



Hong Kong University Students' Union Council

香港大學學生會評議會

Hong Kong University Students' Union Council, Session 2011 7th Ordinary Council Meeting [CM7] Minutes

Date: 25th October 2011 (Tuesday)

Time: 12:45

Venue: Sun Yat-sen Place

Attendance

Present: CC, HS, P, IVP, GS, FS, UAS1, SWS, PS, CAS, AS, ICAP, CAP, RSA, RICA, RCA, LCHHR, LHHR, LHTHR, LSKHR, MHR, RCLHR, RHR, SCSHR, SJCR, SKYLHR, STHR, SWHR, UHR, WLHR, ASR, AAR, BEAR, DSR, EDSR, ENSR, LAR, MSR, SSR, SSSR, ECU, CTVC

Absent: SAP, HHR

Absent due to attending less than half of the meeting (i.e. 4 hours): N/A

Absent due to being late for more than 45 minutes and without prior notification: N/A

0. Meeting call to order and sing the Union Song

Section A

1. To read out the correspondences

- HHR would be absent due to personal reason.
- DSR would be absent and substituted by his executive committee fellow.

2. To receive the maiden speech of new Councilor(s)

3. To report motion(s) carried by circulation

4. To receive and adopt the agenda

Motion 1

To receive and adopt the agenda

Proposer: WU Wai Ting

Seconder: CHEUNG Chor Hei Ernest

Time received: 12:45

Resolution: There was no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 12:45



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5. To receive and adopt the minutes of CM6, ECM1 and ECM2

- HS reported to the Council that the minutes of ECM2, including the discussion content with the Review Panel on the Centenary Ceremony Held on August 18, was still under preparation.

Motion 2

To receive and adopt the minutes of CM6

Proposer: WU Wai Ting

Seconder: CHEUNG Chor Hei Ernest

Time received: 12:46

Resolution: There was no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 12:46

Motion 3

To receive and adopt the minutes of ECM1

Proposer: WU Wai Ting

Seconder: CHEUNG Chor Hei Ernest

Time received: 12:46

Resolution: There was no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 12:46

Section B

1. To hold the Annual Debate

- The motion was "Various prolonged campaign meetings cause more benefits than harms to candidate and sub-organization (連續長時間的各類型諮詢大會對候選幹事及其屬會利多於弊)".
- Speaking rights was granted to the floor.
- P gave an introduction of the annual debate and the motion to the Council members and audiences.
- AS was in favour of holding campaign meetings; but it was better not to have prolonged and continuous ones.
- WLHR thought that prolonged and continuous campaign meetings aimed to examine the willpower and determination of the proposed executive committee under pressure.
- SSSR disagreed with prolonged and continuous campaigns, and believed that it was more important to collect opinions from members and past executive committees of sub-organizations through the campaigns.
- IVP recommended that the campaign meetings shall be separated into two sessions, for example, one for members and one for past executive committee members. It would not be beneficial to anyone if the campaign culture was highly formalized.
- SWS thought the campaign meetings were unique among various ways of knowledge transfer and treasured the instant responses from proposed executive committee.



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- RCLHR said that the proposed executive committee members shall answer the questions from members, not the past executive committee. Yet SWS believed some of the past executive committee members, who were also the members, had strong sense of belongings and thus attend the campaigns.
- SKYLHR pointed out the difference between mock campaigns and campaigns. AS added that the former focused on the actual arrangements and details of activities while the latter focused on the variety and content of the activities.
- With reference to WLHR's experience of having a series of separated campaigns for 17 days, AS thought separated campaigns would cause more benefits to the proposed executive committee. SKYLHR agreed with AS.
- AAR suggested setting up a opinion collection box outside the society room as an alternative means to collect opinions from members.
- LHHR criticized that some questions and answers in the prolonged campaigns were grossly unnecessary. Besides, the proposed executive committee members could not answer the questions with a clear mind.
- UAS1 criticized that WLHR was too idealistic to think that the prolonged campaigns could examine and train one's ability.
- A member surnamed Chan from Faculty of Social Science appreciated SSSR's view. He suggested outward bound trainings could facilitate team building as well and asked why there was still a need for campaigns.
- A member surnamed Chau from Faculty of Science was against the motion. He thought the prolonged meetings would create health problems, and one would leave for some time and miss some parts of the meeting if it was too long.
- MHR and PS further discussed the prolonged campaigns caused unrecoverable harms to the human health.
- LAR thought that continuous and prolonged campaigns were a means to examine the commitment of proposed executive committee.
- GS was in favour of the motion. The prolonged campaign would cause much benefits to the sub-organization (e.g. well-prepared year plan) and it would be a precious memory among the fellows.
- ICAP was against the motion and worried that such practice would make the potential successors scared.
- FS recalled his own experience that he had been learning to be the Financial Secretary when holding the post.
- SJCR stressed that the meaningless questions (e.g. singing) shall be avoided in the campaign, and the executive committee members shall not be the 'slaves' of their members.
- EDSR agreed that there were certain meanings for the existence of campaign meetings, which formed a part of *Sheung Jong* (being executive committee members) culture.
- A member from Faculty of Arts stressed that one's health shall not be compromised in any circumstances, although the exchange of knowledge and hands-on experience was important.
- A member surnamed Lee from Faculty of Science did not think the prolonged meeting was necessary to be continuous. The devotion to serve the members was more crucial.
- PS emphasized the importance of hands-on experience.



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- Before hands-on experience, SSR thought the proposed executive committee shall first have conceptual mindset.
- MSR argued that the campaign would no longer serve as a platform for opinion and knowledge exchange if it is too long and demanding.
- SWS urged the sub-organizations to shorten campaign meetings whenever possible.

Motion 4

連續長時間的各類型諮詢大會對候選幹事及其屬會利多於弊。

Proposer: CHAN Ching Yin

Seconder: WU Wai Ting

Time received: 14:04

Resolution: Voted by simple majority.

Total vote: 35 For: 11 Against: 24 Abstain: 0 Motion defeated.

Time resolved: 14:06

2. A.O.B.

- AAR, BEAR and SSR delivered their outgoing speeches to the Council.

The meeting lasted for 1 hours and 29 minutes, and ended at 14:12 on 25th October 2011.

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