

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
19th Biological Sciences Club Management Committee
AY 21/22 Biological Sciences Club Rally

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Time Started: 1900Hr

Venue: Zoom Meeting

Election Committee	Position
Fan Chongyue (777C) Carissa Yuwono Kwantalalu (966H) Lim Shu Hua Samantha (383E)	Returning Officer Election Officer Election Officer
Nominees for AY21/22 Management Committee	Position (Nominated For)
1. Yeo Chi Kiat (573K) 2. Koh Wern Ying (623F) 3. Lee Bo Sern, Bronson (492G) 4. Chin Ngiok Yong (542C) 5. Lim Chin Yong (263K) 6. Hannah Teo Minhui (582B) 7. Brian Chok Wei En (753D) 8. Yang Haolan (477F) 9. Yeo Ming Xuan, Nelson (443D)	President Vice President (Social) Vice President (Student Life) Vice President (Welfare) Honorary Financial Secretary Academic and Welfare Director (BS) Business Director Events Director Events Director
Nominees for AY21/22 Union Executive Committee Representative	Position (Nominated For)
1. Yu Hao (082K)	Union Executive Committee Representative
Outgoing Management Committee Members	Position Held
1. Fan Chongyue (777C) 2. Rinta Pullamkottu Reji (963B) 3. Dhira Anindya Putri (218K) 4. Xylon Lee Wei Rui (930B) 5. Lim Shu Hua Samantha (383E) 6. Carissa Yuwono Kwantalalu (966H) 7. Zacharia Lee Zhi Ming (553C) 8. Chin Ngiok Yong (542C) 9. Raphael Wong Wen Shin (036F) 10. Hwa Chong Jie, Marvin (815E) 11. Devika Menon (068F) 12. Lee Bo Sern, Bronson (492G) 13. Yeo Chi Kiat (573K) 14. Tsou Han (337A) 15. Lim Kai Peng (036H) 16. Zhang Ziteng (580H) 17. Chiu Wei Yeow, Emile (520E)	19 th President 19 th Vice President (Social) 19 th Vice President (Student Life) 19 th Vice President (Welfare) 19 th Honorary General Secretary /Personal Data Officer 19 th Honorary Financial Secretary 19 th Academic and Welfare Director (BS) 19 th Academic and Welfare Director (TCM) 19 th Business Director 19 th Clade Director 19 th Events Director 19 th Events Director 19 th Events Director 19 th Logistics Director 19 th Publicity Director 19 th Publicity Director 19 th Sports Director
Audience	
1. Brandon (921D) 2. Charlene Chua Yan Hong (292J) 3. Chiang Wenqi (671C)	

4. Chin Sue Min (714C)
5. Chua Damien (613C)
6. Dominic Ma Junyuan (114K)
7. Elaine Ong Xue Ning (053C)
8. Kian Heng (972C)
9. Koh Yeun Li (167F)
10. Lam Qian Yi (473B)
11. Lee Hui Xian (041A)
12. Lee Zhi Qi (821G)
13. Li Siyu (332L)
14. Liao Jianxiang (022L)
15. Lim Jun Rong Cuithbert (292B)
16. Lim Kai Yi, Eldeen (691E)
17. Lin Zuming (645B)
18. Loh Ang (616K)
19. Maria Isabel Camacho Navarrete (287C)
20. Maung Myo Min Than (583D)
21. Nathan Chai Chun Lin (632J)
22. Qin Shiru (103A)
23. Rebecca Liew Hui Ting (734E)
24. Roy Tham Jun Kai (807A)
25. Ruby Clarissa Sutopo (280L)
26. Seetoh Wei Song (502B)
27. Tan Wei Zhe (531C)
28. Teo Fang Fei (626H)
29. Zhao Chenxi (272F)



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Agenda	
1.	<p><u>Regulations Governing the Rally</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Candidates shall be entitled to 5 minutes for rally speech and 15 minutes of Question and Answer session. - Only the President, Vice-President(s), Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Financial Secretary (or equivalent) shall be entitled to 10 minutes for rally speech and 30 minutes of Question and Answer. - A proposer and seconder is required to pass the motion for a 5 minute time extension for Question and Answer. - All questions should be posted on the link provided by your Election Officers. - The Returning Officer shall have the right to reject a proposed question or time extension. All decisions made shall be binding and final. - The minutes and recording of the rally should be adopted by the candidates and vetted by the Election Committee before submission. Submission of materials should be done within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the Rally. - The election officers have the right to declare the election of any candidate of its Constituent Body's Management Committee due to procedural irregularities according to the Election Regulations.
2.	<p><u>Nominee for Union Executive Committee Representative</u> Candidate Name: Yu Hao (082K) Proposer: Dhira Anindya Putri (218K) Seconder: Andrew Liew Yong Zhou (237D)</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Good evening SBS, my name is Yu Hao, currently a year 2 student studying Biological Sciences with a second major in medicinal chemistry and pharmacology. In today's rally, I will be running for the position of Union Executive Committee Representative of the Biological Sciences Club. So do hear me out for the next few minutes and as I share a bit more about myself and my experiences and how they would allow me to better serve in the Students' Union Exco and as the Union Exco Rep in BS Club.</p> <p>Prior to NS, I graduated from Hwa Chong Institution in 2017 having served in the college section students' council as a welfare coordinator. Along with the other committee members, we managed to streamline the blazers loaning system which had been a decade long problem. Some welfare initiatives that we pushed for also include festive snacks to be sold in school by the welfare shop and a weekly dress down day whereby students are allowed to come to school in our faculty shirts. We also planned and executed 7 main events, namely Teachers' Day, Mid-Autumn Festival, Senior Promenade, C1 Orientation, Chinese New Year, Open House and Elections. Personally, I was part of the Main Committee of MAF and Orientation as the Fountain Committee Head and Games Committee Head respectively. In the last academic year, I was an NTU Ussociate, under</p>

the Open House Committee as a business officer. As the event turned full virtual and the school decided there was no need to seek additional sponsorships, I decided to step out of my comfort zone to be one of the hosts for the inaugural South Spine tour. On top of my experiences in council, I was also part of SBSTOP 2021 Atlantis and joined various hall sports such as basketball and frisbee.

Through these experiences, I developed a strong passion to serve the student community along with several leadership qualities. Some of my most prominent skills and attributes include critical thinking, having a creative mindset, being able to work under pressure and understanding the importance of teamwork and communication. The last point, communication is of utmost importance to me as it allows me to better understand the problems and concerns students are facing. Communication amongst me and my peers will also enable me to better alleviate and mitigate such problems.

As such, I have decided to run for the position of Union Exco Rep in BS Club. As its name suggests I would be able to represent our school and my fellow peers' voice on the executive level within NTUSU. In addition to my individual responsibilities, I will be able to provide suggestions and deliver them across to other exco members and the school administration from the perspective of a biological sciences student. This position will also allow me to communicate with the other academic clubs, acting as a bridge of connection within NTUSU. Right now, I believe many students have the following concerns regarding student life experience, including STARS and exam results portal, internships and exchange opportunities and also potential ways to improve the covid measures that are currently implemented in school.

My main purpose to serve and lead in NTUSU stems from my love and passion to serve and represent the student community, so as to enhance each and everyone of our student life experiences in NTU. For me to achieve this, I will need all of your support, to vote for me as the Union Exco Rep in BS Club, to give me an opportunity to represent your voice in NTUSU. Finally, as I am about to conclude my speech, I look forward to working with every one of you here and all my fellow peers in SBS. Thank you everyone, my name is Yu Hao.

Question and Answer

Fan Chongyue (19th President): From what I have experienced, the Union Rep will not really be engaged with the main BS Club members. Do you think that there are some ways that you can work with BS Club?

Yu Hao: I could possibly attend the biweekly BS Club meetings I could also consult feedback from my fellow peers, asking them for what kinds of concerns they are facing as a student in SBS and as a student in NTU. The two main ways I can connect BS Club with the NTUSU is one, to attend the biweekly meetings and two, to consult feedback about how I can improve the student life experience in NTU.

3. Nominee for Events Director
Candidate Name: Yeo Ming Xuan, Nelson (443D)
Proposer: Tan Kah Wee (835B)
Secunder: Lee Guo Wei (752B)

Speech

Hey everyone! Thank you all for taking the time to be here and I hope everyone has been having a great evening so far!

My name is Nelson Yeo and I am currently a Year 1 Biological Sciences Student. I am running for the position of events director this year. To start off, I would like to share a bit about myself and some of my personal experiences. I was previously from Singapore Polytechnic and during my time there, I was part of the Student Chapter for my course serving as the Outreach head. Essentially, the job scope and the responsibilities of the role was to plan events to bond the course, make student life more enjoyable for the student body as well as exposing more people to learn more about the course. Some of the events that I have previously planned and organised with my team include induction and bonding days for the incoming freshies, Halloween Nights as well as appreciation dinner for lecturers and students to recognize everyone's efforts throughout the year. Throughout my service, I have gained valuable lessons, to name a few important ones: how to be a good communicator and an effective team player. Adding on, I am a certified camp instructor and as such have past experiences in facilitation as well.

If elected as events director, the relevant experiences from my time back in student chapter would definitely aid me in this position. As events director, I hope to use this platform to serve the student body (you guys) through events where new friendships can be forged, everyone can have a great time and of course create memories that would last a lifetime. Although we live in uncertain times, we can still have a variety of events depending on how the Covid situation plays out. For example, if we are permitted to have physical gatherings, we can have bonding activities which would encourage you to meet new people, work together, and step out of your comfort zone. Alternatively, we can also conduct various events online such as having Games Night or Movie Nights if we are not allowed to meet physically. This will allow everyone to catch a breather from the constant studying and rushing of assignments. It would also be critical for us to gather your feedback so that we can better learn your needs, see your likes and dislikes and continue to plan events that would cater to your interests.

As cliché as it sounds, I wish to foster a culture where we can all work hard and play hard whereby everyone in SBS is tightly bonded like family and through the events planned, we can develop a strong SBS identity. I am grateful to be in SBS and also thankful for all the friendly and helpful seniors met along the way. Thus, taking up the mantle of this role would allow me to give back to the SBS community as well as the organisation. I hope that you can give me the opportunity to serve you and I will give it my all to make university life not only fun and enjoyable but also a meaningful time to all students in SBS.

So VOTE NIAO for Nelson and let's all have a great time together!

Cheers guys!

Question and Answer

Bronson Lee (19th Events Director): There are two Events Directors in the Events Committee, so there will inevitably be situations where you disagree with your co-Director. When that situation arises, can you share with us how you would go about resolving this conflict?

Nelson: I understand that as this role has two co-Directors, so inevitably there will be disagreements along the way. How I plan to resolve that is to find out more on why the other co-Director has a different set of directions, and understand where he or she is coming from, because there will be a reason why they want to head in a certain direction. From there, we can understand each other, come to a compromise, work something out, and come up with something that is beneficial for everyone in SBS.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): You mentioned the types of events you would hold—something about “Games Night”. Can you give an elaboration on this online event?

