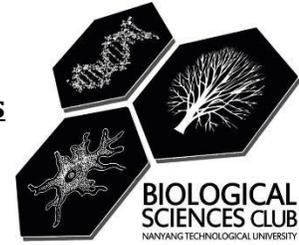


17th Biological Science Club
Management Committee
18th Main Committee Election Rally Minutes



Date: 3rd September 2019

Time: 1830 hours

Venue: SBS CR-1

Attendance

Present

President	Justin Chia Cheng Ze
Vice-President	Ng Wei Qi
Honorary Financial Secretary	Eileen Lim Yuling
Academic and Welfare Director	Chua Swee Kwang
Business Managers	Larry Yip Teck Seng
	Soh Jia Qi Gigi
Sports and Recreational Directors	Chua Damien
	Lee Dong Yeul
Events Directors	Amanda Kok Sam E
	Lim Kai Yi
	Tha Zin Aye
Logistics Director	Pang Tun Shen Benjamin
Publicity and Publication Executives	Chantalle Lai Xuan Ting
	Quek Qingyao, Keefe

The Returning Officer called the Election Rally to order at 1830 hours.

Sports Director Nominee: Shan Chun

Speech:

A very good evening to all those that are seated here. I am Shan Chun, and I would like to become your sports rec Director. Before I start on my speech, I would like to ask you a question. Does anyone know what the three highs under HPB are?

Similarly, from what I understand of uni, there are 3 major problems. The first one would be stress from studies, second is wanting to find a partner in uni, and lastly would be money.

From these 3 major problems, I went on to think how my role could help combat the problems. I probably can't be a loan shark to lend money, but I believe I can help with the other 2 problems. To help find your future partner, and relief stress.

If I am elected, I would work closely with the events director to bring in more intra sports competition in SBS. Intra competition serves as a platform for the comm to be more familiar with organizing of competitions so that during IFG games, the games will be carried out smoothly.

Some other ideas would be going out for paintball, laser tag, or trampoline park. All these will help with stress relief. Sounds interesting? There's even more.

In the sign-up sheet, I will add in questions pertaining to your traffic light color. If you share that with me, I would probably put all the green people in a group to provide more opportunities for you.

These are just some ideas I have, so do support me if you want these events to happen!

To add on, some of my past experiences include being part of an organizing committee for school camps, children camps, captains ball competition. The children camps and captain's ball competition are done on a large scale, with 200 children involved for the camp and for captain's ball, more than 20 teams have participated.

I also do table tennis in my free time and even have an umpire certificate. I believe that my past experiences would be invaluable towards SBS. Hence, please vote wisely! Thank you.

Q&A:

Q1: You mentioned you wanted to organize a competition as an event. When and how do you propose to hold the competition?

A: I want to collate opinions from interested participants through the means of surveys. This will help me to get an idea of when and how to the event. I would like to organize events on a smaller scale like B2S.

Q2: What would you want to improve on for ISG this year?

A: I am personally a social person. I believe that this is a trait that will assist me in the recruitment of participants.

Sports Director Nominee: Amos Chua Yi Ping**Speech:**

Good evening everyone. My name is Amos Chua, I am a year 2 student and I am running for Sports and Recreational Director in BS Club.

Before I go into why I decided to run for this role, allow me to give you all a short introduction about myself and my past experiences. Back in secondary school, I was the chairperson of my CCA, the Red Cross Youth. I had the opportunity to organize events, such as camps and parades, be involved in Student Council activities and participate in workshops and courses conducted by the Singapore Red Cross Headquarters. And immediately after graduation, I signed up as a Volunteer Instructor with the Red Cross Youth and offered my services by assisting Headquarters in mentoring several secondary school units and helping HQ events. As a volunteer instructor, I was offered many different roles and I've managed to pursue most of the roles that was offered to me. So, I've done roles as small as a logistics helper, to main committee roles such as logistics 2nd in-charge and programmer in-charge, to an instructor, a teacher and a mentor for camps and workshops, and finally the biggest role, an assistant project manager for a national competition. And recently, I was able to fulfill the role of a Chief Safety Officer for the last FOP.

As to why I decided to pursue Sports and Recreational Director, the main reason is I want the students to have a good time in school, and I believe that being a sports director allows me to create the opportunity for everyone to have a good time. I always believed that when it comes to happiness and fulfillment, it's not about winning ISGs or competitions, but the time spent with like-minded people, people who share similar interests with you. And I wish to create a platform for these people to have fun and enjoy the sport or the game that

they will be playing together. That's my goal as a Sports and Recreational Director, to allow everyone to have fun.

And I don't limit myself to just a Sports Director, I see myself as a committee member of BS club. That means if any of my committee members need help, I'll do my best to assist in whichever way possible. If you want me to fulfill the responsibilities of an Events Director, a Logistics Director or a PnP executive, just ask and I'll do it. After all, joining BS club is not for myself, it's for the team, it's for the people whom I'm going to be working with. I want to be a team player.

I am not going to promise anybody anything but what I definitely can promise you are my commitment, my services and my hard work. Whatever you seek to desire, let us sit down and discuss. I am open to listen to what you have to say, and I shall do my best to fulfill your requests. With all my past experiences that has trained me to be adaptable, open-minded and meticulous, I believe I have what it takes to run for Sports and Recreational Director. With that, I end my speech. All the best to the rest of the candidates and thank you for your time.

Q&A:

Q1: In the past year, when there were trainings organised, no one turned up. How would you improve on this situation from the timespan you have from now to December, if you get elected?

A: I am aware of this recurring problem. I believe that the planning process of ISG can start earlier. I can would like to establish a training schedule for team which can be reused for future successors of the role of Sports and Recreational Director.

Q2: How would you curb the recurring problem in the recruitment of participants?

A: I will organise a casual informal tryouts where students can try different sports, then from there, participants can be recruited into actual players for ISG.

