

**NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Biological Sciences Club Executive Committee**  
**AY 23/24 Biological Sciences Club Rally**

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Time Started: 2000H

Venue: Online (Zoom)

<b>Election Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Genevieve Wong Shih Ting</b> <b>Lim Jun Xian, Marcus</b> <b>Wong Ching Wern</b>	Returning Officer Election Officer Election Officer
<b>Nominees for AY23/24 Management Committee</b>	<b>Position (Nominated For)</b>
1. Lionel Lim Jian Wen 2. Chia Si Yan, Estee 3. Elise Lauw 4. Koh Yeun Li	President Vice President (Student Life) Vice President (Social) Honorary General Secretary
<b>Outgoing Management Committee Members</b>	<b>Position Held</b>
1. Zacharia Lee Zhi Ming 2. Balaji Srinivasan 3. Lim Jun Xian, Marcus 4. Wong Ching Wern 5. Koh Yeun Li 6. Genevieve Wong Shih Ting 7. Carmen Tong Rong Wei 8. Woon Qi Hui, Venus 9. Yeo Jie Sheng 10. Feliz Ang Jia Yin 11. Alexis Shane Wee Lim Wei 12. Po Qian Hwee 13. Svarika Sonthalia 14. Law Zi Yu 15. Sim Shan Rong 16. Elise Lauw 17. Lionel Lim Jian Wei 18. Leong Shi Xuan	President Vice President (Social) Vice President (Student Life) Vice President (Welfare) Honorary General Secretary Honorary Financial Secretary Academic and Welfare Director (BS) Academic and Welfare Director (TCM) Business Director Events Director Events Director Publicity and Publications Director Publicity and Publications Director Logistics Director Clade Leader (Cygnus) Clade Leader (Orion) Clade Leader (Andromeda) Clade Leader (Hydra)

## Meeting Agenda

1. Regulations Governing the Rally
2. Nominee for Honorary General Secretary
3. Nominee for Vice President (Student Life)
4. Nominee for Vice President (Social)
5. Nominee for President
6. A.O.B

	<b>Agenda</b>
1.	<p><u>Regulations Governing the Rally</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All Candidates shall be entitled to 5 minutes for rally speech and 15 minutes of Question and Answer session.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- A proposer and seconder is required to pass the motion for a 5 minute time extension for Question and Answer.</li> <li>- All questions should be posted on the link provided by your Election Officers.</li> <li>- The Returning Officer shall have the right to reject a proposed question or time extension. All decisions made shall be binding and final.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><u>Nominee for Honorary General Secretary</u> Candidate Name: Koh Yeun Li Proposer: Khoh Yek How Secunder: Jason Loh Wei Yang</p> <p><u>Speech</u></p> <p>Hi everyone, my name is Yeun Li, studying BSMCP Year 3. The position that I'm running for is Honorary General Secretary.</p> <p>Why choose me? I am a person who gives my utmost best once I commit myself to a responsibility. You can trust me to always be present whenever and wherever I am needed. I am confident I can contribute enough time and effort to fulfil my responsibilities and beyond. Secondly, I am organized and meticulous. I believe that keeping things in order, meeting deadlines, and remembering details are what I do best.</p> <p>A few relevant past experiences that I have include being the Honorary General Secretary for the 21st main committee and the Assistant Clade Leader during the 20th. While I was holding those positions, I have come to know many SBS students, and I feel that being in BS club, taking care of the welfare of those students and bringing them together makes me happy. That is why I want to continue serving and contributing through the position of an Honorary General Secretary.</p> <p>Next, why Hon Gen? I understand that being a secretary means a lot paperwork and administrative stuff, which I like and enjoy. More importantly, it is a role that works with words. I understand the power that words alone can hold, and that a minor mistake can lead to an error in the dissemination of information. With my attention to detail, I will surely fulfil my responsibilities as a Hon Gen by ensuring that all details are recorded, all administrative files are kept neatly, and all information is communicated clearly.</p>

Of course, being an Honorary General Secretary is not just about the administrative side of things, but also taking up a leadership position. With my previous experience, I can provide constructive opinions that may benefit the club. I will not hesitate to assist any portfolio that might need my help. I believe that I can support each and every portfolio within the main committee. One may think of the role of an Honorary General Secretary rather boring or insignificant, but I believe it is a crucial position that holds the committee together and steers them into the right direction by giving prompt reminders and keeping them up to date.

The 21st main committee have done a great job, and I would like to continue their effort and legacy on to this academic year. I hope SBS students can make good memories, have their welfare taken care of, as well as gain help and support through BS Club's initiatives. Therefore, I wish to be given a chance to realize these goals as an Honorary General Secretary.

Thank you.

#### Question and Answer

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): Having been in the 21<sup>st</sup> committee and going into the 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee, what is one thing that could have been done better?

Koh Yeun Li: With my experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> committee, I can confidently say that I have attended all the events and have been involved to a certain extent in the events and initiatives we've had. With that experience and knowledge, I believe I can be of great support to the next planning and execution of events for the 22<sup>nd</sup> main committee. Another thing I would like the club to improve on would be communication methods. Sometimes I feel that information might not be transmitted promptly, untimely and miscommunication may have happened in the middle due to multiple channels. I wish that we can streamline this communication channels better so that each and every portfolio can receive information timely and clearly.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What is something that you would like to achieve in your next term if you haven't in your first, be it personal or for the club?

Koh Yeun Li: One thing personally would be to have better time management. For the last term, it was quite packed for me coping with academics and club matters. In order to contribute better to the next committee, I would like to manage my time better especially when I'm already in Year 3 and have taken up some other commitments. I believe that through proper time management, which I wish to improve on, I can definitely contribute better to the 22<sup>nd</sup> committee. As for specifically to my role, I wish to be more organized. Sometimes I might forget some things or be late with certain information that needs to be sent out so I wish to be more responsible and do a better job in what I have to do.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What is your favourite quality of yourself and how do you think this will help you with your role

Koh Yeun Li: I think my favourite quality of myself would be how strict I am with myself and to a certain extent, the people around me. I can ensure that I finish my job on time and fulfil all my responsibilities and give timely help to any people who might need it. With this I can also ensure that the club can run smoothly for example remembering deadlines and remind others of their tasks, which instils a certain discipline in the club

and can help the club run smoothly in terms of efficiency and to improve the club's communication as well.

Balaji Srinivasan (21st Vice President Social): What is the best thing that you have accomplished in the 21<sup>st</sup> committee?

