



Hong Kong University Students' Union Council,
Session 2013
1st Council Meeting [CM1]
Minutes

Date: 4/3/2013

Venue: G/F Foyer, Union Building

Time: 21:30

Attendance:

CC, HS, FS(a), AS(a), ICAP, RICA, RICA2, HHR, LCHHR (sub), LHHR, LHTHR, LSKHR, MHR, RCLHR, SCSHR, SJCR, SKYLHR, STHR, SWHR, UHR, WLHR, ASR, AAR, BEAR, DSR, EDSR, LAR, MSR, SSR, SSSR, ECU(a), CTVC(a)

Absent:

CAP, PP, SAP, RCA, RCA 2

Late:

RHR, SAP, RSA, RSA 2

0. Meeting called to order and Sing the Union Song

Section A

1. To elect the Chairperson of the Union Council

- AAR proposed Vivian Li, EDSR of session 2012 to be the Council Chairperson(CC) and wanted to granted a speaking right for her.

-Speaking right was granted

- Li stated she is responsible in the last session

- AAR stated that from the performance of the last council session and ECM9 showed she has the quality to be a CC and will be a better CC Chairperson of the last session.

- ASR stated that Li has been given a vote of thanks in her EGM, and also stated that she has the strength to be CC.

- Undergrad questioned Li about the standard of calling a CM and ECM.

- Li suggested CM should be called once a month or half a month depending on

whether there are any Union affairs to be discussed, while an ECM will be called whenever there is any emergency issue.

- SWHR asked what qualities Li has which make her suitable to be CC.
- Li answered that she has a strong sense of responsibility, willing to take up the workload. Li also think that democracy is very important.
- LAR asked Li how will she manage the relationship between Central Exco and councilors.
- Li answered that the responsibility of councilor is to monitor the Union and Central Exco, hence she will keep herself neutral and will not interfere the council meeting very much.
- SSR wanted to grant a speaking right to a member of the Engineering Society(Lee).
- Speaking right was granted.
- Lee asked how will Li manage the situation that there are councilors who do not attend CM which hinder the opinions of the corresponding society to reach the council
- Li stated that councilor who is absent for 3 times in CM will be regretted, but she will also know more about the reason of absent.
- WLHR asked what problems Li is expecting to face and how would she handle them.
- Li consider time management as the biggest problem she need to face as the workload of CC is heavy, but she believe she can manage it well.
- CTVC(a) asked what Li would do to improve the efficiency of meetings.
- Li stated that as CC, one should not add too much stance in the discussion.
- SSSR asked Li how to facilitate communication between CC and councilors both within and beyond the meeting.
- Li stated that she will reply to call and message and she is always in campus. She also stated that her aim of this year is to increase the operation efficiency of the Council.
- LSKHR stated that CC of the last session often misuse and misinterpret the Standing Orders and By-laws, and asked if Li has nay plan to prevent it in the future.
- Li stated that there is a rationale behind each constitution, By-law etc, hence should lift this believe.
- SSR stated that some full member doubt the efficiency of the last GP, and asked Li how would she ensure the efficiency.
- Li answered that she will manage it with the whole council as soon as possible once there is requisition.
- AAR asked Li what is the biggest problem of the current council.
- Li stated that it is now the transitional period, where councilors are not familiar with

each other which lower the efficiency of cooperation.