Nelson: Because there are a lot of online free games that are offered such as “Skribbl.io” and “Draw Battle!” that we get to play in camps, I wish to apply all of these in something that is simple and easy for people to just break away from their studies and take part in for a while. It is easy for us to host as well, so it can be done fortnightly or monthly, according to the schedule of students.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): How will you attract people to come for the “Games Night”?

Nelson: For “Games Night”, how I was planning to attract people to come for it is to publicise through the various social media platforms that we have, like Telegram and Instagram, and through word of mouth because if they enjoy the activities, they will be bound to spread the word and attract more students to join. These are some of the ways that I would promote the event.

Lim Kai Yi: You mentioned using games that are already available. How would this differ from people playing these games on their own? What is the attractiveness of these games?

Nelson: The main objective for me was to come up with something simple that everyone can just pick up easily, and through this platform, attract SBS students to come together and bond with each other. As these games can be played in groups, we can assign them into groups where they can get to know each other better through their groupings and know more people from these activities.

Lim Kai Yi: In the past, whatever incentives that you have mentioned have already been done. Are there any other incentives to bring people to join the games? Also, as everyone is already in their own groups of friends, it would be difficult to separate them. What are your plans to solve these problems?

Nelson: To attract more people, I feel like we should have more engagement which I think has already been mentioned previously. Since we now have the Clade system in place, we can reach out to the Clade Leaders to help get members to participate. We can have inter-clade games, or mix the different clades so that people from different clades can get to know each other better. That’s one of my suggestions.

Samantha (19th Honorary General Secretary): Did you take part in the “Back 2 School” event this year? Are there any areas of improvement that you wish you can make to the “Back 2 School” event, and are there any new things you would like to suggest for the event?

Nelson: I have not taken part in the “Back 2 School” event this year, but I know the existence of the event and how it is run. I feel that the “Back 2 School” event could be done earlier or done concurrently with TOP. One reason why I felt that I didn’t have the time to join the “Back 2 School” event was because it was held on the week when everyone was moving back to hall and starting to get their bearings in school, so it may be quite overwhelming for some students. I think other than that, the “Back 2 School” event was pretty well done, and the use of the Telegram group and engagement through social media was quite well done too, so the problem that I would want to work on would just be the timeframe.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): You mentioned that one way you would change the event is to hold it before TOP or some other timeframe. What timeframe do you suggest and why?

Nelson: I feel that it can be held during TOP or before TOP, where everyone is getting excited to go to school and looking to make new friends. I feel that that period would be the most ideal to hold the “Back 2 School” event.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): You mentioned to hold the event during TOP because students would be excited to start school, but you also mentioned that holding the event during the current timeframe was overwhelming. If we hold the event during TOP, especially given the tight schedule of TOP, do you think the freshies would be more overwhelmed? What is your input for that?

Nelson: For me, I think it can be done right after TOP or during TOP itself, because it can be part of an activity. Through TOP, we can also engage and promote the event. As the event was held one week after TOP, so by then, school has already started.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): Just to clarify, you would hold the event the week right after TOP?

Nelson: Yes.

Damien Chua: When you mentioned it being “too overwhelming”, is it the sentiments of other people or is it your speculation?

Nelson: To clarify, those are my personal feelings and they were not from anyone else. To me, during that period, I was moving into hall and getting my bearings in school, and that was why I felt that it was overwhelming, and hence could not participate in the event. It was by no means anyone else’s complaints.

4. Nominee for Events Director

Candidate Name: Yang Haolan (477F)

Proposer: Chai Zi Qing (460E)

Seconder: Lin Zuming (645B)

Speech

Hello everyone, I’m Haolan YANG and you can call me Julian if you wish. I’m a freshman studying biological science with a second major in medicinal chemistry and pharmacology and I’m running for Events Director.

Let me begin with some reasons why you should vote for me as the Events Director. Firstly, I have had quite a lot of prior experience in terms of organizing events. I was the Deputy Head Girl prefect in high school, and I had organized our graduation ceremony&ball, as well as some fundraising activities, such as ‘sponge the teachers’, ‘shave for a cure’, bake sales. As a club leader, I have initiated some volunteering programs at the community center near my high school and some charities. So, I am quite familiar with writing proposals or reports of events. Secondly, I am always passionate and open to new things. After graduating from high school, I went to volunteer as a peer teacher in the countryside in Southern China, where I had never been before. It was an unforgettable experience for me. During that time, I was in charge of event organizing. We had some fun challenges, such as ‘Newspaper Fashion Show’, ‘Drama Night’,

‘Rainbow Run’, ‘Lawn Music Festival’. Pictures of the events are on my posters if you’d like to see them. I knew that we all had a good time there. As mentioned before, I’m always open to new things and different opinions. I love to hear from people and I believe that communication is a key to negotiate in any situation and I want to make everyone happy.

If elected as an event director, I will do my best to make your uni life this year at SBS enjoyable and meaningful. In my opinion, SBS is like a family and I will try my best to make every family member satisfactory.

I am sure that I will be enthusiastic and responsible for this job. I enjoy organizing events and love to meet people in different activities. Although under COVID, we could only do things online, I think we can make them funny and enjoyable as well. We can connect with each other online via Zoom or Instagram. We can have some activities online like werewolf or role playing games or reasoning games. If Covid goes away, we can have some events days. So Let’s Stay positive~ and Remember to vote for me.

Thank you!

Question and Answer

Fan Chongyue (19th President): You mentioned a lot of physical events that you have planned. However, looking at the current situation, we will never know when we can resume physical events. You mentioned a few online activities and games as well, but could you elaborate on the details?

Haolan: I haven’t organised any online events and those are just plans. There are quite a lot of online game platforms as Nelson mentioned, and I think some games can be played quite well online, like some reasoning games where everyone can role-play in a situation and try to solve some problems. Later on, when we can see everyone face-to-face, and I think that’s a way to help us to know each other and recognise each other.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): These ideas are great, but in the past, engagement has been low. What are some incentives you can think of to improve the attendance, and to fulfil all these visions we have for the events?

Haolan: Since we have a Telegram group, I want students to suggest what kind of games they want to play. We could do it in teams or groups, and maybe just pick the top ones. We could give them some options and let the students choose, so the engagement can increase a little if they choose the games for themselves.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): You mentioned a few events. When do you think is the best time or period in the semester to hold your events?

Haolan: For online events, I think that it should be a time where most students do not have exams coming up—maybe one day during the Recess Week? Also, I noticed that many clubs like to choose Friday night. Actually tonight, I have quite a lot of things that I wanted to do as well. What I mean is that, probably it’s not a good idea for us to hold online events on Friday nights.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): You mentioned that people have their own plans for Fridays, but for Recess Week, since there isn’t school, how will you attract people to come for events when it is a school holiday?

Haolan: I want students to choose what time is best for them. When I mentioned Recess Week, it is a time where I want to do online events because I live in hall and I think that that could be a time where I could do some other activities not tagged to academic work. Regarding how to attract students, if they can choose the time or the games they want to play, probably that could attract them a little more? We could possibly have some prizes too.

Lim Kai Yi: If you have no limit on the time and money, what is the craziest event idea you want to execute as an Events Director?

Haolan: I'm not sure if it's the craziest idea, but it is definitely a fun one. I'm not sure if you have heard of "Rainbow Run" before but it is a lot of fun. People just throw colourful things at each other, and everyone "turns" into different colours. Talking about crazy events, I want to do a music festival which has a part of "Rainbow Run". We could throw the colourful powder at each other to make everyone "turn" colourful. As it is a music festival, I want everyone to enjoy and play whatever songs they like and sing whatever songs they like. I think that could be a fun afternoon and evening, if COVID-19 goes away of course.

Samantha (19th Honorary General Secretary): Did you take part in the "Back 2 School" event this year? Are there any areas of improvement that you wish you can make to the "Back 2 School" event, and are there any new things you would like to suggest for the event?

Haolan: I have participated in the "Back 2 School" event, but it was very limited as I was still volunteering during that time. I was quite busy, so I didn't do much about the event. I joined the Telegram group and answered the questions, and also did two other activities. I think the main reason for me not being very engaged in the event was because I was quite busy with volunteering. I think that it was a cool activity as it at least taught me something about SBS and also allowed me to join the Telegram group and know more people. I think for improvements, as you can see from my prior experiences, I really prefer physical activities and offline, face-face activities. If COVID-19 goes away, I really hope for "Back 2 School" activities to be held offline and not online. I think that the event can just stay like that with COVID-19. For online activities, as we could not do much to attract people, we could have some Zoom game activities that people would like to join. Having some online games might help.

Devika Menon (19th Events Director): Very often, for online games, students end up playing by themselves. Do you have any ideas on how to foster a sense of belonging with more group-oriented activities online?

Haolan: I think the main purpose of doing online activities is to get people to know others in the SBS community. I think it makes sense for them to play with their friends because it makes them feel comfortable, but maybe we can divide people into different breakout rooms to mix them and let them talk to other people.

Bronson Lee (19th Events Director): There are two Events Directors in the Events Committee, so there will inevitably be situations where you disagree with your co-Director. When that situation arises, can you share with us how you would go about resolving this conflict?

Haolan: I would like to communicate with the co-Director because I believe communication is key to solving any problems. I think that I am quite good with that as I have worked in many teams. By communicating, we probably need to set a goal first, like solve the problem, and think about what is the problem and what we can do to solve the

	<p>problem. I would choose to communicate with the co-Director as soon as possible, when the situation happens.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Nominee for Business Director</u> Candidate Name: Brian Chok Wei En (753D) Proposer: Nathan Chai Chun Lin (632J) Secunder: Lee Hui Xian (041A)</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Good evening, everyone! Hope y'all had a good week. Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone that took time off their TGIF to come listen to our rally. For all those seeing me for the first time, my name's "Brian" but usually people call me by my surname, Chok, because one shout "Brian" 5 other heads will probably turn around. I'm a freshman this year, from clade Cygnus. I was previously from Singapore Polytechnic studying biomedical science and had experience under the diploma's student chapter, as well as the club under School of Chemical Life Sciences.</p> <p>So, let's get down to business, I've decided to run for business director or otherwise known as bizmag for 3 simple reasons.</p> <p>I understand the importance of a student council that can strengthen and represent the student body well, to the rest of NTU or even within SBS. Ultimately, SBS is not merely a place where we come to study, do your dues, and leave without forging any sense of connection or relationship. We want you to feel proud that you are part of this school and almost brag to others that you have this community within school! And of course, we can only bring life to this community through interactions, which is through EVENTS! What does events have to do with me running for bizmag?</p> <p>This brings me to my 2nd reason, incentives. What makes you want to come for these events in the first place? How can I attract you? Everyone loves incentives, and I want to take upon this responsibility to make these incentives the best they can be for you guys. I believe that I have the networking skills and resourcefulness to give you the best benefits. Apart from your intangible takeaways, I hope that everyone can leave with something in your hands, that can remind you of that specific time you had fun. Even aside from events, just literally freebies like welfare packs etc. will be made exceptionally attractive to everyone.</p> <p>Lastly, my 3rd reason, building a sense of identity. Now that we see how we can foster a community within SBS, how can we proudly wear this identity. One way is through merchandise! Imagine walking around with a cool sweater or a coffee tumbler that proudly spells School of Biological Sciences. People will know where you're from and you can easily show others what you're a part of. And of course, we will be more than willing to hear what you guys want to have as part of these gifts and merchandises.</p> <p>To summarise why I chose to run as bizmag; 1. I want to be part of the student body representative of SBS. 2. I want to give you guys the incentives that you want. 3. I want us to have a strong sense of identity as one SBS. Everything I've mentioned is fundamental of what SBS club has been doing the past few years, but I hope everyone can trust that I can elevate it to greater heights. SBS club is not just us rallying today, it's ALL of us including the many of you watching right now. As with every aspect of SBS club, I am eager to work with other leaders to make this a fun reality for all. Come 10th of September, be excited and cast your votes wisely! Thank you.</p> <p><u>Question and Answer</u></p>