Koh Yeun Li: I made a promise to myself to contribute as much time and effort as I can, not only to do my own job, but to assist the other portfolios as well. I think that I have been present for most times throughout my entire term which I am very happy about and have assisted with events or administration things. I feel like I have contributed a lot and I hope that the people who received those help greatly benefitted from this.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): Do you have any other commitments?

Koh Yeun Li: Academics wise I have taken up a URECA project, it might take up some of my time but I am confident that I can contribute to the 22<sup>nd</sup> main committee.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21st Vice President Student Life): Will you be able to cope adequately and contribute sufficiently with your commitments?

Koh Yeun Li: I have managed to do so with my last term and I believe that I can continue to do so in the next term as well.

Elliot Wee: What is the biggest problem you foresee in your next term and how would you deal with it?

Koh Yeun Li: One of the biggest challenges I foresee would be working with a entirely new committee. Being in 2 committees back to back would feel very different with the dynamics and atmosphere. The biggest challenge would be at the formation of the new committee where I would meet new people, bond with them and set the direction of the club alongside the President, Vice Presidents and such. This can be difficult but I believe that it can be done with the support of others

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21st Vice President Student Life): What is the biggest struggle you faced in the 21<sup>st</sup> committee and how did you overcome it?

Koh Yeun Li: During the finals period, I was very stressed and some personal issues arised and it made me feel down, depressed and stress due to many things happening at once. This was quite a struggle as I wanted to rest and focus on one thing and do it well but I managed to overcome this with the support from my friends and I managed to regulate my own emotions and think things through properly. Despite all these struggles I faced, I still managed to do my work well as a Hon Gen and also a Biological Science student so I believe that I managed to overcome my struggle quite successfully.

Wong Ching Wern (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Welfare): What is one difficult incident that you have faces as a Hon Gen and how would you deal with it differently in the next term?

Koh Yeun Li: When sending mass emails, I would need to enforce a stricter protocol with it. Sometimes the request to send out mass emails come in last minute and isn't organised. SOP should be laid out when the committee is formed to avoid such situations from arising as I do not want the student body to be constantly blasted with mass emails as it may lead to information being missed out by the students.

	<p><u>Genevieve Wong Shih Ting (21<sup>st</sup> Honorary Financial Secretary):</u> What are some of the difficulties you have faced as part of the Top 6 in the 21<sup>st</sup> committee and how would you do it differently in the next committee?</p> <p><u>Koh Yeun Li:</u> Specific to Top 6, I feel that we have a great synergy as we were always there for each other and whenever there are emergencies where meeting needs to be held last minute we could make it for those. One thing I think can be improved on would be the speed of our response. Sometimes there are matters that needs to be discussed but response from certain parties would be slow. It is not a must for us to always be on our phone but for matters that requires everyone’s consensus, response should be given more promptly.</p> <p><u>Genevieve Wong Shih Ting (21<sup>st</sup> Honorary Financial Secretary):</u> Besides being the Hon Gen Sec, how would you contribute to BS Club within your capacity?</p> <p><u>Koh Yeun Li:</u> Aside from doing the job of the Hon Gen, the most valuable thing I can contribute would be my time and presence. For example , when BS Club hold events, the best I can do is to be there and support them with my time. When we had D&amp;D and photoshoot for it, I contributed my time as I felt they needed help. Giving help whenever anyone needs it, despite it not being my portfolio, should be valued and practiced within the committee.</p> <p>(~22:40)</p>
3.	<p><u>Nominee for Vice President (Student Life)</u> Candidate Name: Chia Si Yan, Estee Proposer: Koh Mae En Megan Seconder: Manangan Javen Gabrielle Abelanés</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hello! I am Estee, a y2 studying Biomedical science and Biobusiness and I will be running for the position of Vice President (Student Life) in the 22nd Management Committee for BS Club.</p> <p>Why did I decide to run for Vice President (Student Life) this year? Last year, when I first stepped into NTU as a Y1 I was really lost as the majority of my friends were in other universities or were in different faculties so I really had to put myself out there to make new friends, which is why when I found out about the various events and clade system present in SBS last year, I decided to run for Andromeda’s ACL and I am really glad that I did because I met a lot of amazing people along the way. To me, BS Club holds a very special place in my heart because it acts as a doorway to getting to know more people in SBS through various events like Back to School and Spirit Week, as well as interacting with my fellow committee members during behind the scene preparations. With this experience, I hope that BS Club student events can also hold that special meaning for someone else as it did for me.</p> <p>This year, I decided that I wanted to run for Vice President (Student Life) as I wanted to make SBS a ‘home away from home’ for our fellow students, where they can have a vibrant student life and I believe that as Vice President (Student Life), it was the position that could impact our student body the most. If elected, I aim to make SBS an inclusive environment where we uphold the ideology of working hard and playing hard, where students can have an enriching environment not only for their studies but also for their personal lives.</p> <p>So why should you vote for me?</p>



As an individual who has been strongly involved in Student Affairs since Secondary School, I would say that I possess these 3 qualities that make me a suitable fit for the position of Vice President (Student Life).

Firstly, I believe that leadership is one of my core qualities that will prove useful in my journey as VP(SL) as I have held multiple leadership positions throughout my schooling journey, such as being part of the Executive Committee of the National Cadet Corps in my secondary school and Project Leader of Interact Club in JC, which has allowed me to hone in on my abilities to lead my fellow teammates for planning and execution of events as well as develop my sense of management and projection of goals. I believe that with these past experiences, I will be a valuable asset to BS Club.

Secondly, I am receptive to feedback and I uphold the ideology in leading my team with a common goal in mind where we work out our differences and come to a consensus on how we want to carry out a specific plan. I am sure that I am able to effectively lead my fellow directors from the respective subcomms with a healthy system of open communication. I am also someone who loves to listen to feedback from the ground, such as from students themselves as I believe that whatever activities planned and facilitated by BS Club would have the ultimate goal of benefiting the students and they are the best judges of whether the activities are beneficial and enjoyable. With that being said, If I do get elected as VPSL, feel free to reach out to me if you have any feedback or suggestions regarding student affairs!

Last but not least, as an extrovert who loves to interact with people of different backgrounds, I believe that I am a friendly and approachable figure who can bond with students and my fellow committee members, which makes me a suitable candidate for Vice President (Student Life). I believe that being friendly has allowed me to break down barriers and build meaningful connections with fellow students, fostering an environment of warmth and understanding where everyone feels valued and included. If you do see me around SBS, come and say hi!