- EDSR asked Li as a CC, how would she maintain the reputation of HKUSU.
- Li stated that the image of HKUSU is bad now. She suggested the council should utilize the role of University students in current affairs.
- MSR asked if the Li has any year plan for the council and council restructuring.
- Li stated that she would fill the loopholes of the constitution by reviewing with CRC and also try to achieve Council Restructuring to maintain a balance of the council.
- RCLHR asked whether the disputes last year are all due to loopholes of the constitution or any other reasons?
- Li answered that some disputes are caused by the loopholes for example the no-confidence of CC, while some are due to wrong explanation and interpretation of individuals.
- ICAP asked for the reason of the voting right of CC and under what circumstance CC would use it.
- Li stated that CC will only vote when there is a tie in order not to let CC's stance affect the council discussion.
- Undergrad stated the many council resources are kept in somebody else's hand.
- Li stated that this council is constitution and will use her authority to get them back if she is elected.
- MHR stated that someone is still using the mass e-mail to deliver information and asked Li how would she manage it.
- Li answered that Tam no longer own the authority of using the mas email, and will try to communicate with the school officials to get back the mass email system.
- LAR asked Li how would she manage the relationship between the union Council and the school officials.
- Li stated that the school does not interfere the operation of the Union, however, the council should still communicate with the school so that the council can seek help from school when there are disputes.
- RCLHR asked Li as a past Faculty representative to be CC, how could she maintain her fairness.
- Li stated that all society should be treated equally.
- HS asked what is the replationship between HS and CC
- Li stated that HS and CC should cooperate closely especially in council documents to ensure the smooth operation of the council.
- SWHR asked how the relationship of CC and Central Exco should be.
- Li stated the council should monitor the Central Exco.
- LAR stated the many documents of the last session were lost, and asked how Li would improve it.

- Li stated that all council documents should be made public and will try to do it through Facebook and Council Website.
- SJCR stated that most full members do not care about council issue, and asked how she will improve this situation.
- Li answered that she will reactivate the council website and Facebook and also may do more publications in different occasions.
- WLHR asked Li whether there are any problems in the standing committees
- Li stated that all committee should be made open to all councilors.
- AAR stated that CC is a very important post, and asked why CC is not elected by a GP but within councilors only.
- Li stated that CC is elected among councilors is because CC's authority comes from councilors who are elected by their members.
- Undergrad stated that the power of CC is huge and asked whether there are any part of CC's authority should be cut?
- Li considered that this should be subject to council consensus instead of her own judgment.

Motion 1

To elect Li Wai Yan Vivian (UID: 2011712787) as the chairperson of the Union Council, Session 2013.

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka (AAR)

Seconder: Yeung Chun Tan (RCLHR)

Time received: 22:46

Resolution:

For: 24

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Time resolved: 22:47

- CC(a) of Union Session 2012 has a comment on resolution. He stated that Council is about comment and evaluation, discuss and debate, and councilors should bring their own sense, knowledge, values and attitudes into the council and should care about more things instead of only Orientation Period. He also considered the discussion atmosphere of Session 2012 better than that of Session11, however have long meeting hours. He also stated that the standing committee does not function fully this year, and should increase its transparency and publicity.

2. To elect the Honorary Secretary of the Union Council

- LAR stated that Yvonne Leung (Leung) is interested to be HS and wanted to grant her a speaking right.
- Speaking right was granted.
- LSKHR asked Leung about the format of minutes.
- Leung stated that a minutes should include motions, time received, resolved, proposer, seconder and discussion process.
- SCSHR asked besides taking minutes, what a HS should do.
- Leung stated that HS should also keep a good record of all Council documents and also lead the secretariat.
- STHR asked Leung are there any problem of being External Secretary of SSS and HS at the same time.
- Leung considered workload as the biggest problem, but she has already discussed with her jong-mates, while she will not misuse her speaking right to avoid conflict of interest.
- SSSR wanted to grant a speaking right to the Chairman of SSS.
- SSS chairman confirmed that Leung decision is agreed by SSS.
- ASR stated that HS of the past sessions have related experience, and asked Leung as freshman how she could manage it.
- Leung stated that she will find related people to “flow Jong”.
- LHHR asked if Leung has any plan to update the council website.
- Leung answered that she will upload minutes to the council website.\
- DSR asked if Leung will set any deadline for the minutes to be received and adopted.
- Leung stated that she will get the minutes done in 48 hours after the meeting.
- WLHR asked for the qualities of a good HS.
- Leung consider responsible, trustworthy and promising as the qualities.
- EDSR asked Leung to comment Shum, the past HS performance.
- Leung considered him as irresponsible.
- LSKHR asked if Leung know she will be the member of which standing committees.
- Leung answered she will be the member of JC, CRC and UEC.
- ECU(a) stated that HS is also a member of CBC, and asked if Leung know her responsibility of other standing committees.
- Leung stated she also need to keep the documents of other standing committees.
- AAR asked Leung if she has any year plan.
- Leung answered that she would like to increase the transparency of the council

minutes and put them in the council website after the minutes are adopted.