	<p><u>Raphael Wong (19th Business Director)</u>: You mentioned incentives and benefits to bring the school closer. Other than welfare pack items, what other items do you see that fits this role of incentivising and benefitting the student body?</p> <p><u>Brian</u>: Firstly, I mentioned that these incentives also come along with events. I am hoping to work with Events—we can bring on some attractive prizes or goodies that will attract people to come for events, and hopefully if they come for these events, we can really foster this sense of community.</p> <p><u>Raphael Wong (19th Business Director)</u>: You mentioned merchandise to represent Biological Sciences. Do you have any merchandise in mind?</p> <p><u>Brian</u>: Yes, I do have quite a few merchandises in mind. I see most of us going around wearing NTU shirts and jackets. Other than these, why not make our very own, for SBS? I understand that we do have those, I have seen some people wearing for previous batches, but what if we up the level? Imagine if we have a sweater with an embroidered logo—I think that would be pretty cool. Apart from that, we can gather interest and see what the student body really wants. These could be laptop skins, and maybe even customised bags. It’s really up to SBS to see what they want for themselves, and it’s up to us to see if we can make that happen.</p> <p><u>Lim Kai Yi</u>: Currently, whatever you have mentioned has already been done. Do you have anything new that you can bring to the table as the Business Director?</p> <p><u>Brian</u>: Currently, I do have some networking within the F&B industry. Aside from merchandise, we could bring in food and beverages through, for example, events. I think that it is very crucial for me to work hand-in-hand with the Events, Publicity, and Academic and Welfare Directors, to try and bring in even better goodies and specifically food and beverages that would appeal more to the students of SBS.</p> <p><u>Xylon Lee (19th Vice President [Welfare])</u>: You mentioned a lot about getting freebies and goodies for SBS students. It has been a problem, or challenge, we face whereby we find it very hard to find sponsors who are willing to sponsor our club events and etcetera. How do you intend to reach out to sponsors?</p> <p><u>Brian</u>: Firstly, I think that it should be a win-win ratio when contacting sponsors to see whether they want to sponsor our events for SBS. In exchange for us getting their items, we could potentially be a platform for them to advertise. That’s one way they can get incentives from us. Additionally, it is also possible that we can interact with them and find out what they actually want, and whether us students are part of their target audience and such, so it will be easier for us to work out something that will gain their sponsorship. I think it’s important to find out whether these external vendors are firstly interested in working with students, because if they are, then we can work something from there.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Nominee for Academic and Welfare Director (BS)</u> Candidate Name: Hannah Teo Minhui (582B) Proposer: Andrea Tan Wenqi (911H) Secunder: Wang Yee Tat (516F)</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hi everyone! I am Hannah, a year one bio science and psychology student and I am running for the role of Academic & welfare director.</p> <p>I’d like to begin by sharing a bit about myself and why I chose to run for this role. Stepping into uni I felt lost and confused because I didn’t know anyone, and I didn’t</p>

understand stuff like AUs, course registration etc. However, this year's orientation programme helped me feel less anxious as I made friends through it and better understood uni acads, which helped me grow more accustomed to uni life. These initiatives were very meaningful to me, and I want to be a part of something that helps others feel the same sense of security and warmth that I did.

To give some background about my relevant experiences, I was the welfare & events head in Crescent Girls' School National Police Cadet Corps 2017-2018, Camp commandant for the annual unit camp and officer for the secondary one squad. I'm also the head of community service in my church. So, rest assured I have some experience leading a team, planning events and handling welfare.

In my opinion, the best way to be the bridge between the student body and faculty is through social media. I would like to work with pubs and frequently use ig and tele as a medium to get feedback and input from students so we can hear their concerns. From personal experience, it is easier to select responses on ig stories through the interactive elements like the question, poll and quiz function if you're already on ig as compared to opening a form sent by your email. I also would want work with events and use tele polls similar to the Back 2 School programme.

One thing I found very useful during orientation was the STARS workshop. In future years, I would like to continue with such initiatives that help freshies settle down into uni. I like the idea of a "uni crash course" concept where there are not only academic briefings and Q&As about course registration but since there are quite a few different double majors and second majors, I believe it would be helpful if more time was allocated for freshies to ask questions to seniors from their specific courses as well as the opportunity for them to get to know people from their own courses before lessons start.

For welfare, I would like to step beyond bonding and welfare packs, and to increase emphasis on mental health. I would like to possibly work with the university counselling centre and use Instagram as a platform for 1) info on common stressors and issues faced by the student body eg imposter syndrome, uncertainty about the future or social isolation, 2) coping mechanisms 3) sharing and advice from seniors / older people 4) destigmatising and encouraging students to seek professional help when needed.

I aspire to use my dedication and passion to lighten the weights of students, maximise productive learning and create a healthy learning environment for everyone in SBS. In essence, I want to serve in this role as someone who can make your student life better and easier.

Thank you!

Question and Answer

Xylon Lee (19th Vice President [Welfare]): In your speech, you mentioned a lot of initiatives for the freshies. What about the current student body? Do you have any new initiatives you have in mind to improve the welfare of the current student body?

Hannah: I mentioned three initiatives, and only one of them was for the freshies, which is the university crash course part. In terms of the whole SBS throughout the year that I will be serving, the things that I want to improve is communication. As I was reading the minutes from last year, there was a question about how students felt that the concerns weren't really translated to the faculty, so I would like to improve on communication through social media for that aspect, and also for the welfare and mental health through Instagram.

Damien Chua: Previously, the A&W committee has played a role in connecting with our alumni and organising student webinars. What do you think of those and how do you intend to expand on those initiatives?

Hannah: I've seen those online webinars come in through my email and I find that they were very useful, and they were very specific. I think that a way that I could expand on them is to get more feedback on the types of webinars that students want, so maybe through different polls and through feedback to know exactly what kind of things the student body is interested in.

Zacharia Lee (19th Academic and Welfare Director [BS]): You mentioned that you will gather students' feedback via Instagram and etcetera, but one issue we have been facing is low, minimal responses on our platforms such as Instagram. How do you intend to work on this response issue?

Hannah: I was thinking of that during my speech because I think the root of the issue is that there is not enough engagement, so I think we need to encourage more people to actually follow the page and interact, and add more interactive elements. On Instagram, if there are not enough regular posts and there's not enough interaction, at the top where the stories are, the account will get pushed to the back. In order for it to be moved to the front, there needs to be more interactive elements, and we need to encourage the SBS student body to follow and keep up with the posts.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): You mentioned a few different initiatives that you wanted to do and it involved mental health issues, such as imposter syndrome. May I know what is your reasoning behind choosing those few facets of mental health that you mentioned?

Hannah: When I read the job description of the Academic and Welfare Director (BS) and when I asked around what exactly we are supposed to do, I was quite surprised that there wasn't a lot of emphasis on mental health, because to me, welfare is 50% mental health. Those specific ones that I mentioned like imposter syndrome and etcetera are just the ones that came up to me at first. I think what I want to do is not just to focus on those few, but maybe every week, or every two weeks, have one informative post about some kind of issue that the student body is likely to face. The reason why I chose these few is because they are very common among people our age.

7. Nominee for Honorary Financial Secretary

Candidate Name: Lim Chin Yong (263K)

Proposer: Lee Yun Yin Phoebe (974L)

Seconder: Ryan Sim Yao Rong (902K)

Speech

Good evening everyone! My name is Chin Yong and I am a year 2 student from Biomedical Science and Biobusiness. I am running to be the Honorary Financial Secretary or what some would call the Hon Fin. I'll keep my speech short and sweet, going over why I think you should all vote for me.

I will begin with my past experiences which I believe are relevant in preparing me to adopt the role of hon fin, particularly leadership positions where I was responsible for the planning of events as well as handling their allocated budgets. In secondary school I was the vice-captain of my basketball team and handled team funds. Afterwards in JC I was the Co-Chairperson for a leadership camp where I planned, proposed, and managed a camp budget of around 8,000 dollars. Moving on to national service I was a deputy

operations and training officer where one of my responsibilities was performing related administrative tasks and coordination for the financing and procurement of operational resources. Over the course of all these roles, I have picked up many technical administrative skills as well as familiarised myself with budget management. I have also learnt to be meticulous in accounting for funds, knowing that every record is crucial and important. Having performed these similar responsibilities under different organisations, I do understand that different operating procedures are a given, varying from organisation to organisation. The SOPs of the Biological Sciences club may not be exactly the same as those that I have followed in the past, but I am an adaptive individual who learns fast and I believe that I will be able to adjust and perform accordingly.

Moving on to a more personal note, I am known amongst my friends to be a resourceful person where I like to make the most out of what I am given. I like to think of how something can be improved or how to overcome obstacles and am not afraid to ask questions to make things happen. When you combine that with my experiences in event planning, you can rest assured that I will ensure that not a single cent of our fund will go to waste.

To conclude, I do believe that I have the hard and soft skills to be able to perform well as the financial secretary. Ultimately, I believe that the BS Club aims to provide meaningful experiences and memories for the students, and I would like to do my part through an efficient management of its finances. I hope that I have convinced you to vote for me and thank you all very much for your time!

Question and Answer

Carissa Kwantalalu (19th Honorary Financial Secretary): You mentioned that you are a double major student and being the Hon Fin means that you need to take up these additional commitments, both on the finance side as well as an Executive Committee member. How do you plan to manage your time and handle the workload?

Chin Yong: I feel that time management is mainly about being very aware of what are your responsibilities and what you need to get done, as well as the deadlines. As of now, I already do keep track of everything that I have to do. I am quite organized in my deadlines and tasks, I have not really struggled with my workload or felt that it is too much and I do believe that taking on the additional responsibilities of the Hon Fin will not affect or make me struggle in terms of coping with additional workload or responsibilities.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): The BS Club Hon Fin is also in charge of the finances of sub-clubs as well as ad-hoc events, for example YEP, TOP and BioHackathon. I think that takes a lot of coordination and communication. So how would you approach in communicating with these sub-clubs?