To the student body, if I am elected as Vice President (Student Life), I aim to work closely with my fellow directors from the Events and Logistics side to introduce more fun and engaging activities to our students, which can be achieved by continuing events such as our bi-annual Back 2 School Carnival and our recently held Dance and Dinner, and potentially expanding the scale of events such as Valentine's Day. I also plan on introducing potential new events that celebrate our cultural roots like the Mid-Autumn Festival, Deepavali, and Hari Raya such that both students and international students will be able to experience Singapore's unique diversity of cultures. In addition, to spice up students' lives, I'm looking into holding more fun and engaging events such as Angel and Mortal at the start of the semester for students to find a friend and study buddy outside of their orientation group or just in case they did not attend orientation and have no existing support system within SBS. I am looking into having more welfare benefits for students with the help of our Business Manager, and I believe that with my prior work experience in Merchant Acquisition which focuses on being client-centric, I am able to assist my Business Manager in maintaining beer interpersonal relations with our partners and sponsors to obtain beer sponsorship deals that can benefit students in the form of our current Exam Welfare Packs, such as getting more food and daily essentials sponsors. I hope that through these shared experiences facilitated by the BS Club, each SBS student can foster strong relations with their friends and find a support system within SBS that is truly unique to them, such that they will be able to call SBS their second 'home'.

As Vice President (Student Life) who is undertaking the 3 portfolios of Events Director, Logistics and Business Director, I hope to be able to effectively bond my team together to ensure that there is clear communication and efficient teamwork within and between

committees, such that we would be able to have a fun and enjoyable me working together. I aim to achieve this by holding more inter-subcomm bonding as well as keeping open communications between my fellow Top 6 and subcomms such that everyone is kept in the loop and if there are any problems faced by the subcommittees, they will be able to feedback to us and ask for help if needed.

So why should you vote for me? I am confident that with my previous leadership appointments and experience in clade, together with my strong passion for serving the student body, I will be able to lead BS Club and SBS with my fellow Main Committee members to greater heights and we will be able to bring you more new and fun activities that will surely enrich your student life experience as a SBS student.

So what are you waiting for? Vote for estee the bestee for Vice President (Student Life) now, thank you!!

#### Question and Answer

Wong Ching Wern (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Welfare): What are some difficulties that you foresee as the VPSL and how would you deal with it?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: Some difficulties I foresee would potentially be communicate with my directors and their subcommittees, its more of having effective and open communication such that information can be passed down properly and carefully. Another problem would potentially be job delegation. As a current subcommittee member in Clade, I feel that there can be more job delegated to us and consulting with our previous VPSL, he mentioned that job delegation and subcommittee utilisation and engagement could be improved on. Letting the directors have a more open leadership style where they trust their subcommittee more to do things and accept that it is okay for some things to not be up to a certain standard.

Leong Shi Xuan (21<sup>st</sup> Hydra Clade Leader): Why did you choose to run for VPSL instead of Clade Leader when you were an Assistant Clade Leader?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: I did think of running for Clade Leader, however after thinking about it I decided to run for VPSL as Clade was a portfolio I have tried and it was something I was very comfortable with. As VPSL, I would have a different job dynamic that would allow me to experience what its like to manage the committee and BS Club on a higher level. Clade events are mostly on a smaller scale as compared to BS Club events, so I wanted to have the experience as VPSL as I want to take my experience from Clade and bring it over and improve it on a larger scale.

Lionel Lim Jian Wei (21<sup>st</sup> Andromeda Clade Leader): Being Andromeda's Assistant Clade Leader for the past year, what is the most meaningful experience that you've had?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: The most enriching experience I had would be for Valentine's Day. For Valentine's Day, Clade decided to hold a Valentine's day event where we sold flowers and gifts to celebrate the occasion. This event was an ACL led activity which was different from the usual routine where the Clade Leaders are the ones taking charge. Through this event I got to work with amazing people such as Raeann and Kenneth where we planned out the proposal on how we wanted to hold the event and coming up with new and crazy ideas such as having flash mobs, and buying logistics and making sure that it was a fun experience while engaging SBS students. More recently for D&D when we had the clade segment where we had to plan a intermission game to get the participants to get to know more about Clade, we came up with human Jenga. This was also very enriching as I got more in touch with the logistics side of things. We had to prepare the Jenga step by step from getting the cardboard boxes, cutting it, taping it and

spray painting them. Through these experiences, it has allowed me to work with a lot of different people in Clade who were very nice to contribute their time to help out with the event and it allowed me to be more clear on how to better manage logistics.

Lionel Lim Jia Wei (21<sup>st</sup> Andromeda Clade Leader): As an ACL what was your biggest challenge and how did you overcome it?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: My biggest challenge would be more towards the engagement of subcommittee. Based on my experience as a subcommittee, we weren't very bonded between clades even though they were within the clade. There was somewhat of a separation between the clades and it was hard to engage people to help out for events and turning up for event preparation.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): As a subcomm member, what is the biggest lesson that you have learnt and how would you bring this perspective into your new role as VPSL?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: One of my biggest takeaway would be effective communication as I felt that as a subcomm, due to communication breakdown due to it being communicated top-down, instuciton wasn't being pumped out efficiently. For example for clade merch, we had to design lanyards and different clade ended up using different templates which ended up having to be standardized before sending it to the supplier. This was something that could be avoided if we had a set template. In order for us to work efficiently, we have to openly communicate and ensure that communication goes both ways.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): Under VPSL, you will be managing 2 Events Directors. How would you resolve and dispute that arises between them?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: Conflicts and differences in opinions is inevitable but as VPSL, I would try to learn from each side what are their points and why they think that way. After understanding from both POVs, I will get them to come together and help both of them communicate and understand each other. I will then try to propose a solution which includes ideas from both parties and help them to make up.

Genevieve Wong Shih Ting (21<sup>st</sup> Honourary Financial Secretary): While it's great that you have many new initiatives in mind, events are restricted to budget and manpower allocated. Given that there are many big events in place, could you briefly describe how you would introduce new events such as cultural immersion and angel mortal as you've mentioned in your rally?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: I understand that there is a tight budget for the events and with more events we would have to dilute the budget from the bigger events to the smaller events. For example for angel and mortal, we wouldn't need a big budget as it is more of allocation of partners for the students. Although the students would be recommended to keep the budget within a limit, the main aim for this event would be for friendship development so they are not needed to spend money as well if they do not wish to do so. In terms of cultural events, we could delegate a bit of budget from other events into cultural events, where we can hold it in a smaller scale. We could also do a poll in the SBS telegram chat to check for interest in such activities where events which students are not interested in can be scrapped and focus on other events which students are interested in.