- SSR asked Leung how she would keep proper record of the document.
- Leung answered documents will be kept in SU office and also in an external hard disk.

Motion 2

To elect Leung Lai Kwok Yvonne (UID: 3035040035) as the Honorary Secretary of the Union Council Session 2013.

Proposer: Wong Wai Yan Phoenix (MSR)

Seconder: Li Chee Wing (LAR)

Time received: 23:27

Resolution:

For: 24

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Time resolved: 23:29

3. To read out the correspondence(s)

LCHHR is substituted by Miss Au Sze Wai.

CTVC(a) Mr. Wong Chun Long needs to leave early at 00:00.

AS(a) Mr. Wu Adrian Yat Hay needs to leave early at 23:45.

4. To receive the maiden speech of new Councilors(s)

-AAR stated that there have been 3 months since he has taken up the post as an executive committee member. As the most symbolic entity of the representative democracy in the University of Hong Kong, the Union Council should reflect the opinion of the common HKU students. Among the councilors, the word “Co-operate” shall never be mentioned, individual representation should be upheld, instead of deliberately uniting stances and forming gangs and parties. He further stressed that it is important for all councilors to bear in mind that every stance shall be taken in genuine personal belief.

-BEAR stated that it also has been 3 months since she took up her office, throughout this period the Union council mostly did not function in order. In order to build an

efficient council, she suggested that more discussion on Current Affairs and University Affairs shall be raised. She hopes that the Union Council could act as a stage for rational discussion and an effective bridge connecting the University and students.

-DSR expressed that it was really pitiful that he could only have his maiden speech delivered after attending already several council meetings, or even got into a Standing Committee (the Union Elections Committee). In the meetings he observed, little time has been spent on university affairs or student affairs, not to mention the stance of the Union towards external affairs. Personally speaking, holding the identity as the DSR, he also felt the difficulties in collecting opinion of the members in the Dental Society. He concluded by wishing to have more connection with other councilors.

-EDSR expressed his pleasure in introducing himself to the Council. Education values teaching through speeches and actions, as a future teacher, good quality should be revealed in every of his action, which includes the upholding of a moral principles. Under these beliefs, there should be cooperation among councilors, but no more than those conducted under the common goal of striving for good reputation for the University.

-ICAP also expressed her pleasure in joining council and representing 20 Independent Clubs as a transmission belt. She sincerely wished a positive atmosphere of discussion for the Union Council.

-LAR stated that she had been looking forward to entering the University of Hong Kong, attracted by the glorious history of this school. Nevertheless, what awaited her was disappointment. Finally the dark era of the Union Council has passed, the beginning of a new session may seem to have brought an end to all these, but still there must be a lot of effort put in to increase the transparency of the council. She hoped she could initiate this atmosphere in her own faculty first.

-LHHR stated that there has only been 1 week after she took up this post, whose role is to represent members of the subordinate association in the council, and thus should be held accountable. She wished to succeed in fulfilling the two duties: supervising SU and speaking on behalf of her members. She concluded by wishing this positive atmosphere of discussion can be maintained.

-LHTHR expressed her gratitude towards past councilors in striving for the

convention this CM1, which definitely symbolized a brand new start of the Union Council. She hoped that the councilors in Session 2013 could fight together to maintain the rationality throughout meetings this year.

-MHR was thankful towards the regaining of speaking right in his post. Although there is still no voting right granted, he still hoped to make good use of his position to fulfill his duties in the Union Council.

-MSR stated that it has only been few days since she officially became MSR, in which her term of office should have started as early as 1 Jan 2013. After an adventurous journey and lengthy war in council, eventually she could be a representative. With this reason, it is undoubted that she agreed completely that there should be no infringement on others' speaking rights. She quoted AAR's speech to stress on her wish towards tight co-operation in maintaining the genuine value.

-RICA1 introduced herself as the EVP of the ICA. It was the first day of her office, and she was glad that she could already have a chance in speaking in the Council. The rational and positive atmosphere of discussion could be felt. She also hopes to reflect accurately the opinion of the 20 Independent Clubs into the Union Council.

-RICA2 introduced her name as Yiu Hoi Ling. She dedicated to bring the opinion of the 20 Independent Clubs into the Union Council and wished a healthy environment for discussion.

