she would then explain to him that he should apologise and that there is no point in being hostile to one another.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked her what are the objectives for her intended semester 2 bonding event. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that it will be to try and get as many people from as many different committees as possible and for them to have fun, she will gather feedback from participants on this.
- Mr Low Choon Chye mentioned that what is important is not what happens during the bonding but after, asking her how she would ensure continuity. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that she would encourage them to continue to meet up, follow up dinner session.
- How Yijie, Darren asked her what she would do if a director or chairman is unwilling to let their committee participate in her event. Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin replied that she will continue to push and rationalise with the person and try to make him see the bigger picture.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Lynnette Chng Jiamin left the room for voting.

2.13.3 Voting

Total vote:27

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
27	0	0	0

Human Resource Executive: elected in position.

Mr Kong Zhong Han left the meeting at 1844H.

2.14 Welfare (Student Life) Executive Council Rally

Nomination for Welfare (Student Life) Executive: Ms Auginia Natalia

Proposer: Low Choon Chye

Secunder: Gan Rui Yun

2.14.1 Presentation

Ms Auginia Natalia shared about how she has been in the welfare initiative committee since her first year. She felt the desire to make changes to enhance students' welfare and to gain students' trust. She described her plans to have the exam welfare pack giveaway at the Tan Chin Tuan pavilion as it is a midway point between the north and south spines. She intends to give healthier snacks and to use that opportunity to receive student feedback. She wants to increase the availability of halal food in NTU.

2.14.2 Question and Answer

- Ms Caroline asked about the possibility of a U-Study campaign collaboration with the u-flea. Ms Auginia Natalia replied that it was done last year and she is open to it.

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if the money spent on U-Study was justified. Ms Auginia Natalia replied that she feels that people are happy to receive the welfare packs and they expect it every year, cutting budget is okay but not by more than half.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked if it was better for the school to manage canteens directly. Ms Auginia Natalia replied that it might help to reduce middleman costs which might manifest in high food prices.
- Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob raised the problem of vegetarians not having convenient food in NTU. Ms Auginia Natalia replied that cooking is possibly an option for them and that some canteens have one vegetarian stall each. She continued that she hopes for each cluster to have at least one vegetarian stall.
- Mr How Yijie, Darren asked her how can she make a difference when change has not been achieved despite multiple channels of feedback on this issue. Ms Auginia Natalia replied that she cannot make any promises but she would try to use statistics to strengthen her stand.
- Mr Nicholas Lee asked her how would she involve the JCRCs in these issues. Ms Auginia Natalia replied that she has to seek permission from her Vice-President (WSA) as to whether they can work together on this issue.
- Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden asked her if it was time for someone to step up and solve the food price problem. Ms Auginia Natalia replied that she agrees that the food price is an issue and mentioned that the school needs evidence that the food prices are high.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Auginia Natalia to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Augina Natalia left the room for voting.

Mr Ong Kwok Kiang and Ms Ooi Jing Ting Florence left the meeting at 1955H.

2.14.3 Voting

Total vote:26

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
17	8	1	0

Welfare (Student Life) Executive: elected in position.

2.15 Propose for 40 minutes dinner break

Proposer: Gan Rui Yun

Secunder: Lim Strahan

2.16 Propose for resumption of meeting

Proposer: Gan Rui Yun

Secunder: Chan Tuck Ging

2.17 Welfare (Development) Executive Council Rally

Nomination for Welfare (Development) Executive: Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden

Proposer: Low Choon Chye

Secunder: Yosua Nathanel Santoso

2.17.1 Presentation

Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden shared about his background as a sports director in Crescent Hall, heading a committee of 20 and organising night cycling for his hall. He shared about the structure of the Welfare (Development) and the two committees of Ministerial Forum and ICON. He described his plans for ICON and for it to cater to a larger proportion of the population and how he wants to empower students to believe in themselves.

2.17.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him what type of welfare he provides. Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden replied that the type of welfare he provides is about developing students through things like political awareness.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked him what Improvements he will make from his predecessors. Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden replied that he has two predecessors as he took over two portfolios and that he aims to widen the scope of appeal of his events as compared to previously.
- Mr Justin Seow Zhu Yeow asked him what he wanted to achieve in his term. Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden replied that he wants to reach out to more students and add on and promote political awareness through the ministerial forum.
- Mr Nicholas Lee asked him what type of build-up he intends to have for the ministerial forum. Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden replied that he wants to bring in fresh ideas like a current affairs quiz competition in a more informal setting rather than a formal one to encourage the more casual participation.
- Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso asked him what he thinks of the level of political awareness of students in NTU. Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden replied that it was low and commented that most in this room do not have a high level of political awareness. Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden reiterated that simpler events would be required to attract students who would not previously be attracted.
- Mr Low Choon Chye commented that an average student would not be interested in the topic in the first place, how would he expect to make them come for his events. Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden replied that he wants to organise events that would suit students with low political awareness.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden left the room for voting.