Genevieve Wong Shih Ting (21<sup>st</sup> Honourary Financial Secretary): It is known that nearing finals and assessment periods, BS Club events have a drastically lower rate of



participation. With your intention of implementing new events, how will you ensure that new events can fit into the event flow while ensuring that turn up rate would be of a certain level?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: I asked my friends regarding this issue of turn up rate and what would motivate them to turn up for events. They said that the events are usually held during the time where students are having lessons. For example, the recent Back to School carnival was held during MCBT2 lab sessions and people couldn't come for the event. WE can try to see what a more suitable timing for such events can be held to ensure higher turn up rates. I also asked them what would motivate them to attend such events and they said having food and fun games as school life is already quite rigorous so having fun games could encourage them to attend the events. During finals period, students would want to study so to encourage them to attend events, events like study sessions with refreshment provided or having a mentor-tutee programme would encourage them to turn up during the finals period.

Yeo Jie Sheng (21<sup>st</sup> Business Director): Your idea of an Angel Mortal event is very interesting! Do you have any more specific details regarding this event?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: Prefer to make it more into a sign-up based event, if it were to be compulsory for everyone, not everyone will participate and it will not be fair for everyone. By making it a sign-up based event, people who sign up would genuinely want to participate in this and make friends. By doing this, it will increase the participation rate and ensure that people actual turn up. A system will have to be made to assign the partners to each other, thinking to have the partners be from the same course but different years, e.g. year 1 BSMCP and year 2 BSMCP. This will ensure that even when they make friends, they will be able to ask their seniors for help. A current problem that some of my freshies face is that they have questions regarding their programme but they do not have someone to ask questions to. This pairing will encourage intra-course communication and engagement. Wish for the event to be carried out for one month and will be up to the participants to decide whether they want the event to run for longer than that.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): You've been mentioning a lot about events, how about your plans for your logistics director and business director?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: With regards to logistics director, I think that they are very important as they help to track what is in the clubroom and manage inventory which is very important for BS Club. They can help to prevent overspending and buying things that are not needed or things that we already have in the club room. The logistics director is more of a behind-the-scenes role where most of their work is done before the event or during the semester so they don't get engaged. So to increase their engagement, I will try to hold more subcomm bonding with the business director, logistics director and events directors so they can become friends and bond. For the logistics director they can come down and help out with the event if there is a manpower shortage. During the event, the logistics director can take note of what is wrong or what are some things regarding logistics that can be improved. Towards the end of the event we can hold an AAR between all 3 subcomms and share how the respective portfolios can improve in order to improve participation rate of the logstics directors. In regards to business director, I wish to work more closely with them due to my prior job experience with merchant acquisition, I enjoy managing interpersonal relationships. With sponsors, it is more tricky as we need to ensure a good relationship such that they would continue to sponsor us for future events. I would also encourage the different subcomms to work together. For example the business directors can work with the events directors to give out exam welfare packs, but it can also be an event that people can come down to get to know the school in general, or

just to come down and relax to have fun. With regards to logistics wise, it is to allow and encourage them to participate in events and to communicate with business director to provide aid in things like counting and transportation of logistics. In terms of these 3 portfolios, I want to ensure that all of them can work together and communicate efficiently.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): As you know as VPSL you will have to look through the proposals of your directors before they submit them. So lets say after submission, one of these proposals get rejected and its already very near the event, how would you work around that?

Chia Si Yan, Estee: If I get into this situation, I would try to get my directors with me to work it out together and work out a solution and maybe try to engage the subcomm and see what idea they have to improve the proposal. After finding out from SAO regarding the problems with the proposal, we can all come together to come up with a solution that is touching our goals and making sure that it can get approval. If that happens, I would look more into engaging everyone in the committee to work together to help with proposal and if this situation happens at a busy period, such as during exam period, I wouldn't mind doing it alone while getting feedback from the directors and subcomm.

Maung Myo Min Than: How would you improve communication between events planning and their subcommittee due to feedback that some of the subcommittee members receive notifications and polls to be involved quite last minute, how would you work around that.

Chia Si Yan, Estee: With regards to communication, we could try to involve the subcomm into the rough plan. For top 6 wise I know we need to have a rough outline of how we want to hold events throughout the year. Although we wont have specific dates, I would first mentally prep my directors and their subcomms that there will be an event happening during this period so we would need their help during that period and to try to keep that period more available. However, I do understand that with the nature of proposal approval, it can be inevitable that the dates can come down quite late with regards to the whole planning timeline. I would try to ensure that the subcomm can get a healthy balance between school life and helping with events by keeping them in a loop where we can communicate both ways with top down and bottom up communication.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): Compared to the previous VPSL, what do you think can be done better.

Chia Si Yan, Estee: I'm not part of the VPSL subcomm so I cant say for sure about what went wrong, but from the feedback that I've heard from my friends under the events and business portfolio, they said that it was quite okay with the work allocation. However, they would have appreciated more control. So one thing that I could improve on would be to consistently and constantly check up on my directors and involve myself with more of the planning and check on what problems that they might have. So I maybe texting them once every 2 weeks to check on them and reminding them of deadlines and whether they require help from me. I would also how their respective subcomms are doing and if they need more help with subcomm job delegations. I will also try to turn up for events more and helping out with my other subcomms as well.

Maung Myo Min Than: What are your expectations for your logistics director when you take over as VPSL?