-SKYLHR said that she had quite a lot of expectation towards HKU before she entered this University, nonetheless it was quite a disappointment she experienced in the first semester. But still, she stayed confident in bringing a bright future to the Council. She expressed her hope towards everyone fulfilling their duties in the coming year, and that the Union Council could retain its responsibilities in bringing suitable policies to HKU.

-SSR expressed his excitement that finally he could have a chance delivering his maiden speech in the Union Council. It was only after 3 whole months that there could be a regular meeting, before which he even witnessed quite a number of incredible scenes, including an assembly of 1500 people.

-SSSR also stated that 3 months have already passed after he took up the office. He genuinely believed that he had 2 different identities here in the Union Council, the

first would be the representative of the Social Sciences Society, HKUSU, in which he should help bringing the opinion of the students in the faculty into the Union Council, and the second would be an individual councilor that serves with genuine passion. He hoped to bring in the discussion on social issues into the Council, just as the tradition of the SSS, HKUSU.

-SWHR believed that any councilors sitting in CM1 should be able to feel how difficult it was to be there. The transition between Sessions 2012 to 2013 was extremely difficult due to unexpected crisis. After taking up her post, she hoped to raise the public attention on hall education, while at the same time raised the knowledge of the hall community towards union affairs. She believed the Union Council is capable to have rational discussion, and expressed her will to work hard with representatives from all societies.

-UHR stated that he didn't have much to say, and quoted the words of a former UHR: it was indeed very difficult to gain a chance to speak in the Union Council. Therefore he stressed that he would definitely treasure the opportunity to speak in council meetings.

-WLHR stated that a lot of incidents happened in the University, in which she genuinely believed that the Union Council should have a leading role in bringing new changes. She urged all representatives to encourage members to express views on University Affairs. She believed she had not only the identity as a representative of a society, but also an individual councilor, thus she hopes to work hard together with other councilors in bringing a better council.

5. To report motion(s) carried by circulation

-CC explained that there have been a number of motions by circulation submitted, including the ones regarding the alteration of EDSR, MSR, etc.

-SSSR consulted that since past council chairperson (impeached) Mr. Tam Chun Sing did not handle the motions by circulation submitted then, whether there is a need for councilors to re-submit the motions.

-CC replied that she would urge Mr. Tam for those motions, and would not exclude the possibility of such necessity to resubmit.

-LAR stated that she had handed some of the motions by circulation to both Mr. Tam and the present CC Miss Lee Wai Yan Vivian, as a safety measure if the motions handed in then could not be retained.

- SWHR consulted about the absence of a circulation motion box.
- CC stated that confirmation with Union Staff is needed, and councilors may contact CC directly to confirm the circulation motions have been received.

6. To receive and adopt the agenda

Motion 3

To receive and adopt the agenda.

Proposer: Lam Chun Yu Harvey (LSKHR)

Seconder: Lui Chun Ying (SJCR)

Time Received: 00:02

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 00:03

ses

7. To receive and adopt the minutes of unadopted minutes of Union Session 2012

-CC reminded the members of Council that since the minutes for the previous council meetings were not yet prepared, minutes of previous session won't be approved by council.

-Mr. Yuen Kit Sing (Acting Council Chairperson of Session 2012, speaking rights granted) stated that he had requested for the minutes from Mr. Shum Hin Lung (HS, Session 2012, Impeached) to be submitted before 14/3. If Shum failed to do so, the Council would treat these minutes as missing documents, and consider actions of condemnation towards Mr. Shum.

Session B

1. To appoint members of Council standing committees

-CC suggested that it is necessary to consider the balance of representation from different societies, and requested councilors to pay special consideration on the fact that the CTV executives had not yet taken their posts.

-SSSR requested CTVC(a) to state the standing committee they would have the preference of getting in.

-CTVC(a) suggested that, since there was a representative from CTV in UFC last year,

they would request for the acting representative's entry into this standing committee at the first place.

-CC demanded for the reason of such request.

-CTVC(a) requested for time to organize his answer.

-UHR expressed his concern on the fact that not all hall students' association executive committee members have started their terms of office yet, and for the University Hall, even the controversy over the legitimacy of the previous session executive committee has not yet been settled. He believed that it was impossible for the hall representatives to provide a name list in this council meeting.