Chin Yong: Could you elaborate more on communicating with them in term of what exactly?

Fan Chongyue (19th President): In the sense that you will be doing the claims for them. You also have to make sure that they actually know the procedures for all the claims. You need to establish a way for them to report to you to ask you for help and etcetera. So, I would just want to know how you would approach them, such as organizing monthly reports?

Chin Yong: From my past experiences, I do feel that having a fixed schedule towards claims is quite helpful in making it more understandable towards others on how they can do the claims as they would always know the deadline instead of

keeping track of varying changing dates. Apart from that, once I come in and learn the proper procedure, I would try to type out an instructions or procedure reference for them to look at so that they will always have something to refer to. Apart from that, I also will make myself available via messaging or emails to answer any queries that they may have. I believe this should be able to help them cope with any struggle they might have towards making claims.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): Let's say hypothetically, a portion of the money is missing. How would you approach such situation?

Chin Yong: If I am the reason that the money went missing, of course I will admit that it is my fault and claim responsibility, but I do believe that if I do job my job properly and account for the finances properly, that should not be the case. I will speak to whoever might be responsible and figure out how the money went missing. Ultimately, I do believe that whoever was responsible for losing the money should own up, and if we have proper procedures and ways to account where the money went, it should be quite easy to find out how it went missing.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): You mentioned about the proper procedure in your previous answer. What do you mean by 'proper procedure' and how do you wish to execute these proper procedures? This is because money is very crucial in managing a club.

Chin Yong: What I have done in the past, is that during event planning, before utilising any money, I would plan and have the budget on what you need to buy and allocate who is responsible for purchasing certain things. The BS Club probably has its own way of doing it that is similar I would assume. From there, there will always be a paper trail on who is responsible for what, either in terms of a spreadsheet or proposal report. So, I do think that those sorts of documents will be what I will use to reference in my previous answer. In terms of procedures, I don't think I can say anything specific because usually a club would already have their way of doing things. I would come in and just learn what are the ways and implement them accordingly.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): We do have our own but I hope you can improve on it if you can?

Chin Yong: It will be hard for me to say what I can improve now since I have not seen the exact but whenever it is possible, I will do it.

Lim Kai Yi: What are you going to do after you find out that this person is responsible for the missing money?

Chin Yong: Ultimately, I would speak to the person because I believe whoever did make the mistake should be responsible for their mistake and make amends to it. I would say that I would want the person to pay for it. I think it would be useful to have a case study and let others learn from this mistake and make sure that it is not repeated in the future. It would also be good to also remind others on these kinds of issues when they do happen. Perhaps, if it's a careless mistake, tell them to be more careful in the future when they are handling money and to make sure that they account for everything, such as ensuring that they always keep receipts and do not lose them. Just to sum it up, I would want the person to own up and take responsibility for it, probably by compensating for it by themselves and also have a learning experience for the others.

	<p><u>Lim Kai Yi</u>: What if the person cannot give you the money? Do you have any suggestion on how they can pay back this amount of money?</p> <p><u>Chin Yong</u>: I do think that misappropriation of funds should be quite a serious offence. I think the school should have some rules in place and the payment does not have to be at one-shot, it can be over a period of time. In the meantime, if we do need to compensate for the lack of funds, either through canvassing or fundraising. The school should probably be able to have sufficient funds to make up for the amount that was misappropriated in the short term.</p> <p><u>Fan Chongyue (19th President)</u>: Just to let you know, we actually allocate the funds according to all the events so there are times that there will not be extra money. So, just keep that in mind, although I really don't hope things like that will not happen.</p> <p><u>Carissa Kwantalalu (19th Honorary Financial Secretary)</u>: As the Honorary Financial Secretary, you would be required to allocate the annual budgeting for the activities of the club. What would you do if there are some disagreements with the budget allocation? For example, if the Events Director or other portfolios request for money.</p> <p><u>Chin Yong</u>: If there are conflicts between committees, I will sit them down and discuss with them, and get them to explain to each other why they need the money. Hopefully from there, they will be able to settle on a middle ground on what would be ideal for them. If that is not the case, I would consult the other committee members and maybe get a vote. Perhaps, if we give money to committee A, we would be able to do this and not that, and vice versa. From there, we get their vote on which outcome the committee, as a whole, believes is ideal. If a particular committee would like to request for money, I would see what are the ways that I can do that. In the past, for the camp that I have organised, the games committee actually requested for quite a big budget. What we did was we sat down and we saw where we could cut down the budget. For example, for games, they wanted disposable cups and spoons. Instead of buying new ones, we consulted the CC. As the CC usually hold a lot of events, they would have all of these supplies lying around. In the end, we managed to get these items for free. To summarize, I would use my resourcefulness to think of ways to overcome the budget limitation and if that is still not enough, I would do what I said earlier; sit down with the committee members and see how we can reallocate it accordingly.</p> <p><u>Samantha Lim (19th Honorary General Secretary)</u>: Other than being the Hon Fin, you are also part of the Top 6, so you are an Executive Committee member. As part of the Top 6, how do you think you can contribute to the BS Club?</p> <p><u>Chin Yong</u>: Apart from what I said earlier about maximizing the budget, I also think that, because I have had quite a bit of experience in event planning in the past, I will be able to help the committee members with perhaps any issues they have, maybe with scheduling constraints or the various common issues that might pop up in terms of planning. In terms of coming up with creative solutions like for games, I also do think that I have the experience and creativity to do that. I would keep track of the various things that are happening and see how I can contribute. Also, I do know that for the different portfolios, as they are handling their individual tasks, it is very easy to get overwhelmed with the work and get tunnel vision. Whenever I notice this sort of things, I would also like to step in, redirect their attention towards what is important such as the goal of the event, and make sure that they accomplish what they set out to do before they lost their way.</p>
8.	<p><u>Nominee for Vice President (Social)</u> Candidate Name: Koh Wern Ying (623F)</p>

Proposer: Rinta Pullamkottu Reji (963B)

Seconder: Lim Minqi (073C)

Speech

Good evening everyone. I am Wern Ying, a year 2 in Biological Sciences and Psychology and I am running for the role of Vice President Social.

Most of us have probably heard of the word 'clade' at least once, be it through orientation, clade events or mentions of the clade room. The clade system was only established last year, yet it has already inched its way into our school lives.

But I wish to bring that further. I see the potential in clade to become a prominent and irreplaceable part of student life here at SBS, and want to have the opportunity to make that come true.

I have a clear vision for the clade system, and I wish to have a chance to realise this. I hope to build a tightly-knitted and inclusive community, filled with friendly and genuine people, keen to help one another out. I also want clade members to feel cared for and valued, and I plan to do this through enhanced welfare and feedback systems. Finally, I want students to be able to seek guidance or help, be it through friends for social support or the school for career and academic guidance.

If I were vice president, I aim to fulfill these goals by focusing on five main aspects: One - clade events, two - student welfare, three - the clade committee, four - academic support and five - clade parents and alumni relations.

First, clade events. I propose having at least one social event during the semester. We could have icebreakers, competitive games, food and prizes to be won! The games would emphasise teamwork and communication, which I believe can promote bonding between members. Also, clade activities don't have to be a one day event either, especially with current covid restrictions. How about bi-weekly challenges that clade members can participate in at their own time? We could have scavenger hunts and collective distance group runs with attractive prizes to encourage participation. Not only can this integrate clade into the daily lives of students, it can also promote intra- clade interaction. Clade should not be thought of as 'my OG, my sister OG, and those that did not join TOP'. My goal is to remove those lines and integrate every student as one clade.

Next, I want to enhance the welfare for clade members. Starting off with the clade room, I intend to ensure that it is constantly stocked up with supplies that students might need, such as snacks and drinks. We can provide items that students have stated preferences for, such as cup noodles, crackers and gummies. I also want to make clade rooms more cozy and comfortable, such as giving each clade a carpeted section and getting new lighting. Another addition that I'm developing is the provision of mental health resources in the clade room. Student welfare encompasses many different aspects, and I aim to cover as many as possible, with the input of clade members.

Third, I strive to build a dependable clade committee, inclusive of clade leaders and assistant clade leaders, who are dedicated to their roles and passionate about serving our students. I want to work together with everyone to form a committee of friendly and sincere leaders, who are proactive in reaching out to students. Clade exists for students and the clade committee must always be willing to listen to them. Furthermore, I want to ensure that the clade committee is a safe environment for leaders to propose, criticise, and debate ideas. This way, we can encourage collaboration and help to come up with even better ideas for the clade.

Academic support is another aspect that clade can be more involved in. In our previous initiative, we created a google drive, telegram and discord channels to discuss our mods. However, these platforms were not extensively used. I realised that we might not need a broad channel for everyone to discuss course content. Rather, perhaps the purpose of academic support is to ensure that every single clade member has someone to turn to for academic help. I intend to change my focus to forming study groups or holding study sessions for those that want them. Of course, these are just my ideas and I plan to further develop them with the clade committee and clade members.

Finally, I want to strengthen the connection with the school and alumni. We have already reached out to our clade parents and they have shown such enthusiasm and support for clade! I have spoken to my clade's parents, and interestingly, I gathered that many profs are keen to interact with students, but we, understandably, are often hesitant to approach them. I want to use clade as a means to remove this barrier, so that students can feel more comfortable to reach out to them for advice. Furthermore, I want to establish connections with alumni who might be willing to provide career guidance to interested students. This can be an avenue for students to further develop their plans for the future.

I believe that I have both the appropriate experience and the right mindset required to lead the clade committee. As the clade leader of Andromeda last year, I have learnt much from the planning and execution of clade events and initiatives that I can apply to future events. I also deeply value the feedback and constructive criticisms that I have received in my time as a clade leader. I have used, and I intend to continue using, the feedback that I have received to improve myself, my events, my work and my ideas. Clade is a newly established system by students, for students, and I believe that the willingness to accept and learn from criticism is an essential mindset for leaders in the clade system.

I have been incredibly honored to be Andromeda's clade leader last year. I was not a perfect one, but my clade members have been nothing but supportive, coming to clade events, giving me feedback and encouraging me. For that, I am incredibly grateful. In this new academic year, I wish to have the opportunity to guide the direction of the clade system, placing clade members' needs and wants at the forefront of everything that I do. I have much to learn, but I am dedicated. I have previous experiences to draw on, and I have a clear vision for clade with clear steps on how to get there. As such, I am confident that I can lead the development of the clade system, and I hope that you can give me that opportunity by voting for me to be the Vice President (social).

Thank you.

Question and Answer

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): You mentioned that you want to make the connection between the Clade Parents and Clade members stronger by removing some barriers that exist in terms of people being hesitant to approach our Clade Parents. May I know how you plan to do that?