	<p><u>Chia Si Yan, Estee</u>: I will wish for them to be more involved with the up front part of things instead of just the back end stuff. I will try to engage them more with the events and business portfolios by giving them a role in the actual event if they are willing to. And also having them play a part in the AAR and giving my directors more say with feedback with what is right and wrong. Another expectation would be to keep the club room more organized. Especially during exam welfare pack packing where we have a lot of logistics and packs, it can get very messy so I would expect my director to have a clear idea and layout of how to organize things so we can easily find things in the clubroom.</p> <p>(~59.30)</p>
4.	<p><u>Nominee for Vice President (Social)</u> Candidate Name: Elise Lauw Proposer: Yeo Jie Sheng Secunder: Sim Shan Rong</p> <p><u>Speech</u> Hi everyone! I'm Elise, a current third year in SBS and I'm running for the position of Vice President (Social) for the incoming 22nd BS Main Committee. It's a big role that encompasses SBS' clade committee very intimately, and I have big shoes to fill, so to begin my rally maybe I'll just give everyone some background on my experiences and why I'd like to step into this role if you'll give me the opportunity to do so.</p> <p>As part of the 21st Main Comm, I served as the Clade Leader of Orion. If I'm being very honest, before my second year I didn't have that much to do with SBS, and much less clade. I am very much a product of the zoom uni era, so I kicked off first year barely on campus, barely knowing anyone in faculty, and kind of resigned to the fact that that would be my reality for the next 4 years of my uni experience. I really stumbled into the position I hold currently by chance and the best of luck, through my predecessor Nikita who so kindly poached me into running and I am so so grateful because being part of the 21st has brought me so many great experiences that I wouldn't trade for the world.</p> <p>Clade and the sense of student community and support that it brings, alongside the efforts of the larger BS Club committee is truly something special. I don't see the kind of close knit support, whether it be in the shape of exam welfare packs, interactions with faculty and our lovely SBS office staff, student-collated academic resources, or intimate small scale clade/SBS events, in other faculties when I talk to my friends outside of SBS. I'm an introvert by nature, but being Orion's CL has brought me so much joy - it turned me into the type of person that excitedly smiles and waves when I see people in the walkway past the study lounge. I throw my old mod notes and lab reports at anyone who'll take them, I am more than happy to help (and complain with you) about STARS modreg.</p> <p>This isn't to say that my time as CL has been easy, in fact it was so much harder than I expected. The last term threw the four of us as clade leaders so many challenges in the form of taking charge of ISG, COS Challenge, and other non-clade events on top of our plate of clade activities and initiatives. But it is my own experiences of struggling through this term that made me want to run for VP Social. Having gone through it, being familiar with the clade system, how it runs, what works and what doesn't, I want to now create an environment that allows the next committee of clade leaders and their ACLs to do the best they can for clade, focus their energy into reinforcing and really entrenching clade into the culture of SBS. This was something resources and time didn't allow my comm to push into fruition, so maybe in a sort of selfish way, I want to be there to see the next comm push it through and to even greater heights.</p>

I have so much love for the care that some SBS students show to their peers and for the school environment. I know that clade can be a part of that. I'd like to continue to be part of clade in a big way, help to spearhead and manage initiatives like academic support and the clade interest groups to hopefully make student life for everyone in SBS a little more colourful.

Of course, the experiences I've highlighted earlier I would think qualify me for the position. In preparation for clade, SBS, and even inter-faculty events, I've done plenty of proposal writing and submission, event planning, liaising both with other SBS portfolios, as well as SAO and other colleges, so I think this has well prepared me for the administrative duties that would befall me should I be granted the position of VPS.

Ultimately I hope to step into this role as a means of more effectively relaying my experiences and help to the next clade comm, to make their journey as CLs as smooth as it possibly can be, so they can enjoy and dedicate their time to planning events, interacting with their clade members, and building clade spirit. Really I just want to make life for them as easy as it possibly can be.

I think that's what I can offer to the next clade comm, and the SBS population should they be so kind to offer me a second term in BS Club.

Thank you so much

#### Question and Answer

Ching Wern (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Welfare): What was a difficult incident that you have faced in Clade as a Clade Leader and how would you deal with it differently next term as a VPS?

Elise Lauw: One of the first ones that threw me off would be to manage ISG planning for SBS. When I signed up for CL, I didn't realise that there would be other out of clade activities that would fall under the clade portfolio as well. At that point of time we were spread quite thin with other SBS events held in collaboration with other portfolios and starting the planning of COS challenge which required inter faculty support, I essentially had to do ISG planning on my own and my only support was from my President and VPS. There was a lack of preparation as this wasn't a challenge that we expected to have and some of the role delegation during that period was less than ideal, hence spreading the 4 CLs very thin and thus a lack of support there. Learning from this challenge, now that I am better prepared having gone through this, I know better in managing and delegating. I can see the Clade committee that works very much in collaboration while having the different Clades and their subcomms, and utilizing them properly to ensure that not all the work befalls on one CL at any given moment of time.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): Having been a CL last year, what is something you would do differently as CPS in your next term compared to the current VPS?

Elise Lauw: One thing I feel could have been improved would be the utilization or the lack of utilization of our subcommittee due to a misstep on the 5 of us in the clade committee. We had a bigger subcomm than the previous clade committee in the previous year so there was a lack of understanding of how to use them and delegating roles to them. Now having served a term where there were periods where the CLs were doing most of the planning and ideation with the ACLs' help, I think as compared to the previous structuring of clade, I would like it to be more within the Clade for each of the proposal and events planning as that is what the CLs and ACLs signed up for. So rather

than having the ideation coming from top-down, I would see the VPS as someone to give guidance and do the last administrative check throughs rather than being there for every meeting. This is not to say that I would step out of the process but I do think that it is better to give the individual CLs have this moment with their individual subcomms to work on these events so everyone have a higher stake in the events. And ultimately I think there will be less energy drain between the 5 of us in the clade committee.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): You and your 4 CLs will have to work together for the clade events, what are some steps you would take if conflicts arises and disagreements happen between the CLs?

Elise Lauw: With regards to any personal conflict, as long as the conflict doesn't arise from a work setting, there should be establishment of maturity amongst them that this is the role they signed up for. At the end of the day, any work that needs to be done should be done independently of personal feelings because before friendship, this is a working relationship we agreed to. This basis should apply to not just clade but also with the entire main committee as well. Should there be any situation where such conflict arise from a working context, such as working style and delegation of work and commitment levels, that is something that within the role of VPS, as someone acting as a point of guidance, it would befall on me to help address that conflict and talk it out. Ultimately any bad feelings or distend can harm the effectiveness of the working group and that is not something I want to see happen.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What do you think your biggest challenge will be and how will you overcome it?

Elise Lauw: I think it would be finding a means of, for lack of a better word, vibing with the 4 CLs at a primary level. The VPS is so intimately involved with Clade and needs to consistently interact and communicate with the 4 CLs and their subcomm. It's a large group of people that you have to be able to effectively communicate with. Although I previously mentioned it would be a working relationship, it would benefit a lot to be able to get along with them. But any position like this in a working group comes with the expectation of professionalism so before anything, I will try to get to know them when the committee is formed. But it is good to establish a point of understanding from the get go that we are here to do our job and make sure that everything gets done and then we can have fun and form friendships along the way but that shouldn't supercede anything.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What are some things that you would like to achieve since you have mentioned that there a few things you would like to achieve?