-AAR also raised his concern on the lack of promotion to Union Full Members on the recruitment of standing committee members. He suggested that mass e-mails would be sent out soon, thus he hopes the Council could appoint members of standing committees next time after the mass e-mails for promotion have been sent out.

-SSSR suggested that an acting chairperson of the standing committees could be appointed in this council meeting, so that there could be a person in charge to hold tea gatherings for recruitment of membership.

-CC provided point of information that tea gatherings were indeed held last year. She concluded that the councilors mainly had 3 concerns:

- 1) In standing committees, there should be a balance of membership among faculties, halls, campus media and 3As (Sports Association, Cultural Association and Independent Clubs Association).
- 2) Union Full Members shall be appointed into the standing committee in the next council meeting.
- 3) Councilors should be appointed to take up the post of acting chairpersons of respective standing committees.

-MSR suggested that UAC should have its chairperson appointed first, since the selection of Vice-Chancellor is approaching soon, while other standing committees may have recruitment after tea gathering.

-LAR asked whether a resolution from hall representatives could be provided in this council meeting, or would to wait for resolution in the next meeting.

-MSR suggested to review the candidates interested in entering each standing committee, so that the balance in representation could be ensured.

-CC suggested that except UAC, the Delegation to Hong Kong Federation of Students also needs to be appointed first.

-SSSR suggested councilor should state their preferences on which standing committee to enter first, following alphabetical order.

-CC asked for councilors' opinion on appointing membership into CAC.

-SSSR suggested to discuss on CAC membership in the next meeting, the reason

being that among all the constitutionally granted membership, only the CC and 2 non-exe councilors could be appointed then. He went on to suggest considering appointing 1 representative from the faculty societies, hall students' associations and the 3As respectively.

-MSR questioned that there are only places for 2 non-executive councilors, it would be impossible to attain the situation of 1 councilor appointed from each party.

-LSKHR believed that since there have been no executive councilors elected yet, it would be quite meaningless to discuss the appointment of membership into the standing committees that are less urgent in carrying out their duties.

-AAR reported his intention on being elected into the Delegation to HKFS. He pointed out the voice of HKU students were not reflected in HKFS due to the vacancy in representation, and he hoped the situation could be remedied. Since the annual meeting the HKFS would be held on 15/3, which would be approaching soon, he wished there could be a representative from HKU. And there should be a name list of past representatives and upcoming representatives handed in to HKFS at least a week before the annual meeting has been convened.

-RCLHR stressed that the appointment of membership in UAC and HKFS were more urgent. Since the membership of Delegation to HKFS includes councilors and non-voting members, and that of UAC includes 1 faculty representative, the discussion shall be simplified into appointing only the posts that were feasible to appoint in this meeting. She also mentioned that the RICA might not be ready to be appointed, since they had taken up the posts for only one day.

-DSR summarized that the urgency of appointing members into UAC emergency may be due to the selection of Vice-Chancellor alone, however since only 1 member could be appointed in CM1, very limited opinion could be reflected. He suggested that the issue of selection of Vice-Chancellor to be discussed in the Union Council directly.

-AAR raised the concern that if only a few standing committees would have its member(s) appointed in CM1, a deadline for appointments into others shall be set. He also stressed on the values for standing committees to exist, the legislative intention of the By-Laws is to let the council discuss on the decisions already came up in the standing committees. He believed that an ECM shall be held ASAP to complete the appointment of memberships in the standing committees. He also agreed to DSR's view that it would be quite meaningless to appoint only 1 member in UAC, but he insisted that there is an urgency for the appointment of the Delegation to HKFS to be completed in this meeting, due to the approaching Annual Meeting of HKFS.

-LAR queried that if no councilors were appointed into some standing committees, there would be no promotional tea gatherings until the next council meeting.

-RCLHR suggested considering mass e-mails as a way of promotion, which should be

as simple as extracting relevant articles in the By-Laws, instead of very messy facts that some councilors have already taken up the post as acting chairperson of the standing committees. When CM2 is called within this month, there should already be the result of the by-election, which would not affect the functioning of standing committees.

-SSSR suggested to have a consensus on using mass email.