2.17.3 Voting

Total vote:24

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
22	1	1	0

Welfare (Development) Executive: elected in position.

2.18 Orientation and Integration Executive Council Rally

Nomination for Orientation and Integration Executive: Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob

Proposer: Low Choon Chye

Secunder: Yosua Nathanael Santoso

2.18.1 Presentation

Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob shared about how he started his leadership position in Crescent Hall as the Welfare Director, leading 13 subcommittee members. He reached out to international students and integrated them into the hall. He commented on how everyone there was there to make the lives of students better and how he wants to be a better representative for the voices of students. He outlined the issues he wants to tackle, the short-term accommodation, standardisation of camps and the students' welfare.

2.18.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him what kind of working relationship they would have and how would he would complement his Vice-President (WSA). Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that he believes that they need to reach a common consensus such that they are both on the same page and only then can they push their point together.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him how he intends to pitch his idea to the university orientation camp coordinating committee. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that he will need hard and convincing statistics to support his argument and even with this evidence, there is still a need to be tactful.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him what he would do if the school was to say that overnight stay is not required. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that he would first consolidate every faculty's consensus on this issue.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun posed the scenario that a group leader was caught for ragging but was his friend. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that he would take a professional stand and not withhold the punishment in order to limit the damage and prevent it from spreading.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him what his view on welcome week was and how he would integrate it into the orientation. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that not a lot of people know about welcome week and that the objectives need to be thoroughly thought through to understand the issue.
- Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso asked what his stand on nationality based informal international groups was. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that they should not be having their orientation camp as they are excluding themselves from other camps.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him what ways can he do better than his predecessor. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that he has the opportunity to start early so he intends to better integrate the executive committee into the union orientation camp.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him how he would encourage union orientation camp freshmen to join the Union. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that based on feedback, there has not been a good relationship with the union orientation camp but he hopes they can solve this in this term.
- Mr Justin Seow Zhu Yeow asked him what kind of orientation camp is the most ideal to him. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that it is one where there is a balance and the dos and don'ts are clearly stated.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him what he would do to prevent guidelines being released late. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that he will take this opportunity to be elected early and start early and he would start working on these guidelines in the first union orientation camp meeting.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him how he would engage the halls because last year was messy. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that first they will have a meeting with all hall fellows to enforce all the guidelines. Secondly proposals being vetted by different people needs to be discussed by the council.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him what duration set aside for camps was good. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that there is ideal duration but it must be more than 2 weeks.

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if hall camps should be removed and whether the current order of camps was suitable. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that if the freshmen are not given hall camps, they would not integrate into hall activities however he thinks the order of camps should be changed.
- Mr Richard Chan Wing Hong asked him if everything should be centralised through the student affairs office. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that in order for everything to be standardised, there needs to be a main organisational body. He agrees that all proposals should go through the student affairs office and that it should be a council vote.
- Mr Richard Chan Wing Hong commented that his faculty is often left out of this conversation, and if he was elected, would he negotiate a separate orientation schedule for LKCSOM so that they may experience the full offering of camps. Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob replied that it may not be possible but regardless, there needs to be a good relationship with higher management so that he can represent them.
- Mr Low Choon Chye commented that he should not be saying which camp is more important in the council.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob left the room for voting.

2.18.3 Voting

Total vote:24

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
22	2	0	0

Orientation and Integration Executive: elected in position.

2.19 Student Engagement Executive Council Rally

Nomination for Student Engagement Executive: Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen

Proposer: Lim Strahan

Secunder: Low Choon Chye

2.19.1 Presentation

Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen talked about how she wants to do something useful for the school and students while improving her own leadership skills. She wants to raise awareness of what the Union can do for students and also to engage students and provide a more fruitful university experience. She described her planned new initiatives, U-Stop, her plan to add balloons to the U-ROC area, and U-Walk.

2.19.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her if there would still be surveys conducted. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that yes, her initiatives are to be in addition to the normal surveys and that she intends to make surveys shorter and more precise.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if she should she ask questions that disposes students to giving the answers that they want. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that they should not but they should try to ensure that the student answers are not too varied.