Elise Lauw: The first thing that comes to mind would be the revamping of clade room space. It is a space that a lot of people use frequently but I do acknowledge that upkeep hasn't been the best because in a large part it is not a space that can be easily taken care of. The rotation of cleaning and upkeep of food can be abit hard to keep up with as we cannot predict the rate at which SBS students will come in. Hence, we have worked quite extensively to get furniture for the room and we have plans to redo and revamp the room. That is one thing I definitely hope to help see through in the next term as the necessary process cannot be completed before the 21<sup>st</sup> committee steps down. Another initiative that we started but didn't get to see through was the clade interest groups and part of the reason why it didn't kick off with as much success as we hoped it would. At the timing which we started it was at the later end of the semester leading up to reading week. I'm hoping that this is something that we can try to bring up again in this semester, or else we can come up with a more concrete and intentional way in the second semester so this can be something that is more entrenched. At large, the intention when I first stepped into the clade committee was to entrench clade as a more concrete thing for SBS students. As



much as it gets introduced during orientation, it is not a big part of orientation so people might still not know much about the system. The system is still quite young, so it would be good if each clade can form their own identity and people can feel more of a sense belonging towards their own clade and I think that the IG and other initiatives are a good way of doing that.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): You will be going for internship in the next semester, how would you ensure that you can still oversee clade effectively despite not being able to be physically there for their events?

Elise Lauw: During the period that I'm interning, while assuming regular working hours of 9-5 on weekdays, it would mean that physical presence during events won't be really possible. But whenever we did events planning and everything leading up to the event was done outside of working hours as people have classes too, so the most common meeting time would be during the evenings on weekdays on zoom or online. At least at the administrative part would be vetting proposals and setting deadlines and timelines is something I can do with my own time and I trust my time management skills to be able to cope with that. I would say that the intern workload would be a lot more regular and less sporadic than semestral workload for me. I was able to fulfil my commitments to clade back when I had to cope with 26 AUs, so I don't see it as much of a problem. It is a bit unfortunate that I have to miss events that happen earlier in the day but there are some events that happen later on in the day, I could probably still make it down for.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What do you see Clade as and how do you think Clade should be integrated into the SBS student body?

Elise Lauw: Unlike other schools, there isn't much of a culture where certain clades have certain tendencies. Ultimately I think the main intention of splitting a large student body into smaller groups it enhances opportunities for interaction between people and it gets you to meet people outside of your orientation group which is quite lovely as through clade I managed to meet more people in my faculty. People in SBS tend to stick to friends from their orientation groups or people tend to stick around with people they share classes with. But with clade you can go for events with friends you already have and make new friends that you wouldn't have met before. Another large part, for me, is the availability for clade to be a great source of support, primarily academic support. Seniors in SBS are very giving with academic advice and resources. Clade has always been a good channel for seniors to relay their advice. There were efforts to streamline that and make that into a more official clade initiative to relay as much help to SBS students. I think the largest part for me is I find clade to be a mean for people to find support and meet people along the way. Clade is also a great avenue for faculty interaction with events such as Clade Parent Tea Sessions and our events almost always invite profs to them. We have clade parents who are eager to interact with freshmen and if you are a student that don't know much about the industry or career prospects, they are definitely people that you can go to for advice.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What was the best thing that you have achieved as Orion's Clade Leader?

Elise Lauw: one of the best things that I achieved in my time as Orion's CL would be, focusing on smaller things and tapping on to Clade as a support system, I was at Quad and ordering food, I ran into a junior from Clade and she struck a conversation with me and shared about her experiences with a module. I was able to relay a bit of advice for how I got through the mod which gave a lot of relief. And there have been a lot of instances of this happening. Few days back I received a telegram message from someone who found my contact through the clade channel and used that as an avenue to ask for help

	<p>and I think that is something that is very wonderful. I don't intend of having a huge presence in my personal life or in school but its wonderful that in the time ive been a CL, people aren't afraid to come up to me to ask for help in times of need and see me as a potential source of support, which really warms my heart. That is the biggest achievement I've have being Orion's CL.</p> <p><u>Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life):</u> As VPS, not only will you have to work with your CLs, you will also have to work with the other in the Top 6. What role do you think you will play in the Top 6 and how do you think working in the Top 6 will be like for you?</p> <p><u>Elise Lauw:</u> I think working in the Top 6 entails coordinating Clade efforts with the rest of the portfolios, ensuring that there are no clashes and everything runs smoothly, and at the end of the day that Clade is part of BS Club. It would mean to set intentions and making sure that everyone is on the same page. I do not think that this would be a problem for me as during my time as CL, there were instances where we had collaborative events with other portfolios like events and A&amp;W where we had to coordinate efforts with other portfolios. This is something I definitely understand, I stepped into CL thinking that I will only be dealing with Clade, but I quickly found out that there are other duties that need to be fulfilled so any source of help that needs to be offered should be offered as it is a collaborative effort at the end of the day. As VPS, the main intention in working in the Top 6 would be to ensure that the CLs are given not too much to do and then making sure that any collaborative efforts show up on equal work on both ends to produce the best result/event like merchandising as well. Also, keeping the entire comm updated on what clade intends to do and making sure there are no clashes with the other portfolios which I think the 21<sup>st</sup> managed to do quite well which I hopefully can take this experience into the next comm should I be elected.</p> <p><u>Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social):</u> How do you hope to better utilize your ACLs as communication was an issue in the past?</p> <p><u>Elise Lauw:</u> Have events planning be an initiative to be done by the CLs with their ACLs initially. Chain of work should be a lot more bottom up than top down. My experience with the Clade Committee spent a lot of time with just the 5 of us, and only started updating the subcomms on the event date. The ACLs ran for the role with expectation of playing a role in the event planning and preparation, however that didn't happen. For future events, rather than being the person to facilitate ideation between the 4 CLs, my intention is to set out what the event should be like, requirements for the proposal and a suggested timeline and then for the CLs to have a discussion with their subcomm and bring whatever ideas they have to the table. We can either have a big meeting with everyone if they are available or with just the CLs to finalise the events. If the ACLs are part of the planning, they would be more in the loop of things like timelines, purpose of the event and details of the event.</p> <p><u>Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life):</u> Other than VPS, do you foresee any other commitments you might have?</p> <p><u>Elise Lauw:</u> I don't foresee any other commitments I might have other than the previously mentioned professional internship in Y3S2, that will only be the potential point of conflict.</p>
	<p>Mr Lim Jun Xian, Marcus proposed a 10minute break. Miss Genevieve Wong Shih Ting seconded the motion. The Rally will resume back at 2147H.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Nominee for President</u> Candidate Name: Lionel Lim Jian Wei</p>

Proposer: Zacharia Lee Zhi Ming  
Secunder: Leong Shi Xuan

Speech

Hi everyone, I am Lionel, and I am running for the President of the 22nd Biological Sciences Club.

