

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
25th Students' Union Council
Special Session of the 25th NTUSU Council

Date: 10th September 2015
 Time Started: 0830H
 Venue: SAC Meeting Room 1&2

Present On Time	Club Represented/ Position Held
Non-Academic Constituent Club <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mah Bin Sing Guo Jian Long Lim Zheng Peng Jolene Ang Zhuo Ling Chiang Wei Qiang Cassandra Ho 	President – WSC Vice-President – WSC President – Sports Club Vice-President – Sports Club President – CAC Vice-President – CAC
Academic Constituent Club <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Zeng Hui Loh Yi Jian Henry Loh Tan Kwang Boon Hoh Shi Teng Liu Hongze Aryano Paramita Lai Sheng Lin Low Choon Chye Goh Kang Shiong Jade Wee Tan Benjamin Neo Hui Ning, Melissa Lim Tian Ning 	Council Chairperson/President – SBS President – SCBE President – HSS President – ADM President – SPMS President – CEE President – SCE President – MSE President – MAE President – LKCSOM President – EEE President – WKWSCI President – NIE President – ASE
NTUSU Executive Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gabriel Chee Liniki Kwok Meng Kei Gan Rui Yun Sim Xuan Wei Rachel Chee Chen Yee Aloysius Voo Xin Ping Yosua Nathanael Santoso Kwang Yi Jing Kelvin Teheri Yeo Ming En Loh Zheng Jia Grace Foo Xin Hui 	President Vice-President (WSA) Vice-President (BCC) Honorary General Secretary Human Resources Executive Welfare Executive Finance Executive Business Projects Executive Corporate Liaison Executive Publicity and Publications Executive Integration and Development Executive Orientation Executive Student Engagement Executive
Hall Representatives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Teo Liang Wei Bertan Tan Ee Siang 	Hall Representative – 1 Hall Representative – 2

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Lim Wei Hao 4. Foo Fang Ren 5. Monica Ng Ting Yu 6. Cheah Weiqi 7. Joel Ong 8. Mok Chuan Heng Derrick 9. Darren Lim 10. Gran Ooi 11. Garry Mag 12. Andy Chua 13. Goh Jun Xian 14. Melisa Lee 15. Bryan Tan 	<p>Hall Representative – 3 Hall Representative – 4 Hall Representative – 5 Hall Representative – 6 Hall Representative – 9 Hall Representative – 10 Hall Representative – 11 Hall Representative – 12 Hall Representative – 13 Hall Representative – 14 Hall Representative – 15 Hall Representative – 16 Hall Representative – Crescent</p>
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Absent with Apologies	Club Represented/ Position Held
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goh Keller 2. Tan Yee Ru Elysia 3. Guo Weihao 4. Xia Minghong 	<p>President – NBS Honorary Financial Secretary Operations Executive Information Technology Executive</p>

Meeting Agenda

1. To discuss the 2-week Orientation Activities schedule proposed by management.
2. To decide upon counter-proposal or next action to be taken.
3. AOB

No	Agenda	Action
1.	<p>1.1 Proposed to proceed to the first agenda Proposer: Henry Loh Seconder: Kwok Meng Kei</p> <p>1.2 Proposed to have Hall Representatives to sit in this Council meeting. Proposer: Henry Loh Seconder: Kwok Meng Kei</p> <p>1.3 Proposed to let Hall Representatives to have speak rights in this Council meeting. Proposer: Henry Loh Seconder: Kwok Meng Kei</p> <p>1.4 Presentation on Orientation Programme in 2016 updates Mr Kwok Meng Kei, Vice-President (WSA), presented this presentation and the purpose was to inform the Council about the things discussed during the University Orientation Consultative Committee (UOCC) meeting. The brief outline of the presentation is as followed:</p>	

The FOCs will not be banned or closed down, as assured by the School Management. The number of days proposed by School Management is 4 days for every camp after they consulted the various stakeholders. The FOC period will be within the 2-weeks before the school starts and not inclusive of Welcome Week (During AY16/17 Semester 1, Week 1). The School Management emphasized on inclusivity must be a core value in FOCs and include as much students as possible.