Wern Ying: Firstly, and most importantly, it would be the meetings between the Clade Parents and the students. I did plan for a Clade Parents meeting during the Winter Break, but due to some miscommunication on my part, it was cancelled. I think that these meetings are really important for Clade members to meet their Clade Parents and talk to them, and to realise that Clade Parents are interested in getting to know students. For example, my Clade Parents are Prof Marek and Prof Su. I feel that by meeting Clade Parents through physical means or online means, it is important for them to get to know each other, and I have some events planned for that, like "21 questions". Through that and through repeated meetings, students are aware that many professors want to know them

better, and they would be more comfortable talking to them, and eventually moving on to getting some academic or career advice from them. Secondly, I intend to invite Clade Parents to clade vents in the future. I am aware that some professors don't really want to participate in clade games, but either ways, we can have the professors come down to clade events and get to know students better or be involved in prize-giving sessions. Through that, students are more exposed to the professors and as such, they can build that connection and remove that barrier, so that they are more comfortable to reach out to them in the future.

Lim Kai Yi: Regarding the meeting between Clade Parents and students, how big is the meeting size going to be? Do you think a simple meeting will be enough?

Wern Ying: Since we have two professors, we can divide the groups into two, and as much as COVID-19 restrictions allow, we can swap the professors around so that students can get to know them better. For the one I organised, I was looking at about 15-20 students who were coming, so I think that the group size is quite small, and obviously I hope to increase that. As for whether a single event is enough, it is obviously not enough. The first meeting would be to introduce Clade members to Clade Parents, and subsequently it is to get to know them better, and talk to them more through other meetings and events. Accumulatively, we can introduce the Clade members to the Clade Parents.

Lim Kai Yi: What are the challenges you foresee going forward with the study group initiative? How do you plan to tackle them?

Wern Ying: Let me start off by sharing my clade's initiative, what I did for my clade for academic support. I created a Discord channel for people to discuss their course materials, and I used Discord because we can change our usernames to make it more anonymous. I feel that some concerns that students have is that they want to ask questions but they are afraid of sounding silly, so I feel that using Discord removes that problem. What I realised is that if people have some questions for school, they will tend to go to and ask their study groups first. It doesn't really make sense for them to ask in a broad channel, so that's why I'm changing my focus to see if we can hold study groups or study sessions. This brings me to the problem that I might face, which is low participation rate. That is something that I am going to expect from the start, but I feel that this will not hinder me because I feel that everyone starts somewhere. Let's say that maybe only two groups are formed and only a few groups come for study sessions, which I will hold separately on different days. If they find it effective and they find that they want to do this sort of thing, they will tell their friends about it and this way, more people might come for it and want to form study groups and join study sessions, they find it useful, and then that spreads even further. That is what I will try to do for the problems that I'm going to face with regards to this.

Lim Kai Yi: Anonymity can backfire. How do you ensure that the channel is secure and only accessed by SBS students/ the respective clades' members? This is because we probably don't want people to come in and mess up the Discord channel too.

Wern Ying: I'm not very sure whether I want to continue the use of Discord, although there are some people who used it and I am grateful for that, but I think for the majority, not a lot of people use the channel so I might not continue with that plan. So, what I wanted to do was to form the study groups. For study groups, I don't think I will focus on the anonymity issue anymore because what I want is for Calde members to bodn with each other and interact with each other and to make friends. Through that, I hope that they will not feel judged or uncomfortable with asking questions to their study groups. As I aim to make the study groups

smaller, I hope that this can encourage everyone to ask questions in that small study groups that they have. I'm sorry, I'm not going to elaborate on the anonymity issue because I don't think that I am going to further that platform unless there are some students who want me to continue with it.

Lim Kai Yi: You mentioned that as a Clade Leader, you have learnt a lot of things. What are the things you have learnt and how will you go about helping the Clade Leaders with them?

Wern Ying: For our first physical clade event, I received a piece of feedback from a person in my Clade that there was no entertainment to the Clade members before the event started, because due to technical issues the event started a bit later, and in that period of time, I did not entertain the members that were already in the classroom. This was a very good point raised, and I didn't realise it because I was busy trying to fix the technical issue we had. I think this is something that I can pass on to the future Clade Leaders: How can I come up with small activities? How can I entertain people who are already here for the event before the event starts? How do I keep them interested so that they will not be bored? The second thing is, as a host for a game in TOP, during the senior camp, I received a piece of feedback that I was not as excited as I should be. That is a very good point to make because as a Clad Leader, I need to have that kind of energy and excitement to excite the Clade members, to make them feel like they want to play the game. This is something I can pass on to my Clade Committee in the future. I can tell them what to be aware of, and how they can interact with Clade members to spread that kind of energy so that they feel excited to be there. Back to the physical event I mentioned, I did receive quite a number of positive feedback and I felt that many of the Clade members were interested in this "Egg Drop" game where everyone basically works together and build a capsule to prevent an egg from cracking when dropped. That is one of the games I was referring to when I was talking about promoting teamwork and communication. I feel that I can bring this forward to future events: How can I come up with further activities that are challenging and promotes interaction by forcing members to talk to each other? That kind of overcomes the initial "stranger feels" because you are all working towards that one common goal, and I think that from there, they can bond, make friends, and things go on from there.

Damien Chua: If you encounter conflict with your Clade Leaders and yourself, how will you tackle them diplomatically and how do you think you can dispel tension and ensure the team is still functioning for the rest of SBS?

Wern Ying: For conflicts, I'm not exactly sure what kind of conflicts would arise because my Clade Leaders and I have been quite okay with each other, but I'm thinking if they have conflicting interests, I need to hear them out. I need to talk to them individually and listen to whatever they say. I will not take a side when listening to what they say, and through that, I will evaluate whether what they want is for the welfare or for the best of my Clade members, because whatever I do, I need to make sure that is for the Clade members. I get that this is subjective, so I think that with regards to this, that is where the Assistant Clade Leaders and other Clade members can come in. After hearing both sides, I will think about which side is more benefitting for Clade, but because it is subjective, I will ask my Clade Committee for an unbiased opinion. If it doesn't work out, I will see if I can ask Clade members for their opinions if this is a very severe issue. That is one approach I can take. Another approach is to consult the Clade Parents, as I think they are very willing to hear us out. I want to know what are the Clade Parents' opinions with regards to this conflicting issue, and I can see whether I can work on what they say to solve this issue. In preventing further conflicts, I think I need to establish what is Clade's goal, what is Clade's purpose. What I intend to do here is for the students, and I think that if everyone is on the same frequency, that can prevent conflicts in the future.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): As you know, from last year to this year, Clade has almost doubled in number, but the restrictions are still the same in terms of having activities in groups of five. When it comes to physical events, how do you foresee bypassing those restrictions and ensuring we can still have events that can be enjoyed by our Clade members?

Wern Ying: I think that is where the Assistant Clade Leaders and Clade Committee come in. What I experienced as a Clade Leader was that we had a severe shortage of manpower. With this new structure of BS Club where we have Assistant Clade Leaders, I think that helps a lot with the manpower when we think about how much the number of Clade members have increased. I think another suggestion would be to see if it is possible to recruit other people into the Clade Committee which are not Clade Leaders or Assistant Clade Leaders, to see if they can play a role in facilitating or planning events. Another suggestion is that if the budget or resources permit, we can stagger the dates of vents to keep to the restrictions and prevent too many people from being in the same venue at the same time. For each event itself, for each day, each group can comprise four people to keep to the restrictions. I don't think this is a downside as I really support small groups for events, because that increases engagement within the group. It can also encourage people to speak up because I know that some people don't really want to speak up in a big group because of introvert problems, and I relate to that. I think that it is important, and not a problem, that we have to keep to small group sizes, and with the increase in manpower this time round, I don't think it will be a major issue I have to face.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): When the clade initiative was first proposed as an idea, one of the main points brought up as an argument against it was that clade would be divisive in SBS, and it would work against our ideal of bringing SBS together as we are essentially dividing the school into four. How will you address such concerns?

Wern Ying: I do not think that that will be a problem, because right now, if I may be crude about it, SBS students are not that much engaged with the school itself. They don't want to participate in events, so I feel that Clade is a really good way to promote engagement with the school because if we want to build that identity and attachment, we need something to hold it together, which I think is Clade. I think it's hard to build that kind of attachment between students and the school in such a broad sense, but if its students and the unique and distinct clade that they are in, they have something that ties them together. I think that that helps in the promotion of attachment between the students and their clades, and Clade is a really good platform. With regards to it being divisive, I don't think that that is a very bad problem. I don't think you can call it divisive because we just have clades and students are bonded and within their clades, which is a good thing. If the problem is how the different clades can become so exclusive within themselves that it causes inter-clade conflict, I think that this can be solved by holding events that has groups formed from different clades. Each group will comprise people of different clades, and we have them do the same kind of activities that I would do for any kind of Clade-related events. By having different Clade members in one group working towards that one common goal, I think that this can improve relations between clades, and that is how you can prevent inter-clade conflicts.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): Do you have any plans or visions on how to integrate clade activities into future TOPs? Any pointers that you took note from this year's TOP that you think can be improved on to promote Clade?

Wern Ying: This might be quite tough because I'm not sure when this will take place, but Clade is going to be separate from TOP in the future. If the Clade members will be from different OGs, as opposed to just sister OGs, if you want to include them into TOP, I'm

	<p>thinking that the way they did the clade activity this year is a very good way to introduce them to each other. Our clade event had the sister OGs in groups together, and I think for future TOPs, we can have different Clade members in each group, so they can get to know each other. We can follow this; I don't think that there was any problem and I think it's a very fantastic idea. I know for this year's TOP, some people know their sister OGs because of the Clade Activity. Our activities can be similar to what we have done this time round, so we have small groups, and it would be good if we could reduce the group size. If we conduct this kind of activities that promote teamwork and interaction between Clade members, which is how this year's TOP was done, it introduces Clade members to each other and I think that is a good way to integrate Clade into TOP.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Nominee for Vice President (Student Life)</u> Candidate Name: Lee Bo Sern, Bronson (492G) Proposer: Lim Zhi Xian (227D) Secunder: Law Zi Yu (814D)</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hi Pals and Gals,</p> <p>My name is Bronson Lee, I am a Year 2 Biological Science student, and I was the 19th Committee Events Director. I am running for Vice President (Student Life), or VP Life for short, of the Biological Sciences Club. Thank you everyone for taking the time to attend this BS Club election rally.</p> <p>Let me start with a short story from before I matriculated into SBS. I was completely unsure of how the NTU system works, how to navigate around school, and I most definitely had no idea what STARS was. Then, I met a senior from SBS who patiently explained everything for me. He was always ready to offer help and advice to my clueless freshie self and I felt like I was part of this SBS family where everyone looks out for each other even before my first day of school. This is the sense of belonging I want to contribute to and continue to cultivate as VP Life, where every SBS student is part of this community.</p> <p>How can we continue to grow this sense of family in SBS? Can we even create new precious memories and forge new treasured friendships in the COVID era? I believe the answer is a resounding "yes". Together with the Events committee in the last academic year, we faced many challenges as we were forced to switch our club events to a purely online form but we took the challenge in stride and created new online events, like SBS Cooks, an event where students can showcase their cooking skills, and the recent Back 2 School, which was conducted entirely online with safe management measures in place, and as a result, we received a sizeable participation rate across the academic year despite the COVID restrictions. I believe that we can continue this streak making new memories this academic year, and that this has given me valuable experiences as an event organiser that I can use in the capacity of VP Life.</p> <p>If elected, I will do my absolute best to ensure that everyone has a treasured and cherished time at SBS, where we will not only have fun ourselves, but create fun for those around us as well. I envision working hand in hand with the Events Directors to provide lasting memories for SBS students, whether it be in the form of social events for old friends to catch up and new friends to be found, or educational events where we can all learn something new and better ourselves, partnering with the Business Director to further our sponsorships network, and ensuring our club inventory is in tip top condition with the Logistics Director. Where in the end, every SBS student can learn and enjoy together as one SBS.</p>

Nothing is more satisfying than seeing a BS Club event carried out successfully from its conception to its execution and conclusion, where every committee from Events to Logistics comes together with synergy to serve SBS and allow the school community to come together to have a great time. It was always an amazing feeling to be part of the experience, and I want to continue be part of this unique experience as VP Life, advocating for a more inclusive and vibrant student life, and continuing to serve the school. My metaphorical door will always be open to everyone, where anyone is welcome to share any concerns they have, from SBS students with a suggestion or feedback, to the club main committee members wanting to have a discussion.