Before I start, I would like to thank you all for attending the rally, whether you are here to support me, other candidates, the BS Club or SBS in general, I speak for myself and the 21st Committee that we are very grateful for your support and attendance. With that, allow me to introduce myself, and why I would make a suitable candidate for President of the Biological Sciences Club.

Firstly, the reason why I am running for President is because I wish not just to preserve, but also improve the club culture developed by the 21st Management Committee; which is to serve the school first and foremost through organising various events, providing everyone with academic and welfare opportunities, and provide a safe and welcoming platform for SBS students to bond, make friends and create a support network that they can rely upon. I hope, that through my efforts, I will be able to make SBS your home away from home, a place that you can find comfort in, surrounded by trustworthy friends and a caring community. My time working with the previous committee has made a big impact on me and allowed me to realise my vision for BS Club.

Secondly, I hope to help navigate the upcoming committee through their challenges they may face, just as the 21st committee has done for me. During my time as Clade Leader of Andromeda, helping to plan and bring about various events for SBS together with my fellow committee members was meaningful for me, and I wish to guide the future committee in their journey to accomplish whatever they set out to do. As a meticulous and detail-oriented person, I believe I can carefully evaluate and give useful advice to my peers. I hope to be the friend that they can rely on to give unbiased advice, and help the committee grow together as a whole.

Additionally, seeing SBS students turn up for our events (such as Back to School, Clade Tea Sessions) was really heartwarming to me – as it shows that our efforts in engaging our fellow students were effective. I believe SBS shouldn't be just a place where us students go for lessons purely to study; it can be something more. Hence, I would like to actualise that through continuing to put out exciting and meaningful events for the school, and let everyone have an opportunity to destress, relax and enjoy, at least once in a while, and have something to look forward to when they come to school.

Also, I would like to take opportunity to thank my friends and fellow committee members for their encouragement which has inspired me to take on the role of President of BS Club.

Finally, I would like to end of by asking you to believe in me and my upcoming committee, and I will strive to achieve my vision together with them. Once again, thank you so much for attending our rallies, and for your support.

Question and Answer

Genevieve Wong Shih Ting (21<sup>st</sup> Honourary Financial Secretary): Since you have observed Zacharia manage the 21<sup>st</sup> main committee while you were Andromeda's CL, what are your thoughts about him as the president?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: During my time as the CL, I had the opportunity to work with Zac and the other committee members a lot. Through my interactions with him, one thing he did very well was that he tried to engage with everyone and to not put work first before friendship. He was that friend we knew we could rely upon when we are facing challenges. That was one my most impactful observation of him and I wish to not just mimic that, but to be that person for the 22<sup>nd</sup> management committee.

Genevieve Wong Shih Ting (21<sup>st</sup> Honourary Financial Secretary): What are some things that you admire and what are some things that you would like to improve on?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: I think that we could, as a club, gather student feedback in a more organized manner. I noticed that usually after events we tend to ask our friends, people we're closer to, or we have a survey form for students to fill up for feedback. I hope that we can have a more structured feedback channel, be it on Telegram or Discord, for future concerns students might have. Be it the students want to see certain things for future events or have certain things that want to raise, they can go through these channels and we will be better able to understand them even if we may not fully solve them, at least we can have a better understanding of what the students want and need.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): As the president, you will have to make difficult decisions like picking between Clade and other portfolios for things such as funding, how would you handle such situations?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: I understand that there will be a lot of difficult decisions. Coming from clade background, there may be concerns that I may be leaning towards clade but I can assure that that will not be the case. I think from my own experience and what my committee members can say about is that my decision making is very unbiased from my personal relationships with other people. Firstly I will try to evaluate what's the best outcome, I will talk to the portfolios involved, see what are the challenges they are facing and see how we can balance them first. From there, we can try to mediate in between our portfolios with me trying to address each of their concerns and hopefully we can find a middle ground that we can settle upon.

Wong Ching Wern (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Welfare): What does BS Club mean to you and what is your vision for the club and for the school?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: At first when I joined BS Club, admittedly as a year 1, I was a little lost. My time in BS Club has shown me a lot of things like the things that we do impacts the students a lot. For us, it is a long duration of event planning, proposal submission, ideation, more changes. Overall, it's very tiring but I feel that it's still very meaningful once the event/activity is ongoing. Taking a look at the students that show up and how satisfied they are. That is my vision to continue putting out such events and activities, making everyone including the faculty members, look forward to what we have to put out and let them have a sense of community within SBS.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): What pushed you to decide to run for president and what is one thing you wish to learn from this journey?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: one push was the encouragement from my fellow committee members, especially the Clade comm and the Top 6 who've guided me through my journey in BS Club. You all showed me that even when things get difficult, when we work as one committee, we will be able to push out our event/activities successfully. Admittedly I am not 100% familiar with what every portfolio does, I hope that I will be able to understand better what every portfolio does during my time and hopefully I will

learn to manage our portfolios and committee members and bring about our events and activities

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What is the biggest challenge you faced as a CL and how will you bring that perspective to presidency?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: My previous challenge would be the most challenging challenge, aptly named CoS Challenge 2023. It was a non-clade event but us as CLs had to host it. It was the second year CoS Challenge was being held so there was quite a bit of expectations especially it was an event held for the College of Science which involved CCEB, SBS, ASE and SPMS. The expectation put on us were very high as there were a lot of audience watching this, including the Dean of CoS. Our task was to create a gameshow that was not only fun, but also engaging to the audience and participants, ensure that it was a balance between trivia and science. There were a lot of balancing that needed to be done, and there were technical issues during that period. As the overall planning head of CoS Challenge, I dare say that singular event was my most struggling experience. But with the help of my committee members, we managed to pull together an event that I dare say worked well in the end.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): What do you foresee will be your biggest struggle once you take on the role as President and how would you handle that?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: I recognise that I am not fully aware of what every portfolio does despite having a good idea. My biggest struggle would be the initiation stage where we form our team of committee members because that is the stage where we just gather our newly elected members and there will be a few familiar faces but there will definitely also be unfamiliar faces that I have not interacted with prior. On top of that, we have the challenge of getting to know our own portfolios which we have just been elected into. The biggest challenge would be to navigate our new committee through our initiation stage where we are still learning about our portfolios and getting to know each other better. I hope to be the guide where I will help mediate issues between the current committee members and the past committee members, help everyone understand better their and each other's portfolios so we can work better as a team, and also bond together as one cohesive committee.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What role do you see clade playing in the student body and how do you think you can help integrate clade as the president?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: As the outgoing CL of Andromeda, I foresee Clade to gain even more traction in the future as in the previous years, including our year, we were just getting started warming up to SBS as a whole and we are trying to get SBS to adapt slowly to the Clade house system which most students are unfamiliar with. But as new students come in, I hope that more students will find a sense of belonging in Clade and will see that Clade isn't like an exclusive house system, but more of a community where people can find others they can rely on, talk to, or make friendships as what we have tried to do in the previous years, which we have seen success. I hope that in the upcoming term, we can see more success with bonding Clade members, not just within Clade, but also between clades. I also hope to integrate Clade better with our other events, not just Clade-related events.