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her if her planned initiatives for the long term. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that they can be sustainable in the long term depending on what the future executives want and would not be opposed to future changes.
- Mr Richard Chan Wing Hong asked if surveys are the primary means of engagement with students and mentioned that going out to physically meet students might be another way of engaging students. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that surveys are the way she gets information from students and drawing statistics. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen added that her plans to start a U-Walk initiative was one way of achieving this.
- Mr Justin Seow Zhu Yeow asked her what indicators she would look at to rate her own efforts. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that she can look at the sample sizes they get and she would try to increase this number as compared to last year.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her how would she would get students to do and finish surveys. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that they can give them incentives for completing the surveys.
- Mr Wesley Chan commented on the boring design of previous surveys and suggested making surveys more interesting in design.
- Mr Dominique Yeo Zong Xiang expressed concern for the composition of those answering the surveys. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that she needs to see the data first in order to address this concern.
- Mr Marsel Mauricius asked if she has any new initiatives to approach school clubs to get survey results. Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen replied that she can look into it.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Bess Tay Qi Wen left the room for voting.

2.19.3 Voting

Total vote:24

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
20	4	0	0

Student Engagement Executive: elected in position.

2.20 Operations Executive Council Rally

Nomination for Operations Executive: Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda

Proposer: Yosua Nathanael Santoso

Secunder: Lynnette Chng Jiamin

2.20.1 Presentation

Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda shared about her background in the Welfare Services Club. She outlined the portfolio of the Operations Executive, the Associate Executive and the 2 committees under her. She listed the facilities and IT infrastructures that the Operations Executive manages. She talked about how she has participated in many different portfolios because she was interested in learning more. She described her planned initiatives such as a competition in U-ROC, improving the international theme of the global lounge through pasting phrases in other languages on tables.

2.20.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her how she would push for IT changes without an IT background. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied that she would try to learn what she can, for things that are more difficult, she would have to consult the IT committee.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her to list the assets managed by the operations executive. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied the U-Lockers and notice boards and that she would look through the facilities list and familiarise herself once she is elected.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun posed the scenario of a council meeting and another club’s important event’s bookings clashing. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied that she has to see when the bookings were made and possibly consider other locations.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun posed the scenario of a council booking by the honorary general secretary that overrides another club but that the other club has not been informed. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied that she would consult the honorary general secretary as to why the other club was not informed. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda also mentioned that she believes in a first come first served basis if the events are of equal importance.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her how would she motivate her committee to stay committed until the end of their term. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied that she intends to have a weekly dinner for her committee to meet and stay bonded as friends rather than just as professionals.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun mentioned that predecessor was very enthusiastic, and asked her if she would be as enthusiastic. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied that her predecessor has set a very high standard but she would try to match up to his standard as long as she is staying in a hall.
- Mr Dominique Yeo Zong Xiang asked if she had any other plans for the global lounge. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied that she wanted to achieve the goal of the global lounge as a melting pot for international students. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda cited other universities’ global lounges which have activities such as language classes and commented on the importance of letting people know about the intention of the global lounge.
- Mr Justin Seow Zhu Yeow asked if she would have a challenge catching up with the demands of her role. Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda replied that she does not see her not having prior experience as a disadvantage rather she thinks it is important for the SU to have new blood to give new perspectives on how things can be done.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Ms Ong Jiamin Amanda left the room for voting.

2.20.3 Voting

Total vote:25

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
19	3	3	0

Operations Executive: elected in position.