Strategic reason for this proposed schedule is to let more students participate (inclusivity), so to let international students to have the chance to join in. Operational reason is to have camps after matriculation date, so the students will be covered by the insurance.

Proposed schedule by management:

- Monday to Friday (1st Week): Halls
- Saturday and Sunday (1st Week): Non-Academic Constituent Clubs
- Monday to Friday (2nd Week): Schools
- Saturday and Sunday (2nd Week): Non-Academic Constituent Clubs

The reason of Non-Academic Constituent Clubs period is to accommodate the Freshmen Welcome Ceremony. This is served as a guide and compromises can be reached.

Proposed counter-proposal by MK:

- Monday to Thursday (1st Week): Non-Academic Constituent Clubs
- Saturday (1st Week) to Tuesday (2nd Week): Halls
- Thursday to Sunday (2nd Week): Schools

1.5 Discussion

- Mr Kwang Yi Jing, Corporate Liaison Executive, suggested that freshmen can check in earlier, and the various camp organisers should be able to negotiate and allow more flexibility, including longer period.
- Ms Aryani Paramita, President – SCE, asked whether Qualifying English Test (QET) had been factored in. Mr Kwok Meng Kei said that QET will be further discussed during the next few UOCC meetings and this will definitely be discussed as the various Colleges have representatives in the Committee.
- Mr Chiang Wei Qiang, President – CAC, enquired on the reason for the School Management to split the FOCs for Non-Academic Constituent Clubs into 2 weekends. Mr Kwok Meng Kei said that the UOCC agreed that this arrangement is weird and there is no specific reason for this arrangement. Therefore, the reason for the Special Session is to prepare for a counter-proposal.
- Mr Lim Zheng Peng, President – Sports Club, enquired whether the reason behind the change is more of strategic and operational and whether increasing the number of campers is possible. Mr Kwok Meng Kei said that it is more of a mixed and inclusivity is a main factor for FOCs.
- Mr Lim Zheng Peng, President – Sports Club, stated that if operational issue is about insurance and the Non-Academic Constituent Clubs are okay with buying insurance for the campers. He would like to know whether this would affect the school management's decision. Ms Jolene Ang, Vice-President – Sports Club, added that the insurance issue did not show up in this year's FOCs and would like to know whether NTU insurance policy terms. Mr Kwok Meng Kei said that the management wants to be more along the rules. The school