Q3: ISG dinner has had a low turn up rate this year. How would you improve this situation, or do you have alternatives?

A: I want to get teams to mingle within their sport teams and to do away with the appreciation dinner. As mentioned, I would like to build a culture of playing sports together in the casual informal tryouts, and from there promote bonding among the teams.

Business Manager Nominee: Chiu Wei Yeow, Emile

Speech:

To start of my rally speech, let me ask you a question here first, "Is there anyone here that likes freebies?" *flashes freebies* Okay, so let me start now.

A very good evening to everyone and first off I would like to thank you all for taking your precious time to come down today, to listen to my rally speech. I am Emile Chiu, you can call me Email or Airmail. I am currently a Year 1 student studying Biological Sciences with a minor in Business. The position that I am running for is Business Manager for the Biological Sciences Club. What a Business Manager do in short is exactly what you experience, getting sponsors to give you welfare freebies! So why do I want to join BS club as a Business Manager aka Bizmag.

I wanted to join Bizmag as I feel that the Bizmag role will teach me the art of speaking professionally to external vendors and sponsors and also learning how to craft out my Emails. This soft skills that I will be learning from the BS club will definitely benefit me.

My strengths are that I am a team player as I personally believe that Teamwork makes the Dream work. Thus whenever my friends needs assistance i will always open my doors for them to reach out to me.

Additionally, I am very driven to do well in BS club to try my very best to seek sponsors in this financial climate which is very challenging so that the people in BS club can receive better welfare products and/or services to enrich OUR University lives. Moreover creating brand awareness to the sponsors as there might be someone who needs their products/services but they do not know of it. Thus, I will try to get better welfare packs if it is within my means. FREEBIES!

One of the greatest achievements that I have that will add value to the BS club will be that I was a Vice Captain and eventually promoted to Captain for my Soccer school team for a span of 3 years. Throughout these 3 years I have grown and learn interpersonal skills such as Active Listening as every member's opinion in the team is important and to not have any cognitive biases towards their opinion. Another skill that I picked up was to lead by example because if I request for my teammates to come to training on time, I have to be there on time if not earlier than them. With this vast experience I hope to work with my fellow teammates here as we bring you a better experience in SBS.

Therefore, I would like to remind you to cast your important vote on 10 September which is next Tuesday, to vote for me, Emile Chiu, as the Business Manager for BS Club so that WE the BS Club can serve you better.

So when voting day comes..

If you can't decide, include me inside.

Make the wise choice, and let me be your VOICE. Thank you!

Q&A:

Q1: When sending out emails, you face rejection from sponsors. How would you deal with it and how would you go about eventually finding some sponsors?

A: I would consolidate the sponsor list with subcommittee and try search for new companies that are not in the list and in a different industry.

Q2: What are some efforts in canvassing that you plan to do?

A: I would continue to sell SBS t-shirts as part of our canvassing effort. In addition, I would like to organise a competition for SBS students to design the new SBS t-shirt. That way, we can get the students to be involved in the design.

Business Manager Nominee: Tha Zin Aye

Speech:

Hello everyone!! I am Zin, and I am running for the role of Business Manager. I was the previous Events Director of 17th BS club.

Events was the first time I took up a leadership position in a school committee and it was an enriching experience for me. I learnt to communicate with different portfolios and also wrote proposals. I also learnt that I enjoyed being in the main comm, and serving the school body

Because of this, I knew I wanted to serve in BS Club again. In events, it is important to network for sponsors so that events are more exciting and attractive to the students. Having sponsors that address the needs of the student body will mean that they benefit more from events planned.

As I have experience in sending out emails and communicating with different companies, I will also know better what to do when I get the role and how to handle it. For example, when I was an Events Director, I was tasked with emailing for photo booth and sent out an

email asking for food instead. I then panicked, googling how to retrieve back emails. That is how I know I will make a great BizMag.

Not only that, I also hope I can do more out of my role as a BizMag and help out with the other portfolio so that the 18th BS Club is not just divided into the roles but a committee where everyone can work together.

Thank you.

Q&A:

Q1: How will you improve on what has been done by the biz mags this year?

A: I will try to fit the theme of the events organised by the events directors when I source for new companies to sponsor us. The items and companies should match the event.

Q2: How will you contribute to the academic and welfare portfolio?

A: I believe that the items in the welfare packs should be useful to the students during the exam period. What we're doing now, so we should find more nutritious foods for the welfare packs.

Q3: How will you provide background information to attract sponsors?

A: I would prepare a set of slides and photos of the event so as to obtain sponsors

Q4: Sponsors don't sponsor small student populations in SBS. How find you resolve this issue?

A: Collaborate with smaller schools to achieve a bigger student population to attract more sponsors.

Academic & Welfare Director Nominee: Fan Chong Yue

Speech:

Good afternoon everyone! My name is Fan ChongYue but you can call me Fiona :) Before I go on to persuade any of you to cast a vote for me, I think I should introduce myself a little! I graduated from Singapore Polytechnic last year and am currently a year 1 student in biomedical science and Biobusiness. Oh, and there is something you ought to know. I am born in the month of July which makes me a cancer, and that means you can be rest assured that your well-being will be well taken care of by me and my motherly instincts!

Jokes aside, the reason I'm running to be part of the SBS club is that, I want to give back to the community that gave me so much. As a freshman who felt lost and worried about what

university life had to offer me, my orientation camp seniors from the SBS club welcomed me with open arms and answered whatever doubts I had about anything and everything under the sun. I was better able to integrate myself into this new and foreign environment way better than I ever imagined myself to. I knew I wanted to recreate and cultivate this safe space not just incoming year 1s but everyone in SBS. Hence, the position of “Academic and Welfare Director” called out to me. I hope to serve the student population in SBS through this avenue.

