

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
25th Students' Union Council
Eighth meeting of the 25th NTUSU Council

Date: 14th March 2016
Time Started: 2007H
Venue: SAC Meeting Room 1&2

Present On Time	Club Represented/ Position Held
Non-Academic Constituent Club 1. Mah Bin Sing 2. Guo Jian Long 3. Chiang Wei Qiang 4. Cassandra Ho 5. Lim Zheng Peng 6. Jolene Ang Zhuo Ling	President – WSC Vice-President – WSC President – CAC Vice-President – CAC President – Sports Club Vice-President – Sports Club
Academic Constituent Club 7. Zeng Hui 8. Loh Yi Jian 9. Henry Loh 10. Tan Kwang Boon 11. Hoh Shi Teng 12. Low Choon Chye 13. Goh Keller 14. Goh Kang Shiong 15. Tan Benjamin 16. Neo Hui Ning, Melissa 17. Lim Tian Ning 18. Jade Wee 19. Liu Hongze 20. Aryani Paramita	Council Chairperson/President – SBS President – SCBE President – HSS President – ADM President – SPMS President – MAE President – NBS President – LKCSOM President – WKWSCI President – NIE President – ASE President – EEE President – CEE President – SCE
NTUSU Executive Committee 21. Gabriel Chee 22. Liniki 23. Kwok Meng Kei 24. Gan Rui Yun 25. Tan Yee Ru Elysia 26. Sim Xuan Wei 27. Rachel Chee Chen Yee 28. Guo Weihao 29. Aloysius Voo Xin Ping 30. Yosua Nathanael Santoso 31. Kwang Yi Jing 32. Kelvin Teheri 33. Yeo Ming En 34. Loh Zheng Jia 35. Grace Foo Xin Hui 36. Xia Minghong	President Vice-President (BCC) Vice-President (WSA) Honorary General Secretary Honorary Financial Secretary Human Resources Executive Welfare Executive Operations Executive Finance Executive Business Projects Executive Corporate Liaison Executive Publications and Publicity Executive Integration and Development Executive Orientation Executive Student Engagement Executive Information Technology Executive

Representatives 37. Li Jingyi	Vice-President – SPMS
Late with apologies	Position Held
1.	

Absent with apologies	Position Held
1. Lai Sheng Lin	President – MSE

Absent	Position Held
1.	

Meeting Agenda

1. Adoption of 7th Council Meeting Minutes
2. Constitution (2st Reading)
3. Tenure
4. NTU Fest Workgroup
5. Event Registration System
6. AOB

No	Agenda	Action
1.	<p>1.1 Proposed to proceed to the first agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Seconder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>1.2 Proposed to adopt the 7th Council Meeting Minutes Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Seconder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p>	
2.	<p>2.1 Proposed to proceed to the second agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Seconder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>2.2 Amends to the Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, reiterated that the purpose of “Associate Member” is to give legitimacy to the graduated members, who still hold position in the Union. • Mr Chee asked whether there is any questions about the other changes, which are roles of “Union Representatives”, “Council Chairperson” and “Council Secretary”. <p>2.3 Council Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, stated that the number of the “Emeritus Member” should be at least one. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, asked whether the appointed Emeritus Member could reject the appointment. Mr Chee answered that the appointed Emeritus Member can reject the appointment but there must be at least one Emeritus Member in the Council. 	