	<p>management also states that if the students are not matriculated and something happen to them, there will be implications on the NTU image and they are trying to prevent this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Bryan Tan, Hall Representative – Crescent, asked whether the option of third week before Semester 1 can be explored. Mr Kwok Meng Kei agreed. Mr Lim Wei Hao, Hall Representative – 3, stated that this would ease up the space and resource constraint. • Mr Guo Jianlong, Vice President – WSC, stated that splitting into 2 weekends might have the issue of people not returning for camp after 1st weekend. Mr Kwok Meng Kei said that Hall Fellows thing that this arrangement will too much of a strain for the students. Therefore, there is a need to clarify the matriculation date and see whether it is possible to be bring it forward to accommodate 3-week schedule. He also stated that cramping up can make students choose the camps they want to choose. Even with the current system, it is already too straining and it is best to spread it out. • Mr Goh Kang Shiong, President – LKCSOM, asked whether the freshmen are expected to go for the Freshmen Welcome Ceremony. Mr Kwok Meng Kei replied that they are expected to do so and may take half a day. • Mr Darren Lim, Hall Representative – 11, remarked that the new schedule will sacrifice student experience and almost impossible to have all the halls in the period. • Mr Henry Loh, President – HSS, said that overlapping the hall camps and non-academic constituent clubs could help to ease resource stain. Inclusivity is not about rejecting any campers and if sign-up rate increases, there will be disaster as it will not be possible to include all. Thus, a need to define inclusivity. If it is about including international students, quota can be set to include them. • Mr Gabriel Chee, President, said that NBS being the largest school which hosts 4 to 5 camp and everybody will have the chance to do so but still able to integrate them. Thus, the activities planned need to be creative and compromises have to made but offer an experience that the freshmen will cherish. FOCs can look into having many camps instead of just one to accommodate everyone. Mr Kwok Meng Kei followed up by stating that NBS management did mention this during the UOCC meeting. Mr Henry Lo, President – HSS, also said that HSS also has 10 camps for different division and able to carter for everyone. • Mr Gran Ooi, Hall Representative – 12, said that not blocking out would contradict inclusivity because this will force people to make a choice. Mr Lim Zheng Peng said not blocking out would result in people signing up for all camps and withdraw from one or more if accepted by more than one. • Mr Low Choon Chye, President – MAE, stated that not blocking out will result in fighting of resources and shared his own experience of day camp held during this year’s Freshmen Welcome Day. • Ms Jade Wee, President – EEE, suggested that Non-Academic Constituent Club could explore into having two type of camps, which are overnight camps and day camps. • Mr Gran Ooi, Hall Representative – 12, said that the freshmen should not be forced to choose, as this is not fair.
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- Mr Garry Mag, Hall Representative – 13, said he felt that the camps could be overlap because the freshmen can experience more camps. He also stated that 2 weeks schedule is not feasible because the concept of inclusivity has not been tried, so need more time to adapt, especially with ASEAN University Games happening and safety shouldn't be compromised.
- Mr Low Choon Chye, President – MAE, questioned about how hard the Council is going to fight for the FOCs and how flexible the school is in making decision. Mr Kwok Meng Kei replied that the school management is definitely shifting the timing to after matriculation date and he will proposed the counter-proposal on the Council's behalf.
- Mr Chiang Wei Qiang, President – CAC, asked for the main reason behind the 2 weeks schedule and stated that the Council need to know their viewpoint. Mr Kwok Meng Kei replied that the main reason is inclusivity and they have evidences that this is not being done now. He also said that the definition of inclusivity could be negotiated further. He will ask for the evidences and statistics from the school management.
- Mr Lim Zheng Peng, President – Sports Club, remarked that the NTU insurance term starts on 1st July, so it is viable to bring forward the matriculation date.
- Mr Chiang Wei Qiang, President – CAC, ask whether the bad publicity from FOCs is a big factor behind the school management's decision. Mr Kwok Meng Kei said that they did mention about safety issue and did not say much about publicity. Currently, still a general discussion to address the negative feedbacks from students.
- Ms Jade Wee, President – EEE, remarked that the camps in NUS and SMU are shorter. Mr Gabriel Chee, President, said that campus life should not be defined by FOCs and we can look at the better examples elsewhere. He understood the reason of the great concern of FOCs is because of this is an issue close to everyone's heart.

Ms Jade Wee and Mr Gabriel Chee left the meeting at 0950H because of lesson and other meeting respectively.

- Zeng Hui, Council Chairperson, reiterated that the point of this meeting is to have a plan for the 2-week schedule if the school management does not want to change it into a 3 weeks one.
- Mr Lim Zheng Peng, President – Sports Club, states that the students being the organisers are a strong point we can use in the negotiation.
- Mr Chiang Wei Qiang, President – CAC, said that the Council needs to understand the school management's viewpoint and constraint, so a long-term plan can be adopted.

<p>2.</p>	<p>2.1 Proposed to proceed to the second agenda Proposer: Rachel Chee Seconder: Sim Xuan Wei</p> <p>2.2 Counter-Proposal Mr Kwok Meng Kei, Vice-President (WSA), suggested the counter-proposal to be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring forward Matriculation Date 2. 3 Week Schedule 3. Understanding the school management’s viewpoint 4. Definition of Inclusivity should be understood <p>2.3 Open Vote for the approval of the Counter-Proposal The Council approved the counter-proposal with 28 votes for and 0 votes against.</p> <p>2.4 Remarks Mr Kwok Meng Kei will bring the counter proposal to the next UOCC meeting and the representatives can let everyone know that the camps will not be cancelled. UOCC meeting aim to confirm schedule by end of September.</p>	<p>Mr Kwok Meng Kei will bring the counter proposal to the next UOCC meeting.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>3.1 Proposed to proceed to AOB Proposer: Tan Benjamin Seconder: Yeo Ming En</p> <p>3.2 No other matter raised.</p>	
<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 1005hr, 5th September 2015.</p>		

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