If I do get the chance to be your academic and welfare director, I will make sure the standards of the current initiatives are maintained or even better, enhanced! Moreover, I would like to push for 3 particular changes.

Firstly, I believe in letting the voice of every single student in SBS be heard. I hope to collaborate with the publicity comm in implementing more polling systems on social media to understand the preferences of our schoolmates. This can range from what they prefer in a welfare pack to suggestions for bonding activities and academic difficulties they may face. If possible, the academic and welfare wing could have its own social media account to interact with the student population. This way, students can submit their feedback anytime, not just through compulsory school surveys.

Secondly, I feel for the need for a more structured buddy system. When I first entered the university, the scariest thing a freshman can hear is probably “This is tertiary education. You are on your own”. Under this system, students can be adopted by direct seniors who volunteer to be the “mentors”. They can be guided in areas such as academics, CCAs and even hall life. This can also promote a closely knitted community.

Thirdly, I wish to hold dialogue sessions for all SBS students where a panel of seniors, successful graduates and possibly professors are invited to do sharing sessions and answer any academic and internship questions. These sessions will be a good chance for current SBS students to network with industry professionals as well as their own peers.

In conclusion, I hope to create a culture where all SBS students can relate to and find a sense of identity in. This way, everyone can take responsibility for their learning and growth, and be well-taken care of, especially during crunch time.

I hope that you will put your trust in me. Chant the mantra, vote for Fiona! Thank you!

Q&A:

Q1: How would you incentivize seniors to join your proposed buddy system? How would you facilitate it?

A: I have had this buddy system on my mind for a while already. I have seen profiles on LinkedIn that would put mentoring as a skill. Thus, I would brand the seniors who participate in the buddy system as mentors of SBS. Although, mentors cannot be given really attractive incentives, but we can at least recognize them by giving them certificates. I will send out a survey to facilitate participation and recruit seniors based on the survey. I adopted this idea from a NUS law society, where seniors were matched to the juniors based on interest, hall, and sports. I will help seniors out whenever they have any issues.

Q2: Telegram implemented was not fully utilized. How to improve?

A: I thought the telegram was really good actually. I didn't receive emails due to technical issues, but I relied on the telegram chat group to obtain information. I would encourage GLs to get freshmen to join the group, to increase the number of people reached in the group. I think that the telegram chat group was useful in helping students exchange index and a good way to get into contact with another student. I think the main purpose of the group should be to just to exchange indexes.

Q3: At each welfare pack giveaway, we usually get the SBS students to follow our telegram and social media channels. The problem is that students unfollow these pages soon after. How would you deal with this problem?

A: I personally feel that the Instagram page can post posts more often and be more active in engaging people. I want to collaborate with the publicity teams to post more actively. I would not want a situation where students are left out because they did not see the post. My main point is to make it more active on post and stories.

Q4: Many people get left out because they did not attend the SBS orientation. How would you deal with this situation?

A: I agree that if I were to not go for the orientation camp, I wouldn't know anyone in school. Therefore, I want to come up with a buddy system, where groups can build interaction and include people who were left out from orientation. Groups can offer to have lunch together, and from there, build friendships.

Academic & Welfare Director Nominee: Bryden Koh Yang Wei

Speech:

Good evening everyone, I'm Bryden, currently a year 2 student. I will be running for the position of academic and welfare director of Biological Science Club. The reason I'm running for this position because I believe that I should be the one to relay the student's concerns and have them answered.

I notice that most year 2 students are confused with their upcoming internship in year 3. Personally, I notice that CAO was not able to fully deliver their information regarding internship to the year 2 students. Due to it being conducted during the FOP or tutorials, students cannot clarify any doubts that they have. If I'm voted as your academic and welfare director, I would work with the CAO to plan a schedule for students who are interested and wants to clarify their doubts. I would be open to hear any concerns regarding the internship or to better integrate into future working environment after graduating. With the information, I would liaise with the CAO to share the concerns that were expressed and help with the students. I could also meet up with the year 4 students and schedule a session so they could share and give tips which they gained from their internship experience.

If I'm voted as your academic and welfare director, I would also implement a peer tutoring system. This initiative could benefit not only the freshies but seniors as well. Students from different year of study will get the opportunity to socialize and learn from one another. This promotes 1) a more interactive culture, 2) a more inclusive environment and finally giving the students a sense of belonging in SBS. With this, it helps to integrate the freshies into the school. In addition, being a freshie, we do get lost and helpless when it comes to adapting to university life. Hence, with this system we can foster freshie-senior interaction. This is so that freshies can either clarify their doubts or receive some tips and experiences from their seniors. This culture of instilling knowledge, skills and experience could be a beneficial and sustainable system for the future of SBS.

Welfare packs are meant for the students, and I believe that the students should be able to decide what they want in their welfare pack. So, if I were to be elected as an academic welfare director, I would conduct a survey to gather the opinions of the students to find out what they want in their welfare pack. With this information, I would work with different portfolios to best fit the student's needs.

All in all, I would listen to any concerns from the students, and I would do my best to get them answered. I would like to thank all of you for taking time off to come down to the rally today and with this, I have come to the end of my speech. Please vote for me! Thank you!

Q&A:

Q1: What are some changes do you plan to make on welfare pack with SAO's guideline on moving away from giving out welfare packs and adopting new ideas to engage students?

A: Not all students come down to collect the welfare pack due to lessons. Maybe we can set up some snacks in the study lounge so that students can take them.

Q2: How would you collaborate with CAO?

A: I will liaise with CAO to find out more about companies and ask CAO to provide tips on working with adults in a corporate environment. This will provide the students with more information about the internship requirement in year 3. CAO can then also advise on how it would be like working with working adults of various ages.

Proposer: Boon Hao

Secunder: Muhaimin

Q3: There are efforts from the office where we have senior sharing sessions where seniors doing internships can come back and advise juniors. What's your strategy to bring back seniors who are doing an internship?