If you believe in my goals of cultivating a strong SBS community with treasured memories that you share with your friends, then please entrust me with your vote. Vote advocacy. Vote service. Vote Bronson Lee for Vice President (Student Life).

Question and Answer

Lim Kai Yi: Kudos on the great work as the Events Director! However, as a VP, your role will be to guide the Directors under you. How would you go about guiding them in their work?

Bronson: As I mentioned, I've had a very valuable experience as an Events Director, I believe that all of these experiences are something that I can share with all the directors under the VP (Student Life) portfolio, as I believe that these are transferable skills that I have picked up from the last academic year from event-organising such as proposal-writing, event-planning, to more soft skills like interpersonal communication. I would also like to guide the incoming Directors to empower them in whatever ideas they want to bring forward, like Nelson and his "Games Night" and Haolan and her "Rainbow Run", and what Brian has mentioned about making incentives to attract more participation. I believe that with my previous experiences as an events Director, I can empower all of these ideas to come into fruition, not only successfully but effectively as well.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): The VP (Student Life) is taking care of more than just the Events Directors. This year, we have just added the Business Director under the VP (Student Life), and we also have the Logistics Director. Can you briefly elaborate on how you would guide these two portfolios as well?

Bronson: I would like to have a discussion with all of them to make sure that we are all very clear together as to our goals for the academic year, and how I can go about assisting and guiding them to their end-points. For the Business Director, it would be something more along the lines of expanding our sponsorship networks, so that could be discussing what are our more viable options of sponsorships, what fields the sponsors are in. For the Logistics Director, it would more about how to more effectively use our resources at hand, whether we need to do anything differently to improve, or anything we can make better.

Lim Kai Yi: If the Directors have a conflict on ideas, how would you go about solving it?

Bronson: I believe that any conflict can definitely be resolved peacefully and amicably. It's very important to remember that at the end of the day, everyone in the committee is there to serve the school as a whole, so any conflicts would have risen from well intentions. I believe it is important to make sure that everyone understands that, and it is important to know that maybe there are some things overlooked by one person or the other. Instead of focusing so much on the conflict itself, I will remind myself and the people involved to look at what are the actual issues being brought up, and think whether this is something that can address together, rather than thinking of things like "Oh, this

person is against my idea". I would want everybody to be on the same page, discuss together, and come to a common understanding. I believe that no matter how big the differences are, there will always a common ground that we can find, and there is always a compromise that can be made.

Lim Kai Yi: What if you have a Director that is very strongheaded and they do not want to compromise? In that event, how would you respond?

Bronson: Of course, when we are dealing with more extreme feelings, I believe that it is important to takt hem aside and just have a more friendly discussion to make this person realise that it is still a team effort at the end of the day. No matter how strongly anyone has an opinion on something, it is always important to also consider the opinions of others, especially because we are working together as a team. If someone is very adamant about their point of view, I would want to have a private conversation with them first to make sure that they understand that at the end of the day it is teamwork that we are all working towards, whether it is an Events Director planning an event, or Business, Logistics, or any of the other committees, we have to always keep in mind that we are working together as a team. From there, I will try to get everyone on the same page again, and have a fruitful discussion to find a common solution.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): From our past experience, especially after COVID-19 struck, I feel that the Logistics Director is not very engaged, in the sense that they are their own portfolio, and don't get the chance to work with the other portfolios. Do you have any plans to increase their engagement in the committee?

Bronson: Ideally, as the COVID-19 restrictions loosen up, we will get to encourage more physical or hybrid events where we would be able to tap on the Logistics Committee, so these could be some events that are more online in nature but also have some physical component where we utilise the Logistics Committee. Otherwise, we could do something that is more similar to the last academic year, where the Sports Committee has shifted to e-sports, so we could utilise the Logistics Committee to come up with something that is less towards logistics like webinars or they could help out other committees, especially those that require more intensive manpower. If the Events Committee needs to do any planning, or if the Business Committee needs manpower, they could tap on the Logistics Committee. If elected, I would want to discuss with the Logistics Director if they have any of their own initiatives they would like to lead, and I would be more than happy to help them get to where they want to go as well.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): If the COVID-19 situation eases and physical events can be held, because in your past experience there is a lack of physical events, do you think this will hinder you in any way in terms of giving guidance to your Directors? If yes, how will you overcome this? If no, why not?

Bronson: Definitely, organising a physical event will be a new experience for me as well, but with my past experience as an Events Director as well as previous experiences in the past, I believe that these are all accumulates, transferrable skills like interpersonal skills and event organisation. These will still allow me to assist and work together with the committees to have a successful physical event. Of course, I do not deny that it would be a learning experience for me, which I am more than happy to take on when the time comes.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]): Do you have any ways you can find out more or provide guidance to your Directors? Any plans?

Bronson: I would definitely consult the outgoing committee before stepping up as the 20th VP (Student Life) after the elections. Subsequently, I will always discuss with the committee, the Top 6 members, as to any suggestions or feedback that they have. At the end of any event or activity that we organise, I would like to get feedback from the Events Directors, Business Director, and Logistics Director, on whether or not my assistance was helpful or can be improved. I believe that all in all, these will help me to provide better guidance for the new Directors, and make me a better VP (Student Life).

Damien Chua: What are the objectives and goals of the events for your term? Why do you think these will positively affect the SBS community and how different are they from the previous year?

Bronson: For my personal goals for the events for the year, first and foremost, I would want to know what the Events Directors have in mind, and whatever their goal is, is whatever I want to help to fulfil. As to my own personal desires, in the past we had done “SBS Cooks!” which was an event where students can showcase their cooking, for an online event that was much more successful than others that we have done in the past. I believe that this is something that we can maybe repeat on a yearly basis. So, this would generate a shared experience for SBS students that would go on over the years, and would be sort of a cornerstone of your SBS experience, like the welfare pack initiatives, which would be a treasured memory for all students. Additionally, there are also a few personal values of mind that I would hope to add into the events of this academic year. One of these values is being an environmentalist. As the previous Events Director, it was one of our goals as well, which was why we conducted a sustainability challenge called “Green Christmas” last Christmas, where we got students to share how they celebrated Christmas sustainably. This goal of environmentalism is something that I hope to weave into our academic events this year as well, to ensure all SBS students live their lives more sustainably and cherishing the environment better.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): As you know, our timeline is very tight. If one of your directors’ proposals has been rejected last-minute, what are you going to do about it?

Bronson: I would of course spend the time to quickly arrange a meeting to discuss with the directors what are the issues that SAO has identified for the proposal, and how we can quickly amend these. We have to consider whether or not we are still going ahead with the event, whether we have to postpone it, or whether it is something that we can just alter to fit SAO’s guidelines. So, this is something I would have to discuss with the directors.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): If you could change anything about any event you have organised in the past year, what would it be and why?

Bronson: I feel that participation is always an issue for any event that we organise. If I were to change something, it would be how we entice SBS students to participate in our events, whether it be the number of prizes or the type of prizes that we offer. For example, in most of our Telegram quizzes or activities that we organise, our turnouts are hundreds but we only have around 10 prizes per activity. Knowing this information post-hand, I would like to increase the number of prizes we have, and hopefully this would allow for a better experience for our participants as more can go away with prizes, as well as to entice more people to participate in the future as well.

	<p><u>Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]):</u> You mentioned that you want to increase the number of prizes, as well as change the type of prizes that are given out. May I know what that change will be?</p> <p><u>Bronson:</u> For the prizes we give out, we generally give out vouchers in the last academic year. If I were to change something, it would be in terms of the variety of prizes, like more electronics such as earpiece and computer mouse, or other prizes like stationery, something more useful that students can use. There was a survey conducted to gather what kind of prizes SBS students prefer, which was used to generate the list of prizes for the recent “Back 2 School” event. If I were to change something, it would probably get better prizes with these survey results.</p> <p><u>Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Student Life]):</u> What do you think you can do better than the previous VP (Student Life)?</p> <p><u>Bronson:</u> I don’t think it is the thing of whether I can do something better than the previous VP (Student Life), as everyone has their own unique management style. I think that the previous VP (Student Life) has done a very splendid role of managing all of us and guiding us. In terms of guiding the Directors, it is something that I aspire to replicate as well. I also intend to be interactive with the Directors and constantly have casual discussions or check-ins with them to see how their plans are going and how they are doing so far, both in their personal lives in SBS and their activities as Directors.</p> <p><u>Xylon Lee (19th Vice President [Welfare]):</u> During Wern Ying’s speech, she mentioned a lot about organising clade events, and for your portfolio, you are also managing events planned for the whole SBS. Do you think there will be a cause of concern where the activities clash with each other, and if so, how do you intend to work with her to avoid such a clash?</p> <p><u>Bronson:</u> I don’t believe that the activities will clash as the activities under the Events portfolio are geared towards SBS as a whole. The only real clash I foresee is in terms of timetable clash if the events are held very close to each other. If elected, I will like to work very closely with VP (Social) to discuss our plans and goals for the whole academic year, which would involve not just the two of us but also the relevant committees like Events Committee and the Clade Leaders, and to identify any overlaps there. From there, we can see if there’s anything we can work together or anything we need to deconflict in terms of timetable scheduling. Again, if there is really any conflict, it would be something I believe we can discuss together and come to a compromise and common understanding.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><u>Nominee for Vice President (Welfare)</u> Candidate Name: Chin Ngiok Yong (542C) Proposer: Lim Jun Rong Cuithbert (292B) Secunder: Lim Jia Hao Darryl (321L)</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Good evening everyone! I am Ngiok Yong, and today I am running for the position of Vice President (Welfare). Before I get into the serious stuff, let me share a bit about myself. I’m currently a Year 2 BMS x TCM student. Out of academics, my passion lies in volleyball and it’s been 13 years since I’ve started playing. Half of that time I was trained as a libero- essentially the back court defense. The liberos are the ones who watch the game from the back and are always ready to support their teammates. They are the ones who the team can rely on to continue the rally and guide the game when the setter (who is the main controller of the direction of attacks and thus the game) is unable to. Playing a team sport and in this particular position, I learnt to communicate with and work together</p>

with my team towards a common goal and to be there for them when the time calls for it. This can be tied into the role of the Vice President (Welfare) where we work together with other portfolios in the committee to make the SBS student life more interesting and welcoming and to be there for the student body.

