

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

Date: 15th April 2016
 Time Started: 2010H
 Venue: SAC Meeting Room 1

Present On Time	Club Represented/ Position Held
<p>Non-Academic Constituent Club</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guo Jian Long 2. Chiang Wei Qiang 3. Jolene Ang Zhuo Ling <p>Academic Constituent Club</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Zeng Hui 5. Loh Yi Jian 6. Henry Loh 7. Tan Kwang Boon 8. Hoh Shi Teng 9. Low Choon Chye 10. Goh Keller 11. Goh Kang Shiong 12. Tan Benjamin 13. Neo Hui Ning, Melissa 14. Lim Tian Ning 15. Jade Wee 16. Liu Hongze 17. Aryani Paramita <p>NTUSU Executive Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. Gabriel Chee 19. Liniki 20. Kwok Meng Kei 21. Gan Rui Yun 22. Tan Yee Ru Elysia 23. Sim Xuan Wei 24. Rachel Chee Chen Yee 25. Guo Weihao 26. Aloysius Voo Xin Ping 27. Yosua Nathanael Santoso 28. Kelvin Teheri 29. Yeo Ming En 30. Loh Zheng Jia 31. Grace Foo Xin Hui 32. Xia Minghong <p>Representatives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 33. Sean Axel Hoon 34. Tan Siang Ying 	<p>Vice-President – WSC President – CAC Vice-President – Sports Club</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 Publications and Publicity Executive Integration and Development Executive Orientation Executive Student Engagement Executive Information Technology Executive</p> <p>Financial Controller – Sports Club Vice-President – CAC</p>

Late with apologies	Position Held
1. Lai Sheng Lin	President – MSE
2. Mah Bin Sing	President – WSC

Absent with apologies	Position Held
1. Kwang Yi Jing	Corporate Liaison Executive
2. Cassandra Ho	Vice-President – CAC
3. Lim Zheng Peng	President – Sports Club

Absent	Position Held
1.	

Meeting Agenda

1. Adoption of 8th Council Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to 5th Council Meeting Minutes
3. Constitution
4. Lockers
5. 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 8th 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: Mr Aloysius Voo</p> <p>2.2 Proposed Amendments to 5th Council Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, proposed the following changes to the Agenda 1.2 of the 5th Council Meeting Minutes. The amendments are made to ensure that the information is reflected correctly in the right context. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Only 14.3% is sold to undergraduates, hence not achieving the objectives” should be read as “Out of the 24,000 undergraduates in the University, only 14.3% bought carnival tickets prior to the event.” instead. ○ “Decreasing student participation from 7360 in 2014 to 3441 in 2015 and the possible reasons for this is due to the lack of X factor and publicity.” should be read as “Carnival ticket sales to students fell from 7,360 in 2014 to 3,441 in 2015, indicating decreasing student participation. The possible reasons for this are the lack of X factor and publicity.” instead. ○ “The cost incurred was \$1 million dollar for 3441 students and out of the cost, \$700,000.00 went to event company. Even if NTU Fest is holds in school or Jurong, it may not be possible to reduce the cost.” should be read as “The cost 	