A: I believe that anyone can share their experience, not just students who are interns. So any seniors can give advice to juniors. Internships are not meant just for students but also for the company as well.

Proposer: Cephas

Secunder: Xin Yi

Speaking: Gillian

Q4: Students are sometimes not aware of what we have to do to find internships. Currently, there is a lack of conversation between juniors and seniors in SBS. How would you encourage engagement between them? Especially since intern is compulsory.

A: I will work with CAO to get the SBS students to attend internship talks by the school. We can promote students to outsource their own internships, instead of the list provided by the school. We can use social media platforms to promote CAO so that juniors can be provided with more awareness that they need to source for their internship. The social media platforms can be used to remind them and provide more tips on how to get an internship.

Q5: I understand that students are already allowed to source for their own internships. How would you engage students, not by just social media but practically, how would you reach them personally?

A: We can set up booths during events to reach students that are interested. We can get CAO involved by providing a physical booth for them to address students' concerns. When students attend the events for fun, they can learn more about CAO and internships. We can hand out freebies to students to attract them.

Biomedical Science Executive: Xylon Lee Wei Rui

Speech:

A very good evening everyone! I am Xylon Lee, Y1 Student in BMS x TCM and I am here today to run for the position of BMS Executive. Why I want to run for the position of BMS Executive is because:

- 1) I would like to help improve the welfare and benefits for current and future BMS students by improving existing work processes- for example a smoother and less tedious textbook ordering process.
- 2) I would also like to help in the planning and execution of various events so that students would be able to enjoy themselves when attending events such as BMS Family Day, Freshman Orientation Camp- so as to achieve good work life balance.
- 3) I would like to help to strengthen the BS school culture- one that is inclusive and fun. From what I understand BMS and BS students have quite different timetables and have very little interactions with each other. I hope to be able to get BMS and BS students together more during school events to bond as a school and create and maintain our culture as one school.

Why me? We are just 4 weeks into school and I can already feel the strain from this highly demanding double degree course. I had difficulties adjusting and coping with what this course threw at me initially- full on Chinese lectures, textbooks in Chinese, just basically Chinese here, Chinese there, Chinese everywhere. Being brought up in an English speaking environment, I had problems adjusting to the amount of Chinese I have to deal with. However, I feel that my adaptability and flexibility has helped me to overcome this challenge. And these are 2 traits that I feel are important to have as a person with position.

Being in this course, time management is of crucial importance. Lag behind too much, and you will find yourself having a hard time catching up. Time management is another aspect which I feel is important to have as the BMS Executive. On top of our already heavy work load in school, the BMS Executive would also have additional responsibilities on his shoulders. Managing and carrying out these additional tasks is as important as striving to get a reasonable GPA. I feel that I am someone who is able to manage my time well as I was given various opportunities prior to university days to learn how to prioritise and plan my time properly.

During my A Level days, I was part of 3 different CCAs- Youth Flying Club, where I had to clock in flying hours every week, Taekwondo - where I was in charge of training and

imparting knowledge to the junior belts and Tennis- where I had to consistently train in order not to bring the team down. I managed to handle all these pretty well on top of the heavy workload in my JC days.

In addition, I have had various opportunities to develop and hone my leadership skills. From being the vice president of Youth Flying Club, to leading and organising activities/performances for my overseas volunteer trip to Africa, to leading groups of children in school camps back in my stint at Adam Khoo and to undergoing leadership training course in SPF, I have been able to practice and develop many soft skills which are important for leadership positions. These experiences would definitely aid me in planning and executing activities for the school.

To me, I feel a good leader should be a good team player too. Given my wide variety of experiences of being in many different organisations, holding different positions, I have learnt and am continuing to learn what makes someone a good team player and I definitely would like to be given the opportunity to be a team player of the BS family to be the bridge for my fellow TCM school mates and the rest of the school.

Thank You!

Q&A:

Q1: How will you balance commitments between studies and Biomedical Science Executive duties?

A: I think it boils down to planning on my timetable. In my JC days, I had 3 CCAs, I had tennis, Youth Flying Club and Taekwondo. I managed to juggle these CCAs with timetables, I will try to find time slots in between lessons to work on my commitments.

Q2: What do you think you can improve on the Biomedical Science camp?

A: I think that the BMS camp is great. We can have more games on what's to expect during the TCM course of study. For example, we played games that involved names of Chinese medicine.

Events Director Nominee: Dhira Putri

Speech:

Hello everyone, I am Dhira, and I am running for events director. Now before I start, I want to thank all of you for coming. I know some of yall are very busy. Busy with tutorials, CCAs, and also busy watching 8 30 lectures that you missed. So thanks for coming down here and showing your support to us nominees.

So I am here to talk a bit about myself and why you should vote for me for your events director. My name is made up of 5 letters. D H I R A.

My name starts with D and this stands for diversity. Ni shuo shen me? What does this mean? What I mean right, is that I value diversity. I value diversity so much that I can even pronounce the most difficult name in the world. There is a Nigerian man called Uvuvwevevew Onyetenyevwe Ugwemubem Osas. I am really dedicated to know about people and get to know people of various backgrounds. What does this have to do with anything? SBS population is very diverse with people of many different backgrounds, different personalities different styles. I think it is important for everyone to feel included in our events. This will also help in making our faculty life more colourful. If I am elected I will do my best to ensure everyone feels welcomed included in the events.

The next letter is H, and H stands for happening. If I am elected as the event director, I will do my best to plan SBS events and make it fun for all of us. I will do my best to make sure that we all have a memorable experience in this faculty.