-AAR demanded for a clarification on whether or not only the Delegation to HKFS would be appointed in this meeting.

-CC clarified that the council had not touched on that yet.

-LSKHR reminded the members of council that the most severe penalty of failing to send a representative in the upcoming HKFS annual meeting would be the loss of membership in HKFS.

-AAR restated his intention to be chosen as the non-voting councilor in the delegation, which shall have no voting rights but speaking rights. Due to the present vacancy in the post of EVP, he also hopes this non-voting councilor could also be the sole representative with speaking and voting rights in HKFS. He suggested a 2-step appointment: be appointed as one of the delegates first, then made another appointment to be the acting Chief Delegate.

-RCLHR consulted for the term of office for such acting Chief Delegate: once an EVP is elected, whether or not AAR would still be the Chief Delegate. Or even if no EVP could be elected in the By-Election for Annual Election 2013, whether the term would be automatically prolonged, or another discussion would be carried out in council?

-AAR replied that after there have been Union Full members appointed into the delegation, they shall have the decisive power in choosing the Chief Delegate. And no matter if any results could be generated in the By-Election, the Union Council shall have the rights to discuss again after the completing of the By-Election. He suggested submitting 2 separate motions for this appointment.

Motion 4

To appoint Mr. Ng Wai Ka (UID: 3035054361) as a member (non-voting) of Delegation to Hong Kong Federation of Students.

Proposer: Sham Kwan Ho (SSSR)

Seconder: Ho Oi Mei (BEAR)

Time Received: 00:36

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 00:40

-SSSR(proposer) expressed his confidence in AAR that he would outperform his duty in HKFS.

-SSR consulted AAR that how he would prevent misinterpretation or misrepresentation towards the opinion of HKU students.

-AAR quoted Section 6 XI Article 3 of the By-Laws to indicate that members of the previous and present Union Council Session past session shall meet to draw up the stand of the Union for the Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Federation of Students. It would be a must for him to seek for opinion from them, and he would have the sole decision-making power. He also promised to proactively submit the decisions made to council. Regarding the absence of reports in the last session, he would focus on this and improve.

Motion 5

To appoint Mr. Ng Wai Ka (UID: 3035054361) as the Acting Chief Delegate of Hong Kong Federation of Students.

Proposer: Wong Wai Yan Phoenix (MSR)

Seconder: Li Chee Wing (LAR)

Time Received: 00:40

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 00:45

Motion 6

To amend Motion no.5 to "To appoint Mr . Ng Wai Ka (UID: 3035054361) as the Acting Chief Delegate of Hong Kong Federation of Students until the announcement of result of By-Election 2013.

Proposer: Lam Chun Yu Harvey (LSKHR)

Seconder: Yeung Chun Tan (RCLHR)

Time Received: 00:44

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 00:44

-LSKHR suggested indicating when the term of office should end, as this would just be a temporary remediation over the representation in HKFS.

-AAR referred to past record, which the term of office would be marked in memorandum.

-LSKHR submitted motion 6 to amend on motion 5.

-LSKHR (proposer) stressed on the importance of the Delegate to HKFS, thus the EVP or ex-co should become Chief Delegate once elected. He reminded that even if no election result could be generated, resolution should be seek from the Union Council.

-CC asked if there would be any more discussion on the balance of membership in standing committees.

-SSSR suggested such complicated discussion would be more suitable to be carried out without standing order in private.

-CC suggested this ends the discussion of the issue of appointing standing committees in this CM.

-SSR queried if there would be any problems to complete such appointments in CM2, as the By-Laws stated the appointment should be finished in CM1.

-CC stated that according to the past experience of previous sessions, it usually was not able to be completely dealt with in CM1, so it would be fine to rest with council resolution.

(CTVC(a) left at 0:50)

2. To appoint members of Council Secretariat

-CC suggested first to consider whether there were any full members present who intended to enter Council Secretariat. Since nobody expressed such intention, the appointment would be carried out next time.

3. To appoint members of Council Judicial Committee

-CC reminded members of the Council that the membership of the Council Judicial Committee consist of the CC, HS, all present councilors, and also 6 former councilors of the previous session. She asked if any former councilors present were interested in entering this committee.