	<p>2.4 Amendments to Executive Committee Officer Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, stated that there is no changes from the first reading. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, asked whether the role of Honorary General Secretary of NTUSU should include taking on the role as Council Secretary, in the absence of the Council Secretary. Mr Chee replied that it would be up to the discretion of the Council. <p>2.5 Amendments to Meeting Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, stated that there is no changes from the first reading. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, pointed out that Article 23G should omit “/or other regulations”. Mr Gan agreed and amended the draft as such. ○ Mr Gan pointed out that “Article 41” in Article 23H should read as “Article 23G” instead. <p>2.6 Amendments to Finance Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Elysia Tan Yee Ru, Honorary Financial Secretary, went through the proposed amendment for Finance Regulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A new article is added to outline the purpose of the finance regulations to set clear objectives. ○ Article 4 is added to extend this regulation to all Constituent Clubs of the Union. ○ Article 12 is added to vest power to the various Finance Controllers of all Constituent Clubs of the Union and ensure all Constituent Clubs present statement of account during individual’s Annual General Meeting. ○ Article 27 is amended to include the process to utilise the Reserve Fund of the Union. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, proposed that using the official title of Associate Provost (Student Life) in the regulations. Ms Tan agreed. ▪ Ms Lim Tian Ning, President – ASE, asked about what the Reserve Fund could be used. Ms Tan clarified that Reserve Fund can be used, as long as the Council approves the use. ▪ Mr Goh Keller, President – NBS, asked whether this governs the use of sponsorship fund. Ms Tan replied that this regulation also govern sponsorship funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Goh asked whether the Union could prevent the unused sponsorship funds can be rolled over to the next financial year. Ms Tan said this is up to the Finance Office’s procedures. <p>2.7 Discipline Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, circulated the draft of the Discipline Regulations and went through the Regulations. • Mr Chee stated that this regulation governs the actions of all Union Members or any clubs under the purview of the Union. Mr Chee added that Article 6 is to make this more encompassing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Chee explained that charges could be brought against the Club involved. • Mr Chee went through the penalties that can be taken against those charged and asked for better names for the penalties. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Goh Keller, President – NBS, suggested that splitting the penalties for Clubs and Individuals. Mr Chee agreed. ○ Mr Chiang Wei Qiang, President – CAC, asked whether double counting of offences will be possible if school administration steps in. Mr Chee mentioned that Article 14.6 would prevent double counting by the school administration. He added that he would rethink the wording to better prevent this. ○ Mr Chee stated that the Discipline Committee could be different for different cases. He would include that no one, who is from the same school as the charged, shall be included in the committee. ○ Mr Goh stated his concerns about the disciplinary proceedings that can be taken by the Discipline Committee. He also raised the possibility of a Whistle Blowing Policy for any Union Members to report any case of derogatory actions against the Union. ○ Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, proposed that a Standing Order could be added into this regulation to address Mr Goh’s concerns. ○ Mr Yosua Nathanael Santos, Business Projects Executive, asked about the appeal process. Mr Chee replied that the body to appeal should be the Council. <p>2.8 Other regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, said that there is no change to other regulations, except Elections Regulations. He added that Elections Regulations should be amended after the finalisation of the Election System. <p>2.9 Proposal from the Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, proposed that Council Chairperson and Council Secretary, who are previously Council Members, should be appointed by the Council. In addition, Emeritus Officer can be removed from the proposed changes in the Constitutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, agreed that this could be explored ○ Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, said that both Council Chairperson and Council Secretary would be helpful if they have prior experience. ○ Mr Chee proposed that both Council Chairperson and Council Secretary should go straight to Council rally. In addition, Council Secretary can be someone without prior experience. <p>2.10 Proposed to have 15 minutes break Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>2.11 Proposed to resume meeting Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>3.1 Proposed to proceed to the third agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>3.2 Presentation of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, and Ms Yeo Ming En, Integration and Development Executive presented on this agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Gan presented about the proposed changes, which include pushing back election and aligning the tenure to calendar year. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms Yeo presented about the advantages and the drawbacks of the change in tenure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advantages include preventing graduated student from missing in action after May exam, summer break can be utilised, aid in recruitment of freshmen and shorter time delay for fund disbursement. ▪ Drawbacks include missing a year of student leadership development and outgoing committee will plan for the incoming committee's budget. ○ Mr Gan proposed a transition process with the use of the Pro-Tem Committee. ○ Mr Gan addressed the concerns previously raised up by the Council. ● Mr Gan and Ms Yeo opened the floor for questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Low Choon Chye, President – MAE, asked how the pro-tem committee works. Mr Gan explained that it would be made up of the outgoing committee members, who have not graduated yet. ○ Mr Hoh Shi Teng, President - SPMS asked if the protem committee only applies from the old to new term. Mr Gan replied yes. ○ Ms Rachel Chee Chen Yee, Welfare Executive asked what the reason for JCRC support of this change is. Ms Yeo explained that the JCRC are unaffected by this change, thus supportive. Mr Gan explained that all clubs could have their own election period as long as it abides by the SAO's guideline. ○ Mr Low pointed out that if the JCRCs were to continue with their model, the council and the union would face a shortage of sign up, as the JCRC will conduct their recruitments before us. Thus, the same problem will surface. Mr Low also pointed out that the change will reduce the chances of students stepping up to serve the school. Mr Gan noted. ○ Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, asked about the chances of JCRC being receptive to the change. Mr Loh also pointed out that if constitution club were to push back the election, union and council will face a "talent drain" as freshmen will join special interest or JCRC ahead of time. ○ Ms Elysia Tan, Honorary Finance Secretary, pointed out that should there be a change implemented within the council, it will result in an overall change in the school. There will no doubt that problems will arise while adapting to the change, however it will benefit the clubs in the long run. ○ Mr Kwang Yi Jing, Corporate Liaison Executive pointed out that it will create tension between JCRC and the council if we do not sufficiently convince them. ○ Ms Tan pointed out that the subcommittee join clubs without the perception of what to expect. The change in tenure benefits the subcommittee in a way such that they have a transition period and can determine whether they have the capacity to balance schoolwork and extra-curriculum activities. ○ Mr Lim Zheng Peng, President – Sports Club, pointed out that the ratio of EXCOs to subcommittee is very small, so impact will not be substantial. ○ Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, pointed out that the new tenure gives subcommittee the hall points just 3 months into their term. Mr Gan pointed out that if point is awarded first, subcommittee would be more encouraged to serve. ○ Mr Lim pointed out that it will result in the same outcome. He pointed out that it is not a big advantage to the subcommittee. ○ Mr Guo Jian Long, Vice-President – WSC, mentioned that the new system would cause more problems as the hall points allocated will already be utilised after hall allocation, thus revoking the hall point will not affect the 	