The next letter is I. and in German, I is pronounced as 'e' and 'e' stands for experience. I have experience planning for events in my secondary school and JC years. In IP, I was given a position called the care representative and was in charge of planning for events to improve the wellbeing and welfare of the students. I planned events such as the International Friendship Day and Health Week. In JC, I took part in a major project of organizing a Blindfolded walk at Tampines Hub. I was responsible for planning the entire event with my team, from fundraising, gathering volunteers and outlining the event. As for leadership experience, I was the Vice President of my JC drama club. I believe my experience will be helpful for my role as an events director.

The next letter is R and R stands for rewarding. I am running for this position because I really have a passion for planning events. and I would really like to be a part of the community that make your life in SBS something that you can remember positively. Being a part of this committee will definitely be something that is very rewarding for me.

And lastly A, for adventurous. I am eager to learn new things and to put myself in new situations. I think this is important for an events director. Especially going into university, there will be things that we will never have encounter before. And things that we will have to learn in the process And I assure you that I will take things with an open and positive mind and do my best in this position.

Once again, I am Dhira. Thank you so much for listening!

Q&A:

Q1: What are some concrete plans do you have to promote inclusiveness of events?

A: I would ensure that there would be no clashes with religious events. For example, a hall's pageant clashed with a religious event, so some students could not attend. I will also ensure the event doesn't clash with the exam period

Q2: how well do you work with people? Did you face any issue in organizing the event? How did you overcome the issues?

A: As I was Vice-President in drama club in JC, I have experience planning events for the club. Our job required communication and we had to organize a workshop for primary school students to instill interest in the arts. The primary students attending the workshop stayed in daycare. These students face many problems at home. So they faced confidence issues, and it was difficult to get them to speak up. It was difficult to get the students to come for workshop on the first day, and it was difficult because we had a 2-day workshop. We really tried to give them examples of performances, set them into groups and talk to them to open up.

Q3: How would you to retain SBS students during an event?

A: I think we can keep the energy high and get emcees to attract people during the event. We can have performances during the event to keep the engagement with the students throughout the event.

Events Director Nominee: Trena Chan Yun Ting**Speech:**

Hello everyone, I am Trena and I am currently studying year 1 Bio science and psychology. So, today, I'll keep things short and sweet by sharing some reasons why you should vote for me for events director. Firstly, I have prior experience in event planning as I was part of Student Council in secondary school and I have gone through the process of writing proposals and planning for events like orientation, investiture etc. Next, I am very open to new ideas and I am willing to listen to different people's opinions and try to accommodate to everyone's ideas. I know it's impossible to please everybody, but I do know for sure that everyone will have fun. Lastly, if you want to have the biggest and most lit year of your life, vote for me as events director and I assure you that you would have the most wholesome experience in Biological sciences. Kidding, I'm not trying to throw shades, but for real, trust me when I say you would have the most hype experience here. So, what are you waiting for, vote for me for events director! Thank you.

Q&A:

Q1: As mentioned, you have a double major in Biological Science and Psychology, how will you manage your time well in your commitment to this position and studies?

A: I believe I can make time for my commitment as an events director. I believe that as long as I juggle my time well and with determination, I can cope with the commitment.

Q2: One problem faced currently is that we have very few people attending the events we organized. What will you do to make sure that students come for the event?

A: I think that Fiona mentioned that the SBS Instagram page is very dead, and there are no stories posted. We can reach out and engage people from orientation, through social media, instagram stories. More students need to know about the details of the event through more publicity.

Events Director Nominee: Lim Shu Hua Samantha**Speech:**

Hi everyone, thank you for coming down to the rally today! My name is Samantha, I am a Year 1, and I am running for the role of Events Director. So, you may be wondering, why should you vote for me to be your Events Director?

Well, firstly, leadership is something that I have always felt passionate about, since a long long time ago! Just kidding let's not start the cheer now. But back to what I was saying, in my JC, I had the opportunity to serve my school's IP Students' Council and I was fortunate to have been elected as the Vice-President. My term in council made me discover my love for leading, serving, and planning events. I found it really meaningful to be a councillor, and this motivated me to later on run for the JC Students' Council, where I was elected to serve as the Vice-President too.

And this brings me to my next point! Aside from having a passion for leadership, I believe that my past experiences as a Students' Councillor will help me as an Events Director in BS Club. This is because, I have organized and facilitated a variety of internal and external events for my school. Through these projects, I had the chance to train my hard skills like writing proposals and emails well. More importantly, I got to really focus on developing my heart skills. This includes becoming more flexible in terms of adapting to new situations, being a good communicator, and managing a team well. However, having said all these, there are still many areas that I need to work on, but I am very willing to learn and better myself if given the opportunity! Another thing is that, I believe, and I hope that I am someone who is very approachable, which I feel will help me a lot as an Events Director as I

will have to work with many different groups of people, inside and outside of BS Club, for an event. So if you see SAM-thing wrong with SAM, do let me know how I can improve!! Like my bad puns right now.

If elected into BS Club as an Events Director, I promise that I will do my best in making our SBS events fun and memorable, together with my team. Once again, my name is Samantha, and if you believe that I have the potential to be a good Events Director, do give me a vote! Thank you so much for listening!

Q&A:

Q1: How different are you from the previous 2 candidates?

A: I am passionate in events. I can empathize well with my team mates. I believe that this is an important trait to have to make use of my team's strengths well with my team and ensure the event runs smoothly.

Q2: If there were to be a conflict of ideas. How will you resolve it?

A: All 3 directors can come together and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each suggestion and combine ideas to reach a solution.

Q3: What kind of events will you propose to replace pageant?

A: I will organize a competition or a concert although the hype is much less. A talent competition can be organized where students can perform and showcase their talents. More people will come and support both seniors and juniors.

Honorary Financial Secretary Nominee: Amanda Kok Sam E

Speech:

Good evening, everyone! My name is Amanda and I'm a year two student studying biomedical science with Chinese medicine. I am running for the position of honorary financial secretary, or hon fin for short.