-SSSR nominated Former LAR of the Union Session 2012, Miss Ng Kit Yu Flora, and requested to grant a speaking right to her. (Granted)

-Miss Ng Kit Yu Flora stated that with her experience serving as a councilor last year, she had sufficient understanding towards the constitution, which would definitely help in resolving conflicts.

Motion 7

To appoint Ng Kit Yu (UID: 3035008972) as the member of the Judicial Committee.

Proposer: Ng Chi Hin (EDSR)

Seconder: Sham Kwan Ho (SSSR)

Time Received: 00:56

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried

Time Resolved: 00:56

-CC reminded members of the council again, that there should be 6 former councilors of the previous session entering the Judicial Committee. Since there were no more nominations nor self-recommendations, remaining appointments shall be made next time.

4. To discuss the arrangement of Union by-election 2013 and by-election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2013

-STHR reported that there have been a number of arrangements passed in the UEC, which included sending invitation to Mr. Patrick Tang and Miss Irene Yeung for taking up the posts as returning officers. A reply of acceptance had already been received in the afternoon.

-SSSR consulted that whether Mr. Tang and Miss Yeung had sufficient understanding over the duties of returning officers.

-STHR replied that memo would be sent to them to indicate work details.

-AAR suggested that since there were quite a number of new councilors who might not have come across the previous council resolution, he would briefly clarify. He mentioned the previous common consensus to appoint Mr. Patrick Tang and Miss Irene Yeung.

Motion 8

To appoint Mr. Patrick Tang and Miss Irene Yeung as the Returning Officers of the By-Elections for Annual Election 2013 and Election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2013.

Proposer: Tsui Lee Ka (STHR)

Seconder: Ng Wai Ka (AAR)

Time Received: 01:03

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 01:04

-STHR stated that another council resolution would be needed, the UEC had discussed with AS(a) to confirm the venue and time of the By-Election.

Nomination Period: 6/3 - 15/3 12noon

Central Campaign: 18/3-21/3

General Polling: 25/3-28/3

-AAR suggested that since the Union Council had passed proposal on this already, the UEC chairperson were just providing the exact date, so there should be no need to pass another motion, attaining common consensus would also be sufficient.

-STHR suggested passing a motion to confirm.

-LSKHR consulted whether it would be necessary to include reading week in the nomination period.

-STHR explained that it was due to the malfunctioning of the mass emails that a longer nomination period hopefully could be provided.

Motion 9

To receive and adopt the updates on the proposal of the By-elections for Annual Election 2013 and Election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2013.

- (i) Nomination deadline: 15/3/2013, 12 noon
- (ii) Campaign: 18-21/3/2013
- (iii) Polling dates: 25-28/3/2013

Proposer: Tsui Lee Ka (STHR)

Seconder: Ng Wai Ka (AAR)

Time Received: 01:10

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 01:13

-STHR stated that there was received news just a moment ago, indicating that mass email could not be sent yet, thus suggested printing nomination notice and pasting over the campus. She asked for other suggestion on publicizing methods, such as seeking help from faculties.

-SSSR suggested making good use of faculty societies mass email, and ensured that SSS would be able to send bulk email to members.

-ASR ensured that AS would be able to send bulk email to members.

-MSR: ensured that MS would be able to send bulk email to members.

-BEAR ensured that BEA would be able to send bulk email to members.

-DSR ensured that DS would be able to send bulk email to members.

-SSR ensured that SS would be able to send bulk email to members.

-EDSR ensured that EDS would be able to send bulk email to members.

-LAR indicated that personally she accepted this idea, but ex-co of LA had consensus before that everyone should be consulted before using the society name in sending bulk e-mail next time.

-AAR also indicated the need in AA to consult other ex-co, and another concern would be only most members, but not all

-Mr. Lee (Representative from Academic societies of ENS, HKUSU, speaking rights granted) raised the concern that due to problems on the AGM of ENS, HKUSU, member mass emails were not ready to be sent yet, and neither could the Academic

societies, due to the strict supervision by the faculty or departments.

-LAR asked if the associated societies of ENS, HKUSU could help in negotiation and how much time that would possibly need.

-Mr. Lee reported that he had already approached staff, and he was quite confident in acting as the middle man to facilitate communication with faculty.

