

## **ASE Rally minutes - 020919**

### ***President Nominee – Xaiver***

**Brief Introduction:** My name is Xaiver, I am a year 2 E2S2 student and I am planning to specialise in the Geosciences. I am also currently in NTU ODAC Management Committee as a Publicity Officer. **Relevant Past Experiences:** I was in the Events Committee last year for ASE Club as the Events Assistant Director. Was in NTU ODAC Liaison Officer. **Why ASE Committee:** - ASE has been a very welcoming home for me and I have always wanted to be in ASE ever since my JC days. - I decided to sign up for the president role as I wanted to be the bridge between the students and facilitate communication between us and the school so that it is easier for the students to communicate their feedback, struggles and any other concerns they have throughout their years in ASE - I also feel that as an advocate of the environment, we should push for more sustainability advances in NTU, which falls in line with one of NTU's 5 peaks of Excellence, Sustainable Earth. Also, with the new Sustainability Standing Committee, being spearheaded by the ASEC President, I feel like I could be the change to implement new initiatives in NTU, to work towards a more sustainable future. - I feel a strong sense of belonging in ASE and the urge to serve, improve and giving back to the ASE community is something that I would gladly do. **What I wish to accomplish:** - I would first like to organise more events for ASE itself. As an Events Assistant Director, I roughly know the procedures of how to manage the events and I would want the students in ASE to have an enriching and fun life as I did in my first year. - Continue to spearhead the sustainability standing committee and not let the previous ASEC President Kathleen's tedious effort of making this possible, go to waste. - Wish to promote environmental issues and sustainable methods and initiatives to the student body of NTU, and the entire NTU in general, using ASE as a platform. - I also wish to help ASE be recognised in NTU. ASE is a small school that started from humble beginnings and I wish to publicise ASE as the school of the century, tackling environmental issues and being the platform for students who care about the environment to voice their opinions and be heard. - My ultimate goal is to get everyone in NTU to be aware and conscious of their actions and impacts on the environment, which I think is a huge first step that needs to be addressed if we want to move forward in our sustainability goals! **Additional Comments:** - I do not have much experience in a leadership position, but with an amazing cohort to back me up, I will definitely do my best to lead them. I hope that together with the other members of the ASEC, we can make ASE the school that we are proud of and would want to serve back **How to expand the sustainability SC/outreach/CIP:** - Previous OCIP did not work out as there are many issues with NTU SAO. - But we should focus on Singapore, instead of going overseas and if we want to promote sustainability issues and initiatives, we should start with ourselves first aka NTU. - I would also like to have outreach to secondary schools and CIP collaborations with other schools like CEE, NUS BES, NUS Geography to have events like Beach Clean Ups, where we can get to meet like minded students and get to know other greenies that are passionate about saving the environment

### ***Vice-President Nominee - Jocelyn***

**Brief Introduction:**

My name is Jocelyn, currently a year 2 espp student, and going to specialise in societies. I am also in the NTU Floorball team.

**Relevant Past Experience:**

I was the Sports Director for the ASE club in the last academic year and was also in Earthlink as a Campaign Management Executive. In my JC days, I was also the vice captain of the floorball team and involved in several camps in the programmes committee.

**Why join as vice president:**

- Being in ASE club last year sparked my interest in wanting to further stay in the club to sustain the efforts of the previous members while also possibly enacting new changes that can be carried on through the years.

- I want to be someone who the people of ASE can approach to give feedback, and if need be, bring up to the school such that solutions can be discussed and implemented

- ASE has given me a lot of opportunities I would otherwise not have if I was not in ASE, therefore I feel that by running for the Vice President, I would be able to give back to the ASE community and hopefully inspire others to do the same.

What I wish to accomplish:

- Build a fun and inclusive environment for all ASE students
  - Encourage more participation for internal ASE events
  - Supporting the President in his plans for initiating new events in ASE
  - Inclusivity includes the bonds within the batches, which I hope would improve with more interaction (either casual ones or through events!)
- Construct a feedback channel such that anyone in ASE can voice out their concerns without being afraid of judgement
  - Even though we have the ASE WhatsApp chat, some people might be a little afraid to speak up there and a personal feedback channel might help !
  - this would be useful to collate feedback on events as well such that the next committee would be able to act on these feedback
- Have a LCIP for ASE as our previous OCIP did not happen due to some issues.
  - LCIP can help to promote inter-batch bonding while also giving back to the community
  - Also a platform where we can promote environment sustainability - which is something ASE advocates for

Additional Comments:

- Believe that I can work well with the president and the rest of the committee in planning and executing events for ASE as we are a fairly tight-knitted batch!
- Even though I might have external commitments, such as floorball, ASE would be a priority and I will definitely do my best to make the students of ASE proud to be students of ASE.

### ***Honorary General Secretary Nominee – LI SI***

Hi everyone! My name is Li Si, one of the Year 2 students in ASE. This year, I'll be running for the Hon Gen Sec position in ASEC.