Now moving on, during the last academic year, I had the opportunity and privilege to serve as the Academic and Welfare Director (TCM) of the 19th Biological Sciences Club. This allowed me to oversee three sub-committees namely- events, logistics and publicity & publications. As the TCM sub-committee works independently from the Main Committee, this role allowed me to grow a lot as an independent leader. I worked alongside other portfolios such as the A&W director in planning initiatives such as the Exam Welfare Pack and SBS Alumni Webinar and Events directors for the recent Back 2 School bingo. Having been the A&W director last year, I am able to understand the job scopes for the different portfolios and anticipate potential issues that might surface. This helps me better understand how to support and guide the next batch of A&W and PnP directors should I be elected. It is challenging at times to balance between studying and being part of the Management Committee but it is the feedback that the initiatives are well-received and the students are satisfied that keeps me going. This is why I want to rerun for the Management Committee, to be able to serve the wider SBS community. I am confident that I am able to take up the role and guide the committees in the various projects we have lined up for the SBS family.

In the TCM sub-committee, we planned events such as the annual TCM TOP and our very first TCM Alumni Webinar, updated the course information board and increased outreach and engagement on our Instagram and Telegram channel. In just one academic year, the committee has accomplished a lot but all these would have been harder to achieve without the encouragement and support from my seniors and mentors. This is what I believe is the most important part of being a leader- the ability to empower those who work with them. It is only with the support of those that we work with will we feel enabled and motivated to bring more to the table and make sure everyone's voices are heard. I was able to do the same for my committee- allowing them the space to be creative with their work and bring new ideas to the table. This is something I consciously work towards- to be someone who can guide and motivate the directors I work with and together, we can work towards a common goal for our term of service.

To sum it up, with the experience of being A&W Director (TCM) and various other leadership positions I have undertaken, I am confident in my ability to handle the responsibilities of being Vice President (Welfare). I hope to be able to continue on what the previous Vice President (Welfare) has done and work towards a more supportive and vibrant SBS family. Vote me for Vice President (Welfare)! Thank you for listening & have a great evening!

Question and Answer

Xylon Lee (19th Vice President [Welfare]): As VP (Welfare), you will also be the stand-in President should there be any issues with President. If such a case arises, what will be your action plan?

Ngiok Yong: There should be a long-term plan, where VPs and Ps are constantly updating each other. This can possibly be done through Google Calendar so it will be easier for us to cover each other. In the case the President is away, nothing will be jammed up.

Xylon Lee (19th Vice President [Welfare]): This year, you are managing the TCM Community. However, in the upcoming academic year you will also be guiding the A&W (BS). How do you intend to bridge to the entire SBS family?

Ngiok Yong: To bridge the communication, we must make use of whatever foundation we have. For example, with the Clade system, we can work together with VP (Social) to gather feedback. There are a lot of feedbacks not coming through. There is no proper feedback channel which we need to set up. This can act as the basis for communication.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): Earlier during Hannah’s speech, she has some initiatives on the topic of mental wellness. What are your views on that?

Ngiok Yong: Based on that, we have student chapters under PHP which aim to integrate into individual schools. I am a part of PHP and I think it is a very good initiative. Since there is another community (PHP) working on the same aim, we can work with them to set up the system to better support them. That was also one of the points which I wish to expand on if I were to be elected.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): As a TCM student, we understand that the curriculum is very heavy. From my experience of working with Xylon, things can be overwhelming at times. Hypothetically in the event you are unable to handle your workload during your term, what will your response be?

Ngiok Yong: Firstly, I will take the initiative to plan things early. Secondly, as long as I plan, I will be able to give my irectors a schedule, to submit certain works earlier, so as to accommodate to everyone. In the worst-case scenario, I will be asking help from my other VPs. At the end of the day, we are all working towards the same goal.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): TCM has very different curriculum from the normal BS students. How would you take the initiative to understand the needs of major BS students? How would you guide non-TCM Directors under you?

Ngiok Yong: Firstly, go back to getting feedback. We need a general consensus from the student body. If not, it is very hard for us to push out events. As you can see, we have put out quite a few events, but we don’t seem to engage the majority of the students. This is something we need to take this academic year to explore. Secondly, even though I was A&W (TCM), I work closely with A&W (BS), I have done whatever he has done, except certain things, for example locker rental. Therefore, I do understand the job-scope of A&W for both TCM and BS. With my past experience, I believe I will be able to guide them. Under VP (Welfare), there is also PnP. That is another concern as PnP BS Club takes charge with a lot more things. However, working with TCM PnP has given me the experience in handling different social media channel and even merchandise channel. Therefore, I am confident in guiding PnP as well. If not, it is always ok to ask help from the previous Publicity Directors.

Xylon Lee (19th Vice President [Welfare]): For the 19th BS Club, we place a lot of emphasis on alumni relations. Based on what you know, how do you think you can improve alumni relations?

Ngiok Yong: I think it is very hard to get graduated alumni back as they don’t feel engaged as a student. Therefore, I think clade will be very important if we are able to set the foundation right. Hopefully if we are able to bond clade well, we will be setting the foundation for a strong alumni base. Currently, I know that we are asking alumni for alumni sharings from alumni association. It may be difficult as they may not have a variety of content for us. We can explore to reach out to more alumni so more of them can come back.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): Do you think there is a need of training for PnPs? What if the social media designs are not up to standard, how would you approach the Directors or subcommittee?

Ngiok Yong: For the first question, I think if it is possible, we can provide trainings. If we can do so, we will be better developing our community. Hopefully, there will be continuity of subcommittees stepping up to be Directors in the future years. Second question, this is something we need to set standards before committees are formed. If we have people who are better at designing, we can set all these at the start. If they are unable to do so, they can tap on each other's talents. This year, we have maximum of 10 subcommittees with 2 Directors. Most of them come at least with a certain background in poster designing. Therefore, they should be able to help each other.

Lim Kai Peng (19th Publicity Director): You mentioned that you will be aligning the visions with Publicity Directors on the ground. Is possible for you to elaborate on the details? For example, having a common vision on designs, or how you would like to represent SBS on social media. Will you show them any references?

Ngiok Yong: Firstly, we can refer back to what 19th has done. Everyone can do their research and bring in their own references as PnP is our most creative committee. Setting a standard does not mean we are limiting to a certain way of designing. Possibly having a common colour scheme. However, design-wise is up to the next PnP committee to finalize. This should be work done on both my side as a VP (Welfare) and the PnP committee.

Lim Kai Peng (19th Publicity Director): For the past few committees, our publicity materials have been very stagnant. How will you be pushing for a change? Or something different?

Ngiok Yong: I will be assuming that PnP includes merchandise. It is a very good question as it links to our engagement level on social media and publicity of events. PnP will be an overarching committee, as the job-scope extends to doing publicity for events and our merchandise and etcetera. I think we need to see what vision the new Publicity Directors have. Without that vision as a committee, the contents we post may not be very engaging. From the start, when we are brainstorming/setting standards, we need to consider what we want throughout the academic years. This is something that we need to do as a committee, and it is not solely based on my decision.

Dhira Putri (19th Vice President [Welfare]): Just want to clarify on your point on PnP. You mentioned something about “not being your decision.” If PnP is struggling to set a standard or direction and mostly, they will be freshmen, what will be your response?

Ngiok Yong: When I said it is not my decision, I meant that I think is important for them to tell me what they want. It is important for the committee to have their “own voice”. As much as I guide them with potential designs to explore, I do not want it to be a top-down approach whereby they are just supporting my ideas.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): How would you improve on your predecessor's work?

Ngiok Yong: I would like to keep up with my Directors more often. I often approach my predecessor only when I have questions. I would like to improve on communication within the committee, to better support them and avert any crisis early. Expanding on that, I think

	<p>it is very important to bond. I only worked closely with A&W and Events. I did not really interact with other portfolios.</p> <p><u>Fan Chongyue (19th President):</u> As A&W (TCM), what are some things that you could have done better? Why was it not done this year? How would you do better?</p> <p><u>Ngiok Yong:</u> For TCM, our second merchandise was something that I could have done better. There have been quite a lot of delays in getting suppliers and confirming designs. It was not done this year as these are issues, we did not foresee due to price points and budgets. This will be something that we can do better. Source and create a supply bank early. We set up supplier contact lists this year. This will be something that will be very helpful for the next committee.</p> <p><u>Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]):</u> Cohorts for double-major and double-degree have been increasing. Would you support there being more efforts made to have identities for other double-major and double-degree programmes?</p> <p><u>Ngiok Yong:</u> I think it is important to set an identity because we are all under SBS and it might help students feel a sense of pride and belonging. It will always be good to feel a sense of belonging, as the batches in double major/degree are very small. It is important for us to bind them together so when they become alumni, it might be easier for us to get them back as alumni for sharings or contacts. Therefore, it is important to set an identity, be it through merchandise or not. However, this should not cause friction/separation among SBS body.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Nominee for President</u> Candidate Name: Yeo Chi Kiat (573K) Proposer: Tan Wei Zhi (531C) Secunder: Wee Sean (904C)</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Good evening, everybody</p> <p>My name is Chi Kiat, or you could call me CK for short and I am running for President of Biological Science Club this year. For those that do not know me, I am currently a year 2 Biological Science Student and was the 19th BS Club Events Director. You may recognize me as the ‘mullet dude’ that walks around SBS and may look like unapproachable sometimes but that’s not true! Through this rally speech I hope to let you guys know more about me and why you should vote for me!</p> <p>Before I start my rally speech, I would first like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time on this lovely Friday night to join us in this election rally.</p> <p>Firstly, I wish to start off with the reason why I chose the role of president over all other roles. In the last academic year, I was fortunate enough to be selected as the Events Director through the co-opt interview. As one of the 3 Event Directors, I worked closely with Bronson, Devika and my sub com members to organize physical events such as Exam Welfare Packs and online events like Christmas Telegram Quiz during last Dec. Because of this, I realized that I truly enjoy working closely with people to plan and execute events for SBS. I wish to recreate the comradery Events Committee has built and expand it to the entire committee, knowing that we always have each other’s back, no matter the situation. Looking at the current pandemic situation, I believe we will be able to revert back to physical events very soon. I would work closely with my VPs and Directors, to bring back the liveliness and fun we used to have, and EVEN MORE.</p>

Moving on, I wish to share with everyone something that I am very passionate about, mental well-being. With heavy academic workload in our course of study, I think many of us do not have the time to take care of ourselves, especially mentally. Since mental well-being is something that many of us tend to overlook, I wish to take care of every SBS student in this area. With my passion and belief, I volunteered to be trained as a self-care ambassador with the Peer Helping Programme in NTU to help promote psychological wellbeing and positive self-care to students like us. I believe with whatever I've learnt, I will make sure that SBS students are never alone. Let's build a community of support, whereby everyone feels safe to ask for help, to meet new people. As what Michael Jackson sings: "You are not alone, I am here with you." Really, feel free to look for me or the club. (either through telegram, email, or social media)... If you resonate with me in the importance of mental well-being, please share with me your ideas and we can always work something out together.