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	<p>subcommittee. Ms Yeo replied that this subcommittee could then be removed from their hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms Aryani Paramita, President – SCE, pointed out that it will be more tedious. ○ Mr Goh Keller, President – NBS, pointed out that out of 4 benefits presented, 3 of them are to tackle people problem while the last tackle the structure problem. He pointed out that if we were to solve the people problem, we should solve it using ‘people methods’ instead of making such a drastic structural change. ○ Mr Chiang Wei Qiang, President - CAC asked how we are going to tackle the problem of approved signatory. Mr Chiang pointed out that the new system creates more problem on the finance side, having 2 person having access to the finance. Ms Tan pointed out the approved signatory can be changed accordingly. ○ Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, pointed out that this creates more opportunity to be unaccountable in terms of finance. ○ Mr Goh Keller, President – NBS, suggested that having more guidelines in terms of finances instead of having a structural change. ○ Mr Tan Benjamin, President – WKWSC, pointed out that the new system will result in succession problem. ○ Mr Mah Bin Sing, President – WSC, pointed out that in his club it takes 3 years to advance to president, so the new system will pose a problem for succession especially with internship, exchange, etc. ○ Mr Kwang pointed out that the cost of changing the schedule outweighs the benefit. ○ Mr Yosua Nathanael Santoso, Business Project Executive, pointed out this discourages 4th year student to run and affects the club as a whole. Mr Santoso pointed out that EEE have compulsory Industrial Attachment, further discouraging year 3 students to run, this results in only Year 1 and 2 students running. Factoring direct entry students, this further reduces the succession chances. ○ Mr Chiang Wei Qiang, President – CAC, pointed out that his clubs do not face problem of subcommittee members going MIA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is concluded that the council will continue with the current tenure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Henry Loh, President - HSS then asked if there is a need to have associate members if we were to carry on with the current tenure. Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, reiterated the need for this category of membership, as per mentioned in the earlier agenda. ○ Mr Kwok Meng Kei, Vice-President (WSA), pointed out that it is required due to the legality issues, so to prevent the members from going MIA. ● The result of the discussion will be used as response to University Administration in the future if they asked about it. 	
<p>4</p>	<p>4.1 Proposed to proceed to the fourth agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Seconder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>4.2 NTU Fest Workgroup Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Mah Bin Sing, President – WSC, presented on the solution present for the next edition of NTU Fest. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Mah presented on the main objective of the next NTU Fest will be to unify student body. He added that the next NTU Fest should have a lower spending and an event run by students for the students. ○ Mr Mah proposed that each school and/or college would have a 24 Hour Challenge to do something for the student. The ideas shall be proposed by the Constituent Clubs and the budget will be proposed to the Council. ○ Mr Mah proposed that a “Friend of Lyon” event can be made and a mass activity and display will be done on the day. He made a note that this may not be sustainable. ○ Mr Mah proposed that NTU Fright Night can be organised by each Constituent Club and each school will transform the compound into a scare walk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Goh Keller, President – NBS, said that it is not allowed in NBS due to the potential psychological damages to the students involved. ● Mr Mah proposed 3 options for the Council to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal for each school and/or college would have a 24 Hour Challenge to do something for the student. The ideas shall be proposed by the Constituent Clubs and the budget will be proposed to the Council. ○ Proposal that a “Friend of Lyon” event can be organised and a mass activity and display will be done on the day. He made a note that this may not be sustainable. ○ Proposal for NTU Fright Night to be organised by each Constituent Club and each school will transform the compound into a scare walk. ● Mr Mah invited feedbacks and comments from the students and more consultations will be made with different stakeholders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Kwok Meng Kei, Vice-President (WSA), suggested that the University could help in the consultation, as it is something related to the University. ○ Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, replied that he wishes to see it as an organic initiative from the students ● Mr Mah invited votes for the three proposals to gauge the favourability of the proposal. <table border="1" data-bbox="296 1279 1174 1361"> <thead> <tr> <th>Proposal 1</th> <th>Proposal 2</th> <th>Proposal 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>15</td> <td>12</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Proposal 1	Proposal 2	Proposal 3	15	12	20	
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5	<p>5.1 Proposed to proceed to the fifth agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Elysia Tan</p> <p>5.2 Event Registration System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Loh Zheng Jia, Orientation Executive, ran through the system and introduced it to the Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He proposed to use this for Orientation Activities sign-up. He added that this system is secured. 							
6	<p>6.1 Proposed to proceed to the sixth agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Elysia Tan</p> <p>6.2 LinkedIn Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Kwang Yi Jing, Corporate Liaison Executive, gave an update about the meet up about LinkedIn as mentioned in his email to the council. <p>6.3 Inter School Recreational Games</p>							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, asked for opinions about carrying on commitment in this Game because the turnout rate was low. • Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, suggested that various Academic Constituent Clubs conduct a survey and see the prospect of carrying on this game. Various Academic Constituent Club presidents agreed with the suggestion. <p>6.4 Union E-Voting System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, announced that the Union Elections Workgroup will test out the system to find out about the limitations and feedback to the developers. 	
<p>Mr Zeng Hui proposed the end of the meeting. Mr Gan Rui Yun seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 2325H, 14th March 2016.</p>		

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