2.21 Propose for 10 minute toilet break

Proposer: Justin Seow Zhu Yeow

Secunder: Lim Strahan

2.22 Propose for resumption of meeting

	<p>Proposer: Gan Rui Yun Seconder: Lim Strahan</p> <p>2.23 Corporate Liaison Executive Council Rally Nomination for Corporate Liaison Executive: Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian Proposer: Lim Strahan Seconder: Go Li Jia</p> <p>2.23.1 Presentation Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian talked about how he values people relations, being in control of his own life and hearing feedback. He talked about his background and highlighted his role as Business Manager of the Crescent Hall Freshman Orientation Camp. He outlined the corporate liaison executive’s portfolio structure. He wants to inspire his team to be confident and have the desire to serve the student population. He aims to provide wealth, raise funds and to find more sponsorships for NTU Perks and he intends to rebrand NTU Perks as U-Perks. He ended by giving some examples of sponsors he intends to approach.</p> <p>2.23.2 Question and Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso asked him for his strengths and weaknesses. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that being humble, a people person and adaptability were his strengths and the inability to multitask, forgetfulness, and poor organisation of thoughts were his weaknesses. • Mr Yosua Nathanel Santoso asked him what the direction was for the rebranding of NTU Perks as U-Perks. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that the direction will be exciting and hyped such that when it launches, hopefully it would make a big impact. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian also mentioned that they will focus on quality and impactful sponsors. • Mr Yosua Nathanel Santoso asked for his thoughts on insurance companies. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that they have been supporting SU for many years and they provide a large source of money however they can look into limiting their survey forms to specific booths and ensuring PDPA compliance. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him how he expects his team to handle a situation where they are being asked things that they do not know. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that he will keep his team updated by sharing documents with the required information. • Mr Gan Rui Yun posed the scenario of a company claiming that the Union is copying their business model and threatening to sue. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that he will first check with his Vice-President (BCC). next he would check if the Union had done anything wrong and after which, he would then inform the company that they have not done anything wrong. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him what he would do if it becomes clear that the company is simply trying to take advantage of the Union. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that he would blacklist the company from the union. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if he would standardise the contract terms throughout the committees. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that it should be standardised within the Union but must the terms must suit the respective portfolios as well. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked about the possibility of a strategic sponsorship. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that he is looking into it. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him if a constituent club approaches him, whether would he help them. Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian replied that he was open to helping them but it should be mutually beneficial. 	
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Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian left the room for voting.

2.23.3 Voting
Total vote:25

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
23	2	0	0

Corporate Liaison Executive: elected in position.

2.24 Corporate Communications Executive Council Rally
Nomination for Corporate Liaison Executive: Mr Samuel Salim
Proposer: Lim Strahan
Secorder: Lynnette Chng Jiamin

2.24.1 Presentation

Mr Samuel Salim shared his background as the layout editor for the Union Herald. He described corporate communications as the publications and publicity of the Union. He wants to inform the students as to what NTUSU does. He feels that currently the NTUSU branding is very corporate and he wants to push for 3 characteristics, being recognisable, reputable and approachable. He wants the corporates communications team to work closely with the student engagements team to allow both parties to achieve their goals.

2.24.2 Question and Answer

- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him how he was going to achieve the 3 characteristics of being recognisable, reputable and approachable. Mr Samuel Salim gave the example of NTU perks being rebranded to U-Perks. Mr Samuel Salim also mentioned that he will increase the amount of information being distributed.
- Mr Low Choon Chye asked him how he would rate the Union currently on the 3 characteristics. Mr Samuel Salim replied that the Union is quite reputable but not approachable and that there was a need to create an association of “U” to the Union.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun mentioned that they are still in process of rebranding and asked what other initiatives can be rebranded with the “U”. Mr Samuel Salim replied that the other initiatives could be the Union Herald and the Integrated Career Opportunities Network.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him what kind of news would be in the union herald and how he would improve it. Mr Samuel Salim replied that he would remove the lifestyle articles and cover all the events and activities that are happening in NTU, working with the social media team to refer viewers to the union herald.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if the Union Herald’s focus would be on the Union or all the constituent clubs. Mr Samuel Salim replied that the main focus would be on the Union but constituent clubs would also be featured more comprehensively.
- Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei asked him what would make the Union Herald interesting to students who were not as familiar with the union. Mr Samuel Salim replied that one thing they did last year was to have small prizes at the back of the issue.
- Mr Wesley Chan asked about the frequency of the Union Herald publications. Mr Samuel Salim replied that it was bimonthly.

- Mr Wesley Chan asked what the Union Herald gives to those working on it as compared to the Nanyang Chronicle which gives academic units. Mr Samuel Salim replied that the Union was not a school so they would not be able to give academic units, what they would give would be experience.
- Mr Goh Zhi Xian, Jacob asked him what the selling point of the Union Herald was. Mr Samuel Salim replied that it was to show people the school events rather than lifestyle pieces.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him if he would you overhype for viewership. Mr Samuel Salim replied that overhyping is bad and he trusts his committee not to go so low as to overhype just for views.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked him how he would increase the Union’s outreach on social media. Mr Samuel Salim replied that he will keep the Union’s facebook page updated and ensure that posts are informative.
- Mr Wesley Chan commented that it might be good to conduct a survey to find out what space the Union Herald can occupy.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked him if a corporate sponsor requested for a video, whether he would provide one. Mr Samuel Salim replied that it could be discussed but only on a case by case basis.
- Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked him how he would he ensure that U-Perks will be visible when emails have been sent for so long without traction. Mr Samuel Salim replied that he will have more posts in facebook and will try using attractive infographics.
- Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei commented on how it might be beneficial to have more posts across the day and to create a flow such that it becomes more visible.
- Mr Goh Yu Xian, Jayden commented that he had been talking about things that have already been done and that he should do something creative and new.
- Mr Low Choon Chye commented that he could work with the various event directors as well.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun commented that one possibility was to have a separate type of page for more frivolous things and that he can work together with the various constituent clubs.
- Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso asked him what the biggest challenge for he and his team would be and how he would overcome it. Mr Samuel Salim replied that last year, a lot of the subcomms went missing because there was no sense of belonging and that this year it would be good to have more team bonding.
- Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if there would still be Union Herald editions during the holidays as his proposed schedule was bimonthly. Mr Samuel Salim replied that it will depend whether they have things to publish.

Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Mr Samuel Salim to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.

Mr Samuel Salim left the room for voting.

2.24.3 Voting

Total vote:25

For	Abstain	Against	Invalid
19	3	3	0

Corporate Communications Executive: elected in position.

	<p>2.25 Business Projects Executive Council Rally Nomination for Corporate Liaison Executive: Ms Caroline Proposer: Lim Strahan Seconder: Yosua Nathanael Santoso</p> <p>2.25.1 Presentation Ms Caroline talked about her background in entrepreneurship through U-Shop. She commented on how U-Shop can provide a platform for a lot of students’ entrepreneurship spirits. She listed the various projects under herself, U-Shop, U-Flea and U-Pushcart. She mentioned her hope to optimise the processes in U-Shop and to increase the publicity for U-Shop. She introduced the business project initiatives committee structure. She shared her plan for the year for U-Pushcart, U-Flea and the business project initiatives committee. She ended by reiterating her desire to be elected so that she could carry out her plans.</p> <p>2.25.2 Question and Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso asked her how she would do better than her predecessor. Ms Caroline replied that she thought he was inspiring and did a good job but she would work to increase the awareness of more than just U-Shop which was the most obvious initiative previously. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her what proportion of visitors to U-Shop know that part of the proceeds go towards the students’ fund. Ms Caroline replied that not a lot of people know and actually probably only the committee will know. • Mr Edward Lim Xun Qian asked her how she would inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship. Ms Caroline replied that she knew many students who already embody this and would be interested in taking it further. • Mr Gan Rui Yun commented that faculties also conduct 2nd hand book sales and that they could be consulted for advice in this type of initiative. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if the U-Shop would go online. Ms Caroline replied that it would not be this year as there are still a lot of changes to be made and her committee is limited. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked her how sustainable the U-Shop was currently. Ms Caroline replied that it was quite sustainable as is kept sustainable through the updating of their product line. • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked if there would there be a drop in the future with a saturation in NTU shirt sales. Ms Caroline replied that she feels it will be dependent on the committee’s ability to manage the shop. Ms Caroline also commented that making the U-Shop sustainable was linked to making the committee feel a sense of belonging to the U-Shop • Mr Gan Rui Yun asked about the possibility of collaborations with other CCAs for the U-Shop. Ms Caroline replied that she was open to constituent clubs selling their shirts at the shop however are limited by their inventory space. • Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei asked if she would diversify the product line that they have in the U-Shop. Ms Caroline replied that the team was making plans to cater to several target markets. • Mr Yosua Nathanel Santoso asked her what her largest problem would be as the business projects executive. Ms Caroline replied that it would be handling their relationship with the various offices as there are many offices they have to work with and maintain good relationships with. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Yosua Nathanel Santoso posed the scenario of a vendor asking about payment that was overdue. Ms Caroline replied that it could be mitigated by informing the supplier beforehand that the payment would only arrive 2 months later. <p>Mr Leonard Chan Jun Wei declared the end of the question and answer session. He invited Ms Caroline to leave the room for voting proceedings to take place.</p> <p>Ms Caroline left the room for voting.</p> <p>2.25.3 Voting Total vote:25</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="220 645 1254 719"> <tr> <td>For</td> <td>Abstain</td> <td>Against</td> <td>Invalid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p>Business Projects Executive: elected in position.</p> <p>2.26 No other matter raised</p>	For	Abstain	Against	Invalid	23	2	0	0	
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	<p>Mr Leonard proposed the end of the meeting. Mr How Yijie, Darren seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 2302H, 10th September 2016.</p>									

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