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Meeting Minutes

17th SMU Students' Association (SMUSA) Council

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| Date | 27-05-2021 | Time | 19:02 - 19:55 |
| Chaired by | SMUSA President | Location | Online |
| Convened by | SMUSA Honorary General Secretary (HGS) | | |
| Attendees | SMUSA President - Lim Jia En SMUSA Vice-President - Valliapan Arunachalam SMUSA HGS - Shaurya Jain SMUSA HFS - Joanne Ng Yun Ting SMUSA Academic and Welfare Secretary - Nicolette Ang Sher Nyn SMUSA Communications Secretary - Nurul Azimah SMUSA Corporate Relations Secretary - Lei Wan Yu SMUSA Events Secretary - Gayathri Ghandi SMUSA International Students' Secretary - Rhea Singhanian SMUSA Operations Secretary - Sylvia Aw Su Wei ASoc President - Heng Wei Shin Bondue President - Yasirah Umar Oikos President - Wong Rui Heung Glen Society President - Christine Ganaban The Bar President - Tan Choon Hwa Lenvin ACF President - Remus Chan SICS President - Jeslynn Loo SMUX President - Macus Lim SSU President - Thi Ha Thet Tin Dylan | | |
| Absentees | Ellipsis President - Toh Wei Xiang | | |
| Latecomer(s) | SMUSA Safety and Strategic Operations Secretary - Udbhav Dalmia | | |

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1. **The meeting started at 19:02**

Presentation by the Elections Fever Working Committee

The Elections Fever Working Committee started their segment by reiterating that all CBds' elections would be executed by an independent Elections Committee comprising a Returning Officer and at least two Elections Officers. The Committee urged CBds to approach them in case of any dissimilarity between the SMUSA constitution and the respective CBd's constitution with regards to the elections procedures.

The committee shared the job description of the Elections Committee members as well as the role of the current office holders in the elections process. The Elections Fever working committee also shared the detailed timeline of their work plan and important deadlines for the CBds to note. The Committee also suggested the CBds to offer SLiMs acknowledgement to potential Elections Committee members to tackle any difficulties in procurement.

Lastly, the Committee shared point 14.5.1 from the SMUSA constitution with the Council – 'Each candidate must stand for election as an individual and

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| | <p>must not associate himself/herself with any other candidate standing in the same election.’ All elections committees must strictly enforce this point.</p> <p><u>Presentation by the Grassroots Working Committee (Tangible)</u></p> <p>The Grassroots Committee shared their main initiative for the year – installation of microwaves around the school. The need for this was highlighted in the Student Sentiment Survey. Pilot programmes will be conducted so as to gauge the receptiveness of the students to this initiative.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Committee shared a detailed work plan for the initiative. All possible problems were listed as well as measures to mitigate them. The Committee will work closely with the SMUSA Safety and Strategic Operations secretary for safety management. Extensive research had been done in finding the most cost-effective way of conducting this initiative.</p> <p>The Committee also shared the intention to work closely with the school CBds in determining locations for the microwaves. A CBd president highlighted the need for the Committee to gain approval from the school offices prior to working on the initiative. Another council member accentuated the necessity of segregating the microwaves according to dietary restrictions.</p> <p>The Committee expects the initiative to be rolled out in September.</p> <p><u>Presentation by the SACLIP Committee</u></p> <p>After a quick introduction, the SACLIP Committee commenced their segment by sharing the key objectives that they hope to achieve through SACLIP. They also shared an outline for the event spanning 3 days. Furthermore, key dates for full-strength SAC meetings with regards to SACLIP were shared.</p> <p>The Committee highlighted that while the positives and high-impact</p> | |
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| | <p>activities from the previous year's SACLIP would be retained, key changes would also be made based on the feedback from last year. The committee stressed that the program would focus on experiential learning, and a balance would be struck between being approachable and being firm.</p> <p>A Council member shared that SACLIP should have more breaks this time. The previous SACLIP had few breaks, leaving participants exhausted. Such exhaustion can be detrimental to effective introspection as well as meaningful interactions between the participants.</p> <p>Another suggestion was having more time for unsupervised interaction among the incoming Council. Last SACLIP, all interactions were always steered by a facilitator which took away the opportunity for the incoming Council members to get to know each other in depth. Furthermore, there should be more activities in general focussing on bonding of the participants rather than introspection. The Committee is keen on gathering the SAC's feedback and suggestions.</p> <p><u>Closing segment</u></p> <p>A CBd member enquired when further details with regards to FO and Vivace will be shared with the CBds. The SMUSA Events Secretary decided to send a comprehensive update to all CBds in the coming days.</p> <p>The Oikos President shared that Oikos had invited SMUX to speak to the participants during Oikos Camp. He extended the invite to all other CCA CBds as well.</p> | |
| 2. | <u>The meeting ended at 19:55</u> | |