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Meeting Minutes

17th SMU Students' Association (SMUSA) Council

Date	26 August 2021	Time	1936 - 2030
Chaired by	SMUSA President	Location	Zoom
Convened by	SMUSA Honorary General Secretary (HGS)		
Attendees	SMUSA President - Lim Jia En SMUSA Vice-President - Valliapan Arunachalam SMSUA 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 International Students' Secretary - Rhea Singhanian SMUSA Operations Secretary - Sylvia Aw Su Wei ASoc President - Heng Wei Shin Bondue President - Yasirah Umar Ellipsis President - Toh Wei Xiang 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	SMUSA Events Secretary - Gayathri Ghandi		
Latecomer(s)	SMUSA Safety and Strategic Operations Secretary - Udbhav Dalmia SMUSA Operations Secretary - Sylvia Aw Su Wei Oikos President - Wong Rui Heung Glen		

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1.	<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>The meeting started at 1936.</p>
2.	<p><u>Presentation by SSU President</u></p> <p>The SSU President commenced his segment by sharing that many clubs under the CBd have embarked on community service initiatives. Many of these initiatives have tie-ups with external organisations like MOE.</p> <p>The President went on to share that Blaze 2021 was a success despite there being challenges along the way. He went on to highlight that all safe distancing regulations were followed during the event as well as during photo-taking.</p> <p>He also thanked the school CBds for their assistance in organising networking events that gave rise to opportunities for sportsmen at SMU.</p> <p>The SSU President ended his segment by giving a summary of the SSU events planned for the future comprising Sports Fiesta, Welcome Pack, and many more.</p> <p><u>Presentation by Ellipsis President</u></p> <p>The Ellipsis President started by talking about the ongoing Ellipsis Tech Series. He shared that the massive event aligns with their four pillars and falls primarily under the Professional Development pillar. He went on to share more about the hackathon as well as various networking</p>

events that are part of the initiative. The Tech Series is being organised in association with top firms like AWS and Goldman Sachs. He thanks all CBDs for their support.

He went on to talk about the change in name of the Information Systems Major. He highlighted that many students have questions with regards to the change, and an online Town Hall is being organised to address these.

The Ellipsis President ended the session by sharing more about upcoming Ellipsis events including welfare drive, metamorphosis etc.

Presentation by Bondue President

The Bondue President initiated her presentation by elaborating on the Bondue Graduation Initiative as well as the Bondue Summer camp.

She went on to talk about the ongoing event – Embody – organised by Slightly Scarlet. They possess their own merchandise and work with local businesses to raise funds for beneficiaries. The President also shared more about the upcoming Know Thy Major series aimed to help SMU Undergraduates in choosing their majors.

She briefly spoke about the ongoing Bondue Elections, after which, she elaborated more on the upcoming Bondue events comprising their Welfare Drive as well as Business Forum. The former would be structured along the lines of mental health.

Presentation by ASoc President

The ASoc President started by sharing about the various guidebooks that the CBD is currently working on to help students in choosing modules etc. He went on to give details about the ASoc camp which attracted close to 250 freshmen.

The CBD is also working on an SOA wall, which would house a photo collage made up of pictures gathered from students. Subsequently, the president informed the Council about a new scholarship that has been introduced in the School of Accountancy.

The President went on to share some key updates on Project Moolah – a CSP organised by ASoc. He also was elated to announce that the launch of ASoc merch over the summer had exceeded targets. He also informed that the ASoc mentoring scheme has been extended to the entire school.

He ended his segment by talking about an upcoming ASoc-organised case competition.

Presentation by The Bar President

The Bar’s President set his presentation in motion by talking about Kickstarter, an initiative aimed to help incoming students lead a holistic university life. He went on to talk about an upcoming three part series of internship talks where seniors will help juniors pan out their careers.

He segued into talking about the various summer activities and events organised by The Bar.

The President then informed the Council about a major concern with regards to the Student Exchange Program and how it clashes with the Singapore Institute of Legal Education requirements for final year students. He then highlighted that the CBd is thinking of ways to integrate JD students in their operations, and are also in talks with NUS for inter-University activities.

Presentation by The Honorary General Secretary

The Secretary proposed an additional clause to be included in the Elections Fever Standing Order. The clause would temporarily discontinue the deposit collection from candidates. The clause was successfully passed with a 2/3rds majority of the Council.

Presentation by The Communications Secretary

The secretary started off by sharing that her department’s main aim was to portray SMUSA to have a balance between being a formal as well as a fun organisation. Her department’s efforts have been in line with this.

	<p>She then shared a few more details about the various initiatives with regards to the SMUSA elections as well as the SMUSA welcome pack.</p> <p>She was elated to share the success of Vivace and Bi-Annual, and the appreciation received by Freshmen is a testimony to it.</p> <p><u>Presentation by SMUSA President</u></p> <p>The SMUSA President shared a few challenges faced during Freshmen Orientation. There was a breach of PDPA rules, and the matter is being investigated by OSL. She urged the CBds to take PDPA-related matters with utmost seriousness.</p> <p>She also shared a few updates around reopening of SMU, and the information will be conveyed to the school at large in a few days.</p> <p>She ended the meeting with a few words of motivation for the Council members.</p>	
3.	The meeting ended at 2030	