	<p>incurred was \$1 million dollar for the entire event. 3441 students bought the carnival tickets before the event. Out of the cost, \$700,000.00 went to the event company. Even if NTU Fest is held in school or Jurong, it may not be possible to reduce the cost.” instead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, called for a vote to approve the amendment and the result is as below <p>Total no. of votes: 30</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 517 1120 586"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>30</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	For	Against	30	0	
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3	<p>3.1 Proposed to proceed to the third agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Seconder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>3.2 2nd Reading of Disciplinary Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, went through the changes made to Article 9. Mr Chee stated that Article 13 and 14 are for individuals and clubs respectively. For clubs, voluntary service as a disciplinary action is not available. Mr Chee stated that Article 16.5 was added to ensure privacy of those involved is taken care of and to prevent an abuse. <p>Mr Lai Sheng Lin, President – MSE, entered the meeting at 2025H.</p> <p>3.3 1st Reading of Elections Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, briefed that Management Committee Election Regulation and Executive Committee Election would be repealed after passing of the Elections Regulations. Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, stated the Part IV would not be written as the electronic voting system is still under construction. Mr Loh stated that the terms “Chief Neutral Officer” and “Neutral Officer” would be renamed as “Election Officer” as all members of the Election Committees need to be neutral. Mr Loh stated that the Election Process is being spelt out explicitly in Part II of the regulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Union Election Committee (UEC) shall take charge of the Election Publicity as stated in the regulations. Nomination process and form shall not have additional conditions stated, unless stipulated by the UEC. Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, stated that the nomination form will be emailed out by the Union and no fee should be collected for nomination. Mr Loh stated that the election would not continue if no one is nominated for the election of the Presidents’ Role, the campaign shall not carry on and he stated that second nomination would be carried out. An emergency general meeting will be held if no one is nominated for the position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Chee asked about the period of second nomination period. Mr Loh replied that it would be added in later. Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, explained that Article 29.3 meant that the nomination form should be rejected because of administrative irregularity and not due to the candidates’ issues or whatsoever. 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Zeng asked whether group campaigning should be allowed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Keller Goh, President – NBS, suggested that group campaigning should be disallowed because everyone should run as an individual. ▪ Mr Chee said that group campaigning will be able to give a full representation of what the group wants to achieve. ▪ Mr Loh stated that there might be two groups in the management committee and caused a split in the committee in the future. He also stated his concerns about the change in nature of the election to a popularity contest. ▪ There was a common consensus in the council that group campaigning shall not be allowed. ○ Mr Loh went through the process of election rallies, which were previously not listed. He also stated that rallies shall be video-recorded and published on to the Union’s communication platform. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Rachel Chee, Welfare Executive, asked whether the question and answers session’s extension should be limited. Mr Loh said that the Returning Officer should have the discretion to disapprove the extension. ▪ Mr Kwok Meng Kei, Vice-President (WSA), asked whether the privacy provision for the video is stated. Mr Zeng replied that the Privacy Protection clause would be added into the nomination form and stated clearly in the regulation. ▪ Ms Yeo Ming En, Integration and Development Executive, asked whether the video would be removed after a certain period. Mr Loh explained that this would keep candidates in check. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mr Aloysius Voo, Finance Executive, asked whether human error would cause unfair process to occur. Mr Low Choon Chye, President – MAE, stated that this should not be an issue because MAE club has been doing this all along. Mr Zeng stated that minutes should be taken by the secretary of the rally for back up. •Mr Loh Zheng Jia, Orientation Executive, asked whether video recording by audience should be disallowed. Mr Loh said that this should not be an issue, as the whole proceeding will be recorded. •Ms Melissa Neo, President – NIE, asked whether this would discourage qualifying candidate from running. Mr Gan answered that the individual can choose not to go through rally. •Mr Goh Keller, President – NBS, stated that minutes could be taken instead. Mr Loh said that the minute recorder might be biased to other candidates. Mr Goh further explained that the recording may result in undesirable imaging of the candidates that may be detrimental to the candidate’s future and minutes taking can have a control measure to prevent biasedness. Ms Jolene Ang, Vice President – Sports Club, stated that first time candidate might suffer panic attack during the rally. •Mr Zeng proposed the following recording method and called for a vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal 1: Minute-taking and Video-Recording (Private) 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal 2: Minute-taking and Video-Recording (Public for NTU population) No. of Votes: 31 <table border="1" data-bbox="711 409 1075 477"> <thead> <tr> <th>Proposal 1</th> <th>Proposal 2</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>13</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Zeng said that Proposal 1 would be included into the Regulations. <p>3.4 Proposed for 10 minutes-break Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>3.5 Proposed for resumption of the meeting Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>3.6 1st Reading of Elections Regulations (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, resumed the 1st Reading of Elections Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Loh stated the day of Elections shall be known as Union Elections Day and he went through the timeline of election. ○ Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, asked whether irregularities during the day of elections, which is stated in Article 43, should be dealt with by the Council or UEC. Mr Loh replied that the UEC would deal with this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Chee asked about the process of voiding the vote. Mr Loh asked for suggestion of a more practical penalty as it is impractical to void the vote. Mr Low Choon Chye, President – MAE, proposed to have a stern warning given and further violations shall be dealt with by the UEC. ○ Mr Loh briefed about the voting thresholds for elections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, stated that examples would be added in to prevent confusion in interpretation. ○ Mr Loh briefed about the conduct of the Council Election and stated that it is extracted from the Executive Committee Representative Election Regulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Loh stated that the different types of votes for the Council Election would be stated in the regulations. ○ Mr Loh briefed about the role of a Union Representative as stated in the regulations. ○ Mr Loh briefed about the Physical Voting Procedures and Formats, which includes the format of the ballot paper. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Yeo Ming En, Integration and Development Executive, suggested that a pictorial ballot paper should be included in this regulations. ○ Mr Loh briefed about the process of judging validity and counting of physical ballots. • Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, stated that another meeting needed to be called for second reading of this regulation. <p>Mr Mah Bin Sing, President – WSC, entered the meeting at 2138H.</p> <p>3.7 2nd Reading of Council Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gabriel Chee, President – NTUSU, stated that both Council Chairperson and Council Secretary are to be members of the previous councils. 	Proposal 1	Proposal 2	18	13	
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3.8 2nd Reading of Finance Regulations

