

# Hong Kong University Students' Union Council Hong Kong University Students' Union Council, Session 2012 12<sup>th</sup> Emergency Council Meeting [ECM12] Minutes

Date: 21-2-2013

Venue: G/F Foyer, Union Building

Time: 2230

#### Attendance:

CC(a), HS(a),ICA(ii), MSR, AAR, DSR, EDR, LAR, BEAR, SSR,SSSR, ASR(sub), SKYLHR, LKKHR, SJCR, LHHR(sub), RCLHR, UHR, WLR, SWHR, STHR(sub)

Absent: ICAP, RICA(i), CAP, RCA(i), RCA(ii), SAP, RSA(i), RSA(ii), PP

Late: SCSHR, LHTHR, RHR(sub)

#### Section A

#### 1. To read out the correspondences

LCHR is substituted by Mr. Wan Tzar Kiu, Vincent.

ASR is substituted by Mr. Ko Yu Hong.

STRHR is substituted by Mr Tjang Ming Wai.

RHR is substituted by Mr. Chua Chun Sing.

#### 2. To receive and adopt the agenda

- LAR stated that there is fake statement circulating, and hence council has the responsibility to explain the situation and to students.
- RCLH asked for the reason of issuing the statement and whether it means every time when a council meeting is called, a statement is needed.
- LSKH consider the statement as a mean to clarify TAM should not substitute Exco, which must be explained.
- SSSR stated that TAM does not have the authority to issue any statement in the name of HKUSU, hence the statement is a response to his illegal action.
- MSR stated that the content of ECM 11 and 12 involve the recent affairs and controversy of HKUSU, which need to be published externally and hence

suggested using council consensus to issue a statement to formally clarify the situation

#### Motion 1

To amend agendum B2 to "To discuss the statement issued to the public on behalf of HKUSU to explain ECM11 and 12 resolution." And switch it to agendum B4.

Proposer: Li Chee Wing Seconder: Ho Oi Mei

Time received: 2208

Resolution: Vote by two-third majority. Motion carried.

For: 22 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Time resolved: 2304

#### Motion 2

To receive and adopt the amended agenda.

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Liu Chi Hang

Time received: 2304

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion Carried

Time received: 2305

### 3. To receive and adopt the minutes of ECM9 (Cont) and ECM11.

- CC stated that there is no minute for ECM10. He has contacted Mr. Shum, but fail to get a reply from him.
- MSR, SSSR and RCLHR proposed a number of changes in the minutes of ECM9(Cont') and ECM11.

To receive and adopt minutes of ECM 9 (adjourned meeting dated 1/2/2012, 1930).

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Liu Chi Hang

Time received: 2312

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved 2312

- LSKHR had a comment on resolution. Since Shum did not submit any minutes, he suggested the council to add a condemnation in the minutes of ECM 12.
- MSR had a comment on resolution. He stated that there are many election arrangements in the minutes. Once the minutes is adopt, it means that the council agree on these arrangements.

#### Motion4

To received and adopt the amended minutes of ECM11.

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Liu Chi Hang

Time: received: 2320

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 2320

#### Section B

#### 1. To appoint Union Executives of Session 2013

- AAR suggested the council to discuss which posts to appoint and the criteria of the candidates. He stated the focus should be the By-election and minimal operation of the Union.
- AAR considered Fin Sec who is responsible for funding of arrange annual election and admin sec who is responsible for resources, booking and distribution as important, and hence should be appointed.
- RCLHR asked if the by-election fail to elect new exco, whether there will be

- new candidate to be appointed as acting or reamin the same people.
- AAR consider this as another situation, which can be discussed later.
- RCLHR suggest the term of office of the acting exco should end after new Excos are elected.
- MSR stated the availability of the acting Exco is also important.
- DSR agreed the term of office should end after the election is done since it is the primary purpose.
- RCLH asked if the term "Until elected" will be too board.
- SKYLH suggested call an ECM to terminate the term of office of appointment of acting exco.
- AAR stated that there is no need to specify the expire time of the term of office of the acting Exco as they can resign at any time.
- CC stated that the mentioned points of consideration will be recorded in the memorandum.
- RCLHR stated that most full member is not familiar with the authority of the Council to appoint Exco, and seek explanation.
- CC quoted the realted article from the Union Constitution.
- MSR stated that there was case that welfare and gen sec leave, leaving Admin and Fin sec working. Hence, these two posts are enough to ensure a minimal operation of the Union.
- SCSHR asked if any motion specifies their term of office will be proposed.
- MSR suggested to record the date that the appointed acting exco is willing to work till in memorandum.
- RCLHR asked whether acting exco has the right to call an Exco meeting.
- AAR stated that acting exco's authority is subject to council, hence we can decide their authority.
- RCLHR suggested discuss the authority that the acting exco process first.
- CC suggested discuss by post. Frist, which positions are needed, and then the authority it process.
- RCLHR asked for the reason of not appointing an Gen Sec, since he is the chair of UEC. G
- AAR answered that we have established UEC already which is chaired by STHR. Since meetings had been called, and election arrangements had started, the composition should not change.
- LSKHR quoted the related article in by-law of term of office of UEC.
- AAR suggest discuss appointing acting Admin Sec.
- MSR quoted related constitution stating the functions of Admin Sec.
- LSKHR considered some duties as unnecessary during this transition period.