Lastly, to end off my speech, I would like to say that: Today, not only will I be here as a candidate for President of BS Club but also as your friend. As your friend, I promise that your opinions will be heard. As your friend, I will do my very best to ensure that your time spend in SBS (be it freshie or a senior) will be a fruitful one.

Once again thank you all for your time and my name is Chi Kiat, if I could have your vote of confidence for me as President of BS Club, I promise to bring BS Club and SBS to greater heights.

Thank You!

Question and Answer

Fan Chongyue (19th President): Could you briefly describe your experience in the 19th Committee and some of the things that you would do differently from me?

Chi Kiat: My experience as an Events Director was very fruitful. Like what I mentioned before, I work together with my fellow Events Director to organize events. I truly feel happy that I get to plan and execute events as a whole, because I love to see the faces of SBS students. For example, when students collect their exam welfare packs and when students were queuing, following Safe distancing measures, to collect the bubble tea that we were giving out during the clade exhibitions. So, it is all these little things that make me very happy. I think that you did a great job ensuring that if any of our committee member face any problem, we can always count on you to resolve the issue. This is one thing that I really appreciate, and I hope to continue doing for the 20th Committee if I am elected. One thing that I would want to do differently from you (Chongyue) is incorporating more of the mental wellbeing aspect to the main committee and hopefully this reaches out to the rest of SBS also. I mentioned in my rally speech earlier how I want to take care of every SBS student in this aspect of mental wellbeing and I cannot stress how strongly I feel about this. Since I am also a part of PHP, maybe one thing I can do is to work together with PHP to hopefully incorporate PHP into SBS.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): In what ways do you think your VP nurtured you to come to this position today and how would you bring this forward to nurturing your Top 6 and Directors? Possibly did maybe Dhira, who was your VP, play a role in your decision in stepping up to be the president by planting all these small seeds in you? In a way, how would you carry this forward to your own Top 6 and your own Directors? So next year when there is hand over, you would not have a problem in finding people who want to take over and have a sense of belonging to SBS?

Chi Kiat: Personally, I think Dhira has given us a lot of freedom to think of what we want to do and to execute the plan. These are things that I also am appreciative for. For me, my plans to nurture is to learn more about the new committee, about their strengths and weakness. By learning about them, I will then be able to nurture and build upon their strengths and transform their weaknesses into strengths. Because of all these little things, maybe half a year later, if any of them voice out that they want to be a part of the Top 6 for the 21st committee, I would definitely support them and also try to help them to accomplish their goals.

Lim Kai Yi: What kind of President do you see yourself as? For example, what is your style of leadership and how will you use this or modify this as a President?

Chi Kiat: Personally, I feel that my style is loud and vocal. But at the same, I can also be a good listening ear. If my committee member wants to look for me to talk one on one, I will make sure that their opinions are being heard. I also want to help to achieve and execute the plans that the main committee has in mind. So, if I am elected, I would want to sit down with all of my committee members, learn about their goals and what they want to achieve. If needed, I will fight for them to achieve their goals. Additionally, as I am in the 19th Committee, I also would like to hear from everyone in the 19th Committee before we step down to find out if there is anything that they would like the 20th Committee to continue so we can execute and try to make it happen.

Lim Kai Yi: As the President, you would have the additional workload of representing SBS on the NTUSU level. So, how would you lead BS club while fulfilling your NTUSU role and your academics? Will you be able to cope?

Chi Kiat: Coping wise, I am able to do it as I have a calendar to plan all of my tasks. But most importantly, I will balance my academic workload, and also my BS club tasks, together with SU matters. I will definitely want to attend all of the NTUSU meetings so that whatever SU lets me know, I will be able to share these with my committee and SBS. I will make time to fulfil all of these roles as a President.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): In our experience with working with PHP, we have faced some issue when it comes to what the concrete plans are and what we can do in terms of helping the student body here through chapters. Do you have any concrete ideas on what can be done in collaboration with PHP?

Chi Kiat: Actually, currently PHP have plans to develop peer mentoring which are all upcoming and I should not be disclosing too much. But as the President of BS Club, I will work closely together with the chapters head or even the head of PHP to make it a bigger scale to incorporate some of their learnings and teachings into our student body, mainly to those who are interested, and to provide all this support that SBS students need. PHP will have a lot of new initiatives coming out. I am also aware that their working style can be quite different, but I will make sure that we can resolve this issue.

Lim Kai Yi: What if from the NTUSU side, they want to push out an initiative that may negatively impact the SBS students. How will you fight for SBS or how will you break the news to us?

Chi Kiat: Firstly, when I get the news, I would want to work together with my committee, especially the Top 6 and the main committee to understand whether it is suitable for SBS. Because I, myself, cannot make the decision alone so I think that I will need to work together with everyone and get everyone's feedback to deem whether it is really something that is not good for us. If it is really something that is not good for SBS, I will

Speak up for SBS. I will sit down with SU and try to talk to them about why we disagree and why we should not implement the initiative.

Damien Chua: As some of the Top 4/6 are people you had worked with, based on your experience, what kind of conflicts do you foresee and how will you manage them?

Chi Kiat: I have not worked as much with Wern Ying as I have with Bronson and Ngiok Yong. Regardless, I believe that conflicts are natural and inevitable, but my approach on this would definitely be communication. As we all know communication is key. So, I would want to first accept the conflict and communicate by active listening and also analyse the problem. I would work together with the committee members and get the parties to share their personal interest and why did we have this conflict in the first place. I believe that a balance of give and take is required to satisfy everyone's interest and I would also like to remind them that we, as BS Club, work to serve SBS and we should always work together as a team and focus on the future and what is best for SBS.

Damien Chua: With regards to Clade and TOP, what are some of the synergies you, the new VP, as well as the TOP committee are going to form, and how do you think this will impact the school or the Clade system at large?

Chi Kiat: Personally, I feel that Clade is something new which has done quite well this year during TOP through the incorporation of the clade games. I have received feedback from my clade group or orientation group that they are always interacting together. In the next TOP, this clade group can still carry on and we can think of ideas throughout this academic year to plan on how we can make the student body feel that Clade is an important aspect of bonding in SBS.

Damien Chua: In a sentence, what is your purpose or vision, first for your team and second, for SBS in your term?

Chi Kiat: My vision for my team would be ensuring that we, BS Club, as a whole work together as a team. I would like to ensure fairness among all of us. Additionally, as my personal value, I think that personal growth is very important in life. I believe that we always want to try to improve ourselves every day because every day is a learning process to me. I would want to see that my committee members grow everyday like a plant. I hope that I can nurture them and also groom them to become better than what they are now.

For the SBS student body, my vision would be for them to feel like SBS is their second home. There is this Chinese saying “在家靠父母 出外靠朋友” which briefly translates to ‘you can rely on your parents at home and you rely on your friends outside’. So why not expand on it? I want to make the SBS student body feel like a community where you can rely on your friends, be it studying together having fun together or eating together. Once again, I want to emphasise that you are not alone.

Damien Chua: What are some things that you observe and you want to improve from the previous batch as a whole?

Chi Kiat: I do not feel like that there is anything that went wrong for this main committee. The only additional thing that I want to do is to incorporate more of the mental wellbeing awareness to let people know about its importance.

Fan Chongyue (19th President): From my experience, I think as a President sometimes you see a bit more things, even as compared to your Top 6. What if in the circumstance that

you are in disagreement with your Top 6, but you really know that you are right, what are you going to do about it and what is your response?

Chi Kiat: I would definitely hold a session to sit down together with them to get them to convince me on why they disagree with me. Like what I said previously, communication is key. So, if there is disagreement, I would want to find out why before making a decision because if everyone disagrees with me, I might feel that I am not right but I would want to know the reasons why. Alternatively, maybe I can convince them why I am right.

Carissa Kwantalalu (19th Honorary Financial Secretary): From working with Chongyue, the President of the 19th Committee, I actually saw that she had to juggle a lot of things at once as there are a lot of activities that are happening or currently in planning all at once. How do you plan on keeping track or still being involved in the activities of each portfolio, or even those of NTUSU?

Chi Kiat: For this, I would say that different portfolios have their VPs to handle them. So most importantly, I would need to work closely with the three VPs to understand and get the whole idea of what each portfolio is doing. Unless really needed, I would want to find out more about the portfolio through the VPs instead of the portfolio itself. For NTUSU it's a separate thing. Once I work with the VPs, I have lesser people to communicate with but still know what everyone else is doing.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): In terms of specific portfolios, what is your vision for each portfolio? Do you have any initiatives in mind that you personally think could be beneficial to the SBS community?

Chi Kiat: For this, I would want to tap on what I have done before as an Events Director to organise events. As my vision is the mental wellbeing awareness, maybe I could tap on my Events Director to help bring awareness through physical events, if we are able to have it in the next academic year, which I hope is the case soon so that we can have a bigger scale event to reach out to more students instead of being online. Not that online does not reach out to many people, but I feel that getting to know students through face-to-face interactions would be better.

Rinta Reji (19th Vice President [Social]): Do you have other initiatives in mind for the other portfolios, perhaps Publicity or Clade?

Chi Kiat: I think the Business Director nominee Brian mentioned an initiative which is the selling of merchandise. I also, if possible, would like to redesign the BS Club logo. I would like to hold a design competition because I believe that, not only BS Club, but SBS as a whole has a lot of students and many have talents that they are maybe too shy to share with us. So, holding a designing competition for merchandise or a brand-new BS Club logo is one initiative that I would like to try.

Xylon Lee (19th Vice President [Welfare]): As you are aware, there are 3 sub-clubs under bs club; YEP, TOP and BioHackathon. If you find out that any of those sub-clubs have internal issues, will you step in as a president or what would you do?

Chi Kiat: For this aspect, I feel that the sub-clubs itself have its own main committee to handle these issues. However, if it is a desperate call for help in cases whereby, they could not settle internally, I would volunteer to step in to lend a listening ear and to listen to them to find out more about the problem and resolve and rectify any issue that they face step by step.

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13	Ms Lim Shu Hua Samantha proposed the end of the meeting. Ms Fan Chongyue seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 2300Hr, 3 rd September 2021.

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