- Ms Elysia Tan, Honorary Financial Secretary, stated that all changes have been made based on the last Council Meeting.
 - She stated that the Reserve Fund should be approved by “the approving authority of the University Management”.
- She stated that the change in this regulation is too extensive, hence there is a need to repeal this regulation and re-enact the amended regulations.

3.9 Motion to pass the amendments to the Constitution

- Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, called for a vote to pass the amendments to the Constitution.

Total No. of Votes: 32

For	Abstain	Against
28	4	0

- Mr Zeng declared the motion was passed.

3.10 Motion to pass the amendments to the Executive Committee Officers Regulations

- Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, called for a vote to pass the amendments to the Executive Committee Officers Regulations.

Total No. of Votes: 32

For	Abstain	Against
28	3	1

- Mr Zeng declared the motion was passed.

3.11 Amendments to the Meeting Regulations

- Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, stated that Article 22.6a to provide provision of co-opting of any non-constitutional Executive Committee Officer position during 2nd Council Meeting of the term.

3.12 Motion to pass the amendments to the Meeting Regulations

- Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, called for a vote to pass the amendments to the Meeting Regulations.

Total No. of Votes: 32

For	Abstain	Against
26	5	1

- Mr Zeng declared the motion was passed.

3.13 Motion to pass the Council Regulations

- Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, called for a vote to pass the Council Regulations.

Total No. of Votes: 32

For	Abstain	Against
28	3	1

- Mr Zeng declared the motion was passed.

3.14 Motion to pass the Disciplinary Regulations

- Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, called for a vote to pass the Disciplinary Regulations.

Total No. of Votes: 32

For	Abstain	Against
24	2	6

- Mr Zeng declared the motion was passed.

	<p>3.15 Motion to pass the repeal of existing Finance Regulations and enact the amended Finance Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, called for a vote to pass the repeal of existing Finance Regulations and re-enact the amended Finance Regulations. <p>Total No. of Votes: 32</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 454 1141 521"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>30</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Zeng declared the motion was passed. <p>Ms Sim Xuan Wei, Human Resource Executive, left the meeting at 2240H.</p>	For	Abstain	Against	30	2	0	
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4	<p>4.1 Proposed to proceed to the fourth agenda Proposer: Mr Low Choon Chye Secunder: Ms Yeo Ming En</p> <p>4.2 Lockers Arrangement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, briefed that the Student Affairs Office is interested in shifting some lockers to individual school but need the various Academic Constituent Clubs to help source the placement of lockers. Mr Gan asked those interested clubs to email him by Wednesday. 							
5	<p>5.1 Proposed to proceed to the fifth agenda Proposer: Ms Sim Xuan Wei Secunder: Ms Elysia Tan</p> <p>5.2 Approval for Orientation Camp's activities outside school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Guo Jian Long, Vice President – WSC, wanted to find out whether activities outside school are disapproved by the management and to find out whether there is a difference in decision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Loh Zheng Jia, Orientation Executive, stated that Union Orientation Camp does not face such issue. <p>5.3 Visit by Graz University of Technology, Austria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, asked volunteers to attend the reception for the delegates of Graz University of Technology on 15th April 2016, 1100H-1200H, at Hive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Yeo Ming En, Integration and Development Executive volunteered. <p>5.4 Visit by University of Prince of Songkla, Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gan Rui Yun, Honorary General Secretary, asked volunteers to help host a delegate for the University of Prince of Songkla on 24th May 2016, 1300H – 1600H. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gan asked those that are interested to email him by Wednesday. 							
	<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 2257H, 11th April 2016.</p>							

Minutes prepared by:



Mr. Gan Rui Yun
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25th NTUSU Council

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