This year I'm applying for this position because it's a really great opportunity to try something new and at the same time, contribute back to our school. I have never taken on the Hon Gen Sec position before, in fact, the first time I've heard about this role was only when I entered uni. But after doing some homework on the position, I have come to realise that, although this is something new to me, the job scope is not exactly unfamiliar to me due to my other extracurricular experiences in the past.

Aside from that, I've also spoken to the previous/outgoing Hon Gen Sec to discuss the job scope and challenges of the position etc. Through that, I've learnt that the committee members actually have quite a bit of freedom in deciding how they want to run the club and one thing I wish to maintain and carry on would be working closely with and supporting the other members of the committee to allow a smooth sailing process of getting approvals for proposals and activities, etc.

If you have any other questions for me, feel free to ask. Thank you.

### ***Financial Controller Nominee – Gabriel***

Introduction:

Hello all, I am a Gabriel, a year 2 ASE student planning to specialise in Geoscience.

Relevant Past Experiences:

1. Squad In-Charge for a uniformed group in secondary school
2. Main Committee (P&P) for Pioneer Hall Dinner and Dance

Why ASE Committee:

I wish to be able to contribute to the school which has presented many opportunities. It would definitely be a great honour and privilege to be part of the ASE Club and serving my fellow schoolmates.

What I wish to accomplish:

I wish to be able to carry out the roles of an Financial Controller properly:

1. Budgeting of the club's finances.
2. Keeping track of the club's financial account.

Ensure that events planned out by the committee will have sufficient funds to run smoothly.

Think of appropriate and feasible ways to deal with the limited budget we have due to budget cuts.

Additional Comments:

I do not have any experience dealing with finances other than my own, but I am excited to work with the other members of the ASE Club whom I know are very capable people.

How I am going to contribute to ASEC:

I will support the president and vice president in their roles to my best abilities. I will work diligently alongside the committee from a position of being both the team leader and a team player.

### ***Chief Events Organiser – Jee Hon***

Hi im Jeehon a y2 Env eaerth systems science student planning to specialise in geoscience. Im running for the chief events organiser position in ase. From what I know, the chief events organiser is in charge of all properties in the club. Attends to all complaints, which do not fall under the jurisdiction of other secretaries. Oversee all events in ASE as well as the FOP sub comm. In the case of the absence of the president and vice president, I will takeover the responsibilities of the president. I will also be in charge of all club records and conduct all correspondences within and outside of the club.

I have been the clan head for Crescent hall fop, as well as an Assistant GL for UOC.

The reason why I want to run for this position is because I love ase and I am willing to take up said responsibilities. I feel like this is the way I can give back, seeing that they pay for my bali trip and cali. And miri. And batam. Wew field trips.

I will want to continue making the ase events fun. Like Halloweens coming up, CNY, FOP, grad night etc. so vote me. Thanks. Im your only choice.

### ***Union Representative Nominee – Kai Ting***

Good evening everyone, I am Tong Kai Ting, a year 2 student of the Asian School of the Environment and I am running for the position of the Union Representative.

I will first start of with sharing some of my past experiences.

In my first year, I had the opportunity to become the chief group leader of my hall's orientation program as well as the assistant group leader of the unions orientation program. Taking charge of around 35 freshies was something i never did before and thus I decided to take on the role as a challenge to myself.

Being a group leader meant that I had to prepare to welcome the next batch of freshmen and also ensure that my batchmates and the seniors maintained a close bond. I did this through organising small events such as steamboat dinners and movie nights to provide a place where for people can catch up with one another. I tried my best to create strong personal relationships with everyone in my group by asking people out for lunch and dinners, and by doing so i believe that i contributed towards fostering a good relationship between the members.

As such, I hope that now I can be the link towards creating a smooth partnership between the union and ase.

I do think our club and our concerns can be better represented in the Union, as this is the first time a member of the ASE will be running as for this role.

Being a union representative, i will be able to to influence and steer the direction of the unions campaigns to be in line with the interest of ASE.

Under the guidance of the candidate for presidency, xavier, I believe that he has the potential to lead the sustainability workgroup in the students union and i would be more than happy to be apart of his commitee and help him in achieve his vision for NTU.

As for my part, I believe that besides promoting and safeguarding the interests of our students through the various committees in ASE such as sports, welfare, social event and community outreach, we do have a bigger role in pushing for greater sustainable efforts in NTU. As such I would love to facilitate more conversations and discussions about matters relating to sustainability for the students at ASE as well as the university.

Here at ASE, we have many distinguished professors and lecturers who specialise in earth sciences and their expertise range from climate science to microbiology. Lets not forget that the dean of the college of science was also once the head of earth sciences department at Cambridge. Together, they have a vast pool of information and I feel that its such a shame that we have yet to tap onto their knowledge. Even as a year 2 student, I have only interacted with about 5 different professors through my lectures.

Hence, as a union representative, I would definitely like to create more opportunities for discussion with our professors and probably even invite guests to hold fireside chats or small group discussions. I believe that this will definitely help our students in their learning experience.

Thank you

**ASE's RO 2019**

***Terence Chua Jie***



***4<sup>th</sup> September 2019***