- LSKHR asked if the council agree not to limit the authority of Acting Admin Sec.
- No objection.
  - MSR asked whether appointing acting exco need to open a normination.
- CC stated that Constitution does not require a nomination for acting exco, and there was no normination for acting exco in the past too.
- RCLHR stated that nomination is because of election.
- DSR stated that the election method should not be the same as normal exco election, hence no need to open nomination.
- MSR consider this appointment as urgent and the workload is going to be heavy in the coming two weeks. He suggested Adrain Wu who is a past exco and have experience, hence is a good choice.
- SJCR stated that Wu had good performance in OAC.
- RCLHR stated that he has good performance in managing Union staff and resources management too.
- AAR wanted to grant a speaking right to WU. (granted)
- WU stated that he can be acting exo until the election is done and try his best to maintain the operation of the Union.
- LCHR asked if a non-member can be acting exco.
- AAR quoted constitution and stated that it can be done by giving a vote of confidence.

#### Motion 5(6)

To appoint Mr. Wu Adrain Yat Hay (UID: 2008065197) as the acting Administrative Secretary of Union Session 2013.

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Wong Ka Yan

Time received: 0014

Resolution: Vote by simple Majority. Motion carried.

For:23 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Time resolved: 0015

#### Motion 7

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To have a recess of 10 minutes.

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Liu Chi Hang

Time receive: 0020

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 0020

- MSR asked whether the nominee should claim their money before or after the election as well as the daily duties of Fin Sec.
- LSKHR quoted the related article from constitution.
- MSR asked if Honorary Treasurer need to provide funding for nominee.
- RCLHR asked which person the nominee should find when they want to claim money.
- LSKHR stated that all claim form need the signature of both Honorary Treasurer and Fin Sec.
- DSR stated that the election budget can be decided by UEC according to Election Regulations.
- LAR asked whether acting Fin Sec need to take care other financial affairs besides election funding.
- LAR asked whether Council want to limit his authority.
- RCLHR asked if acting exco has the right to call an exco meeting and right to issue statement. She considered it as a serious matter to discuss.
- AAR quoted related article in the constitution and stated that he has no such right.
- The Council agreed that the acting has NO right to call an Exco meeting and issue any statement.
- RCLH: sheung jong exchange. If cant fuilfill, other criteria.
   SCSHR: want sj because need experience. UFC mb hv exp also, expertise, related subject
  - RCLHR suggested Chong Chun Sing to be acting acting Fin Sec because he has related experience as well as was the member of UFC. She wanted to grant a speaking right to Chong.
- Speaking right Granted.
- Chong stated that he is the External Vice-chairperson of Swire Hall of the last session, member of UFC and also a student studying A&F.
- RCLHR asked for his availability.
- Chong stated that he can be acting Fin Sec until the by-election is done, and would not continue after the election.

To appoint Mr. Chong Chun Sing (UID: 3035016979) as the acting Financial

Secretary of Union Session 2013.

Proposer: Yeung Chun Tan Seconder: Ho Wing Man Alicia

Time received: 0054

Resolution: Vote by simple majority. Motion carried.

For: 23 Against:0 Abstain: 0

Time resolved: 0057

MSR had a comment on resolution. He requested to include the appointment of acting exco in the statement, and hope the two acting Exco can help the Union to overcome the transition period.

## 2. To discuss the disputes of Annual Election 2013

- AAR stated that IVP has applied for resignation and suggested that the council should carry a motion to accept his resignation.
- LHHR asked if there will be any effect on UEC.
- SCSHR suggested to appoint another member into UEC since the workload is heavy..
- DSR asked which UEC IVP is resigning from.
- AAR stated that no matter which UEC he is referring to, his reason of resignation will not change and hence should still accept his resignation.
   RCLHR stated that it should be voted by suoer majority since it was a council resolution to appoint IVP into UEC.
- UHR consider this as revoking Council Resolution, hence should vote by super majority.

To accept the resignation of Mr. Cheung Chor Hei, IVP of Union Session 2012 as Union Election Committee member, session 2012.

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Ho Oi Mei Time received: 0109

Resolution: Vote by two-thirds majority. Motion carried.

For:23 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Time resolved: 0113

- SSR stated that Hon Sec is a member of UEC hence should be appointed into UEC.

#### Motion 10

To appoint Mr. Koo Hei Man Heman (UID: 3035018836) as the member of the Union Election Committee, Session 2012.