So why should you vote for me as hon fin? First of all, I am great at math and i'm familiar with using a calculator. Just kidding! More important than that, I am someone who is meticulous in handling money. Jessie J once said, it's not about the money, money, money. However, I strongly disagree. Like Mr. Shan Chun mentioned in his speech, money is one of the top 3 problems students in uni face.

For me, having lived away from home for the past few years, I am independent and careful in managing my own personal expenses. In the same way, you can be assured that the school's finances will be well-managed under my hands.

Furthermore, I have experience with managing finances back in my secondary school days, where I was the treasurer of the student council and tasked with the allocation and tracking of expenses for school events such as orientation camp and prom night. Thus, this role is not unfamiliar to me.

Being an events director in the 17th BS club has also given me the opportunity to observe and learn how money is being managed in the club, as well as its allocation for events. Having planned SBS events for the past year, I am familiar with how budgeting for events works. I am also familiar with processes such as the submission of claims through the integrated claims system. I believe these experiences have equipped me with the skills needed for me to take up this role.

I understand that this position is one of great responsibility, given the seriousness of handling the club's finances and that I still have much more to learn. However, I am willing to put in more time and effort to ensure that the job is done properly and meticulously. This can assure everyone that their finances are in good hands.

Lastly, with these qualifications that I have mentioned, I believe that I am the best choice for hon fin! In fact, I am your only choice! So, place your trust in me and vote for me as hon fin! Thank you!

Q&A:

Q1: What if your club members are not happy with budget allocation? Especially the YEP and FOP committees.

A: I hope everyone will be cooperative with me. We can discuss and have an inclusive environment to voice out their concerns. Then I would discuss with the President about the allocation.

Q2: Since you're in this committee for 1 year already. How will you improve on claims and reimbursement procedures?

A: We did not make full use of the ariba system when claiming claims. I think that as the honorary financial secretary, I will try to enforce the directors to use the Ariba system.

Q3: How will you balance studies and honorary financial duties? How will you prioritize your work?

A: In my opinion, my honorary financial secretary role is more important. I will prioritize my role over my study. I will study more on the weekends so that the deadlines would not clash and leading to situations where I would not be able to handle.

Honorary General Secretary Nominee: Quek Qingyao, Keefe

Speech:

A very good evening to everyone, my name is Keefe and I will be running for the role of Honorary General Secretary in the 18th BS Club.

So you may ask me, why run for Hon Gen? Before I get to that, let me say firstly that I believe every role is important in a team. We have the frontman like the events directors and sports directors who plan exciting activities for the student body. We have the supervisors like our vice-presidents, who oversee the planning and ensure everything is in order. And last but not least, we have the people supporting from behind-the-scenes, such as the Hon Gen.

Now, back to my original question. Why Hon Gen? My strength has always been in supporting people from the back, in this case it would be mainly the president of the 18th main comm. I will always look at things down to the very last detail, and I am also meticulous in my work. My previous experiences are also able to help me in this new role, if elected. I have previously worked as an administrative assistant in a school, so my job scope involved keying in of students' particulars and keeping track of textbook collections. Hence, I am skilled in data entry and checking of minute details to ensure everything is filled in correctly. My current stint as a PnP executive has also given me experience in crafting emails and messages on social media to advertise our upcoming events to the student body's. As one of the main roles of the Hon Gen is to send out emails to the student body informing them of upcoming events, I am confident that I would have no problem handling this.

To end off, let me share a quote with all of you. The late Steve Jobs said: "The only way to do great work is to love what you do." I know, there will be days when you are busy with schoolwork and BS club would be your last priority. As a fellow student, I also understand what you are going through. However, if we can take pride in our various roles and give the best of our ability, at the end of the day, it will all be worth it.

So I hope that in the 18th BS Club, we can grow as a family and help each other out with whatever we can, to serve the student body as one. Thank you!

Q&A:

Q1: How would you support the rest of the committee as the Honorary General Secretary?

A: I will try to finish up my administrative duties as honorary general secretary first, so that I am freed up to help the rest of the main committee.

Q2: What would you do if you can't cope with taking down the meeting minutes?

A: I will take a voice recording of the meeting, so I can refer to it later on when writing the minutes.

Q3: How will you contribute to relieve the work of top 5?

A: At top 5 meetings, I would ask my top 5 on what needs to be done that I can help with. I will assist the president in whatever administrative details and reminders to be sent out.

Vice-President (External) Nominee: Chantalle Lai Xuan Ting

Speech:

Good evening everyone, my name is Chantalle and I'm a Yr2 Biological Science student. I am the other half of PnP executive for the 17th Main Committee and I'll be running for the position of Vice President External.

In the past year, I have had the great opportunity of managing my subcomm members and also taking charge in many events such as COS day. Also I managed to work with many portfolios such as Events, Acad and Welfare and more. As such I am familiar with their job scope and what needs to be done or improved in order to serve the needs of SBS students.

Being a PnP executive has allowed me to gain certain insights. For example, there was a lack of communication between professors and students. Therefore, we experimented with a new shadowing initiative where our main committee members get to shadow a professor for a day. However, I wish to open this opportunity to the student body. This would greatly benefit the students of SBS, as they get to understand the professors and their field of research better.

If I'm voted as VP, I would want to be more engaged in SBS student's life and I am open to your suggestions.

I am very thankful to the seniors in the 16th and 17th main comm for guiding me throughout this one year. They taught me the importance of having a family-like committee and I wish to continue this spirit alongside my president and VP. I will love my committee like how I love coriander.

Rising from a PnP executive to a VP would mean a lot of changes and learning experiences. Even though I'll be leading a few portfolios, that does not mean that I would stop learning. I would want my committee members to be able to share their ideas and as such we can all learn from each other. Therefore, I believe communication is key, in order for a committee to run smoothly. Alongside my president and VP, I believe I have the skill sets and ability to bring BS Club to greater heights.