Zacharia Lee Zhi Ming (21<sup>st</sup> President): As President, you are automatically part of the Student Union as part of the Academic Constituent Clubs and will have the opportunity to bring some issues on behalf of your school and peers. What are some of the issues you would like to bring up for discussion or would like to advocate for?



Lionel Lim Jian Wei: As a student myself, I understand that we might have a lot of concerns that we would like to raise. One thing I would like to perhaps advocate for is better feedback systems for faculty members. Going through academic rigour myself with various mods, I understand that we have a lot of comments regarding the way certain faculty members are teaching the modules and perhaps how they can better engage students to better teach the module to keep interest, resulting in students enjoying the module more. What I would like to do is voice concerns for this and hopefully help develop a better system for faculty members to understand what students desire from their course and how to better engage them.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What are some things that you would like to achieve in your term?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: A few things I would like to achieve is firstly, the feedback initiative I mentioned in the previous question. I hope that we will have a better organized channel for feedback where students are more open about providing their thoughts and opinions. I noticed that now, most students are rather unwilling to share their opinions about our events, keeping their opinions to themselves. I hope that we can better make use of these platforms and understand what these unvoiced thoughts are. It won't just be about our events, it can be about SBS issues as well, like academic concerns and other career related concerns. We can try to raise it up or organize activities with the school to help address these various issues.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): What do you think is the most important quality a president should have?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: One important quality a president should have is that he should have a logical way of decision making. As the president of the club, he has to evaluate a lot of decision the committee has to make and give their opinions regarding these decisions and mediate the best option that they should take and set the path forward. The most important quality I feel is that they should be level-headed and remain unbiased and be able to give rational judgement to what they can understand from the various situations and challenges they face. This will not only reduce conflict but also understand that we are working with the committee as a whole to cooperate with one another as much as possible, hence the importance of having good decision making skills.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): As the president, theres a lot of important decisions you will have to make and managing the whole club. How do you think you will be able to manage doing that, along with your studies and other commitments?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: To answer what commitments I have, other than for this role I have none other than academics. I think I can balance my academic workload with my role in BS Club and manage my time well especially during the start of our formation of the committee where we first set a clear path of what we have to do. Not to say to have a simple idea, but to have a clear path of what we want to do, a few core events we want to hold, and a few events that we really desire but perhaps do not have the opportunity for. I hope to use prioritization and goal setting to make sure that no matter what, our time will be managed well as we have a solid plan to fall back upon even when things get tough.

Wong Ching Wern: As President, you will have to liaise with the SBS Alumni Association, how do you think you can better engage with the alumni side and increase participation from the student body with the alumni events?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: To better utilize the alumni side, I would have to work closely with my A&W portfolio and understand what thing can the alumni help us with or what they want to help us with. I would try to ask students and our committee members what are the key things that they want to know regarding their future in SBS or working world where the alumni will have greater experience of. Through communication with the student body and committee members, I would like to understand our most pressing goals first and communicate with the alumni these concerns and hope that they can come in and help to address these concerns through giving talks and Q&A on Telegram or Instagram.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): As someone who will set the direction for the entire committee, what do you hope that the student body take away from your committee should you be elected?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: I hope that the student body understands that BS Club is not just the faculty club where we come together to just do events. I hope that the main takeaway for everyone is that we are here to help everyone go through these challenging semesters together through not just our fun events, but also through academic and welfare events. And also to have a community they can fall back upon especially when they face certain challenges. I hope students realise the SBS is not just a school they go for lessons, but also a place we can make core memories, friendships and a place for everyone to enjoy.

Balaji Srinivasan (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Social): How do you think you can achieve that?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: Coming from Clade background, I have noticed that the events that we hold, not just Clade but also under the Events portfolio, we are much better able to bring people together through our events. For example during Clade Tea Session where we collaborated with A&W Portfolio where students and faculty members were invited down for a few simple activities and through these activities, they got to know each other better from lets say, doing beading or canvas painting. It shows that BS Club is able to facilitate the formation of such bonds between students who may not know each other before and through our events we help to make students have a better sense of belonging by knowing more people in SBS, hence being more inclined to come down for our other events. Through this, more and more people will be influenced and know that we can make a supportive network together.

Lim Jun Xian, Marcus (21<sup>st</sup> Vice President Student Life): Since you have earlier mentioned that CLs have been handling non Clade-related events, do you have a solution/structure you would like to propose to handle such events such that it won't solely be on the CLs?

Lionel Lim Jian Wei: Coming from experience, I understand that there will be times where certain portfolios will have to help out with other portfolios even if the event is not directly under their purview. For example, D&D was a collaboration by the entire committee and everyone tried their best to ensure D&D was successful. Despite this, I understand there will be conflicts where some people may see Clade as an ad hoc solution to certain non-specific events like CoS Challenge. I would like to make it clear at the start where at certain times, we will need to help our fellow committee members out when they are struggling with the event or they need more manpower and help to plan and execute their events. Certain times there will be events where the school might request for us to execute but I hope that my committee members and I where we can choose the best people for the job, not just the most convenient. We will come together to discuss if the portfolios will be able to handle the event by looking at what they are good at, if there are other concurrent events and if they can handle it. Through this discussion and mediation, we can come to a decision as to which portfolio will take the event and communicate with our committee member such that there won't be conflict.

6.	A.O.B  NIL
7.	Mr Lim Jun Xian, Marcus proposed the end of the meeting. Miss Wong Ching Wern seconded the motion. The meeting was called to an end at 2220, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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