Proposer: Ngai Ting Hong Seconder: Ng Wai Ka

Time received: 0114

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 0116

- MSR suggested the council should do something in response to the recent controversy, including unconstitutional GP and election etc.
- LSKHR suggested add explanation of which part of the GP and annual election are unconstitutional in the statement.
- AAR stated that a by-election should be arranged too. He further explained that since there was not an election, a by-election, instead of a re-election should be arranged.

#### 3. To discuss Union By-election

To appoint a by-election Commission for Annual Election 2013 and the Election to Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2013.

Proposer: Liu Chi Hang Seconder: Ng Wai Ka Time received 0125

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved 0127

- AAR stated that it is written in the constitution that there should a commission responsible for by-election.
- CC questioned about the composition of the Commission.
- DSR suggested to first appoint the Commission , and appoint member into it after that.
- AAR proposed that the composition is the same as UEC.

#### Motion 12

To set up a by-election Commission Annual Election 2013 and the Election to Undergraduates Student Membershipo to the Boards of Faculties 2013.

Time received: 0132 Proposer: Liu Chi Hang Seconder: Ng Wai Ka

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 0132

#### Motion 13

To appoint members of the Union Elections Committee, Session 2012 to By-election Commission for Annual Election 2013 and the election to undergraduates student membership to the Boards of Faculties 2013.

Time received: 0133 Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Liu Chi Hang

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 0136

- AAR presented draft of By-election arrangement and stated the following points:
  - The exact date of nomination Period will depend on the availability of Mass Email system. If the system is not useable, then the nomination period may delay.
  - The venue of Central Campaign is yet to confirm
  - UEC will further discuss the duties of RO
- UHR asked for the deadline of submitting EO list
- AAR stated that in ECM9, all UEC decisions shall be approved by the Council. Thus all decisions will be submitted to Council for approval later.
- UHR asked for the ways to inform full members if the mass e-mail is not ready for use.
- MSR suggested mass email sent by Faculty Society.
- AAR also suggested other publicity means including Democracy wall, Face Book and other promotion means
- UHR wanted to grant a speaking right to an Engine Academic Society Chairman
- Speaking right Granted
- Lee stated that he is the chairman of Computer Science Society and stated that the mass e-mail of Academic Society need to be inspected by the department office before sent.
- SSSR consider this mean as possible and feasible and has been used before.
- UHR asked if Engine Association problem can be solve by Council resolution.
- LAR suggested the mean should be considered case by case instead of a council resolution.
- BEAR, DSR, EDS, SSR, ASR also raised the same opnion.
- MSR suggested the Commission to contact related party to solve the problem and leave detail discussion by the commission.
- AAR stated that UEC will call meeting soon to discuss the by-election and submit proposal to council.

#### Motion 14

To appoint the acting council Chairperson as the member of tBy-election

Commission for Annual Election 2013 and the Election to Undergraduates

Student Membership to the Board of Faculties 2013.

Time received: 0208 Proposer: Ng Wai Ka Seconder: Liu Chi Hang

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved 0210

- CC stated that UEC should report their progress in the next mtg.

# 4. TO discuss the statement issued to the public on behalf of HKUSU to explain ECM11 and 12 resolution.

MSR reported and suggested the content of the statement

Motion 15

To have a recess of 10 minutes of 10 minutes.

Time received: 0215 Proposer: Lo Hong Yip Seconder: Wong Ka Yan

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 0216

- LAR gave a summary of the statement

- MSR suggested some new content in recess.

Motion 16

To suspend standing orders.

Time received: 0232

Proposer: Lam Chin Yu Harvey

Seconder: Ng Wai Ka

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion carried.

Time resolved: 0233

EDR asked about the statement will be issued in the name of whom.

- RCLHR suggested using HKUSU, since Council has the authority yo do

so.

- AAR quoted the By-law and stated that all statement issued to external parties and media should use HKUSU as the title.
- CC asked how to help audience to distinguish between the one issued by the council and by Tam.
- LSKHR suggested attach the illegal statement as reference.
- UHR raised out that issued in the name HKUSU can have a better effect.

Motion 17

To endorse the statement issued to the public on behalf of HKUSU to explain ECM11 and ECM12 resolution.

Time recived: 0428

Proposer: Lee Chee Wing

Secoder: Ho Oi Mei

Resolution: There is no objection. Motion Carried.

Time resolved:0428

CC: UEC mb has start prepare election, cont'. Now by-election, another election, still ok? By-law

UHR: By E comm composition is diff from E comm. This yr, annual election never disappear, still handling a particular election.

AAR: Nature of the election is the same. Focus on "Complete of the election".

CC: Cons Election and by-election are separate

LSKHR: Two

SKYLR: different

UHR: by-e 1. AE done, but need a new one. 2. AE not done, beyond cons date,

need by-e.

SSS: stop discuss, no

RCLHR: AE and by-election are two event?

The meeting lasted for 7 hours and 25 minutes and ended at 0555 of 22-2-2013.

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