If one year ago, someone told me that I would be running for the role of a VP, I wouldn't have believed them. Before joining the 17th Main Comm, I did not have much leadership experience. Taking on the role of a PnP executive was a challenge, but I'm glad I took up the role. Being a VP would have its own challenges, but I believe I'm up for it! With that, I would like to end my speech with a quote, "Challenges are what makes life interesting, overcoming them is what makes it meaningful". Thank you for your time!

Q&A:

Q1: What are some improvements will you make if you were elected?

A: I think what I need to improve on is to remind the committee of the deadlines and timelines. I would like to have better time management, to manage the role of a Vice-President and as a student.

Q2: What's your management style?

A: I am quite a loud person and tend to voice out my opinion quite a lot. I do believe in hearing the opinion of the committee and work alongside my top 3 to address it.

Q3: How will you include opinions from other portfolios?

A: In the past, I only promoted the ISG poster. I believe Publicity Executives can go down to ISG to do Instagram stories of the event. I want the academic and welfare director to work with the events team to do a collaboration. My plan is to have the academic and welfare portfolio and publicity and publication executives handle the lab shadowing initiative.

Q4: How will you relieve the workload on the president when he/she gets busy?

A: I want to help alleviate the stress of the Biological Sciences Club on the president by managing issues within the portfolios. This is so that the President can rely on the two Vice-Presidents when he/she comes for meetings.

Proposer: Malcolm

Secunder: Muhaimin

Q5: You mentioned that you want to continue the lab shadowing initiative. What would you do if the school disagrees to this? How would you convince the school to conduct the shadowing?

A: The reasoning behind this lab shadowing initiative was because students were not aware of the options they have and the labs they can possibly intern in. For example, if the students wanted to do a Research Experience module, they would not know about how to start and which lab to approach. This initiative is good to promote interaction, and it is backed by the SBS Assistant Chair (Students) Dr. Wilson. I believe that this will be

beneficial for students to get to know about research areas. We can do an interview to get students who are the best candidates to shadow the professors in the laboratories.

Vice-President (Internal) Nominee: Chua Damien

Speech:

Good evening everyone, I am Damien, currently Sports Director for 17th Main Committee and I'll be running for VP Internal.

So – you might be thinking why am I standing here talking to you guys...come on, let's get real, some if not most of you, have probably heard of people who are not interested in BS club initiatives; and wasting my evening away? Well, I think THIS is the point. The point is that if elected the next VP, and together with the 18th Main comm, we're bound to meet people who are not interested in us. But that's ok.

Because, together with my committee, that will be our job. They are the opportunities and inspiration for us to do better and to improve our system. And this is exactly why I'm taking up the challenge and standing here tonight.

I want to continue giving back to SBS by innovating and creating a liveable space for SBS students – for the very fact that SBS has given me much learning opportunities and experiences in the past year. Us students, we form the core of school. How SBS will be like, is directly dependent on how the students are like. Hence, with school life being a huge part of us, university students, I see this as a good opportunity, a platform, to bring all of us students closer.

And this goes beyond those of us who are sitting here with your friends, OGs and etc. There are still a handful of SBS students, who, due to circumstances were not able to attend our major social programmes such as FOP, and our various events. As such, I aim to connect with them as well.

Lastly, I believe that your voice is more important because today's rally is not about me about more about you. Hence, I've intended for more time for you guys ask me questions.(more than 3 hopefully!!) – and with that, I'll like to end off by saying that; by voting for me, you're not actually voting for me. You're voting for yourself. The empowerment of SBS students and SBS. And by clicking the button I hope I can join YOU in the coming year in creating a better SBS for everyone! Thank you.

Q&A:

Proposer: Boon Hao

Secunder: Malcolm

Speaker: Muhaimin

Q1: How would you deal with committee members who slack off?

A: We need to set expectations from the start which will be the foundations laid for the investments we put in. Our motivations are where our friends are, so closeness with the committee will be the basis on running activities. If this situation still happens, we can work it out. I believe there is an underlying reason as to why someone is not involved. It is important for us to help the person out

Q2: Are there any improvements to be made in this new academic year?

A: We want to maintain good things, games from events. This is because of the good feedback received from the schools. We want to innovate more initiatives by keeping things refreshing to keep students' interest more. We can also hear more from students by surveys on their interests. We want to continue the good things from 17th, and to promote a family like and a casual environment.

Proposer: Emmanuel

Secunder: James

Speaker: Emile

Q3: How would you settle clash of events? What if the business managers are unable to find any sponsors?

A: I believe sponsors are a bonus, but always good to have. The approach to an event should not be dependent on sponsorships, but on ourselves. They are a bonus.

Q4: What would you do with a \$10 million lottery ticket found at SBS?

A: I would firstly post it in the telegram channel. If it is outside SBS, I will keep it. If no one claims, I will donate it to SBS.

Proposer: Cephas

Secunder: Xinyi

Speaker: Gillian

Q5: For people who are not comfortable with fop, they can't get in touch with students. How will you reach out to them?

A: I am aware of this issue, where we interact with our Orientation Groups(OGs). Most of us are still in our OG in school. Orientation is a good program for our students, because students still are close to their orientation groups, be it just 3 students only. I have heard of

other student organizations who just put students without OGs into OGs. Seniors can then facilitate the assimilation.

Q6: How will you deal with difficult portfolio directors?

A: I will meet up with them and find out why they are reacting this way. There must be a serious discussion with them to figure out problem. Then do a tactful approach to resolve the issue. If the director is not happy with me, I will compromise.

Q7: Why didn't you run for the role of president? Also, why not Vice-President (External)?

A: The nominee for the President position and I had our discussions and decided that she is more suited for the role. In addition, we want to attempt to reshuffle the more familiar portfolios under us to best match our abilities.

Q8: How will you complement with the other Vice-President?

A: The nominee for Vice-President, Chantalle is scary person. She has many opinions that are valid, and I trust her to take charge of the situation. However, if I disagree with her, I will let her know. I will trust her even with the unpopular opinions from others.

President Nominee: Lim Kai Yi

Speech:

Good evening to all! I'm Eldeen from Year 2 Bio Science and will be running for the role of President in this election! Now I'm SURE you all took a look at the list of candidates outside before coming in today, and would be wondering who the heck is Eldeen, am I right. Actually, my IC name is Kaiyi so don't worry, I am supposed to be here talking to you guys right now.

So why am I Eldeen? Welllll, did you know that eldeen is needle spelt backwards? That's because I want to be the needle that sews SBS together. I want to hold the people together, and to build a more cohesive school together. I want everyone in SBS to have a family to call their own, and I believe in starting with the people within the committee because *these* people, are ultimately the ones who will be reaching out to the future batches.

To be honest with you guys, I wasn't sure if I wanted to take up this role originally. It was never part of the plan for me to continue on for another term, when I first filled up that nomination form to run for the role of an Events director last year. But, here I am. And it's really because of the amazing people that I had worked with in the previous year that I still stand here, speaking to you guys. Could I have a round of applause for this wonderful family that I had found!!

I'm someone who believes very strongly in the why. Thus, before making this decision, I had asked myself countless times to the point of an existential crisis. If I ran for this position, what would be my reason? Why would I choose this, instead of trying out new things, or focusing on academics, or even just taking a year off all these commitments? The answer is simple. I wanted to give back to the school, and the club, what they have given me. And that is the family, the community, *the friends* that I have found.

Other than that, I also realized that I still have things that I can contribute back to this club. Having been in the previous one, I know what would be necessary to guide our successors along the way. Together with all my previous experiences of being a leader and a mentor, I know that I would be able to grow the future committee well, providing constructive feedback as well as being a reliable point of support.

I want to be a president who is excited and passionate about the school, the opportunities and most importantly – the people. I want to spread my enthusiasm and inspire more people to participate in making this place really our home. I believe that as the president, my role would be vital in not just setting a vision/direction for the club, but also shaping the culture of it.

Personally, I believe that working in a well-bonded committee would, not just be more enjoyable, but also much more productive. I love fun! And I like getting to know people. And so, I believe I'd be able to help bond the committee in a no pressure way, breaking the ice and learning to work together. Being the president, I would also be in a better position to make and implement adjustments in the club's working procedure, which I believe will help increase the overall efficiency of the club.

I'm a highly committed individual that will always go through with what I set out to do. As such, I know that once I have had my mind on running for this position, I would do my utmost best in fulfilling what I've promised, which is a bonded AND welcoming family that will grow together, learn together, work together, but most importantly, have fun together.

I might not be tall, but I have high hopes for our future committee. With that, I ask you to vote for me.

THANK YOU! Now you may feel free to ask me any questions!!

Q&A:

Q1: How will you change the way things are done in the present Management Committee?

A: As events directors, our work style is slightly too last minute. I admit that I have that flaw. At the start of the year, we will have a meeting at the start to establish the set timeline

of the events of the year. This will be the guideline for the future directors to base their work on. We can adjust for any changes. I believe in helping the directors when they cannot meet a certain deadline. I want to talk about communication. I realized that the communicate is not always clear, so I want to work on clear communication as a President.

Q2: How would you go about reaching out to the SBS community as a representative on the ground and at the same time implement your vision in the bigger picture?

A: I understand that the other YEP and FOP committees, I know that they would also want to create a certain better community in SBS. I do not believe that just because we are in different committees and portfolios, we must clash. I believe we can find common ground. It can be done by communication and mutual understanding. If I have a vision, I will communicate it, and then find a compromise. This is because ultimately we all want the SBS community to benefit from our efforts.

Q3: How will you enforce discipline among the committees you handle? How will you handle dismissing a committee member, should they refuse to do their work?

A: I would like to mention communication again. So before any activities start, I would set guidelines an expectation. If what they do, does not align to that, I have technically the right to dismiss them. I am not a very much of a stick person but a carrot person that encourages instead of drives.

Q4: During orientation we will face multiple discipline issues, how will you deal with that?

A: As mentioned, I will mention beforehand on the requirements expected and if violated, I have the right to correct them. I believe in getting to know the reason why people react in a certain way.

Q5: How will you represent the voice of SBS students in the debates that you will partake of in NTUSU Council Meetings?

A: My priority is first and foremost to speak for SBS students. When I go for the meetings, I will think about how it will affect the students, and for example a policy that will really affect SBS. I will then stand up and say something. I believe that everyone in the council wants to serve the school and that we can reach a compromise.

Q6: Give me a vision or motto for the Biological Sciences Club.

A: Once SBS, ALWAYS SBS!!

Proposer: Emmanuel

Secunder: Qing Rong

Speaker: Emile

Q7: How will you mentor the next president?

A: I have experience mentoring upcoming student leaders in the past. I will be open to training and mentoring anyone who may be interested. Of course, I will see if the person is capable for the role, I will expose the person to what the role entails. I signed up for this role at quite the last minute so I also haven't really received any shadowing, but I believed in an early preparation so I will provide that.

Proposer: Cephas

Secunder: Xin Yi

Speaker: Gillian

Q8: Can you also explore collaboration with other schools and expanding what we do beyond just SBS?

A: Zin mentioned earlier that we can collaborate LKC Med and ASE which have small student communities for our events and activities. And of course, when I am exposed to the NTUSU Council, I will think of ways we can get involved in activities outside SBS. If I hear something or opportunity that is potentially beneficial to the students, I will also publicize that to the school. Not just through the telegram group and social media but also through word of mouth. That's how I can link up the SBS student population and student as a whole.

Election Rally was adjourned at 2130 hours.



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