-SWHR suggested publicizing in halls was possible, e.g. pasting nomination notice in open area, scanning and uploading the notice onto hall website and facebook group.

-SKYLHR asked whether or not CTV and undergrad could help pub.

(CTVC(a) had left early and ECU(a) were on temporary leave)

-STHR raised a practical question to consult councilors, the digital card system to confirm the identity of Union Full Members could not be attained from the school at that moment, thus she would like to collect opinion on ways of substitution.

-SWHR requested for more details regarding this system.

-STHR explained that this system originally allowed full members to tap their UID in order to confirm their eligibility to vote, instead of forcing the Election Officers to check upon a whole pile of full member list.

-WLHR asked for the latest update of the situation, such as whether or not it would be totally impossible to install such a system in the By-Election.

-STHR replied that the UEC had consulted relevant school departments already.

-LAR suggested finding some electronic file channel, e.g. adobe or xls. which enable word search.

-LSKHR concluded that there could be resolutions, but only very complicated ones. He consulted again if it would be possible for the councilors to negotiate with the University.

-CC stated that negotiation would be carried out anyway, just in case the control over this system could not be attained eventually, what the substitution could possibly be.

-STHR understood that the Union council might not be able to provide a resolution, the UEC shall keep negotiating with the school. She further reminded the councilors that, the deadline of application to be Election Officers (13/3) was approaching. such recruitment might even be sent to member, although there could be no access to full member at this moment. She requested the representatives of all societies to provide a list of suggested EOs ASAP.

-RCLHR suggested that, rather than lists of names being submitted by various societies, the UEC chairperson might assign timeslots then seek for the acceptance from societies instead.

-STHR asked if all representatives had reached consensus on this suggestion. If yes, then she requested for submission of a list of suggested EOs.

5. To receive and adopt the half-yearly report and annual report of Union Executives, Session 2012

-CC stated that this should be the affair of Session 2012, but with the past experience in previous sessions, very often, they were not handled even until CM3. She urged Union Executives to hand in the reports ASAP.

-ECU(a) recognized the duty for Undergrad Editorial Board to submit the annual report, but the deadline should be within a month after the Union Session of 2012 ends.

6. A.O.B

Motion 10

To cast a vote of thanks to acting Honorary Secretary, Koo Hei Man, Session 2012.

Proposer: Lam Chun Yu Harvey (LSKHR)

Seconder: Li Chi Him Samson (SCSHR)

Time Received: 01:33

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 01:34

-LSKHR praised Mr. Koo for his willingness to take up this responsibility even though he knew there were complicated affairs and heavy workload for the past few ECMs.

Motion 11

To cast a vote of thanks to acting Council Chairperson, Yuen Kit Shing, Session 2012.

Proposer: Yeung Chun Tan (RCLHR)

Seconder: Lui Chun Ying (SJCR)

Time Received: 01:34

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 01:35

-RCLHR praised Mr. Yuen for his great courage and strong sense of responsibility, which definitely had set a positive model of how a Council Chairperson should fulfill his duties, the council under his leadership was also run smoothly.

-ECU(a) raised concern on the fact that the Union Budget could not be procrastinated till CM2. He thus suggested there might be a need for convening an ECM.

-CC stated that the need for an ECM was observed anyway, due to the great number of agenda in CM1.

-ECU(a) mentioned the mass e-mail received from an unknown person in the name of HKUSU this morning, the invitation of former UAS 2 Miss Bertha Lau and former General Secretary Mr. Or Man Chun, who are School Senators, to council meeting were not dealt with. Last year no specific invitation were sent, due to their then identities as councilors, but presently they were still senators but no longer councilors, he quoted Section 3 XIV of the By-Laws and asked if invitation should be sent.

-Mr. Yuen Kit Shing (Acting Council Chairperson of Union Session 2012, speaking right granted) stated the main concern shall be whether all members of the council had been notified. Under the By-Laws, notification should be sent to only member of council but not official observers.

-ECU(a) clarified that they were not yet observer, since they had not been accepted in the Union Council yet. He suggested resending the invitation so that they could consider joining the upcoming meetings.

-LAR suggested the council to pass a resolution in helping AS(a) to retain control over mass e-mail system.

-MSR questioned if faculty member bulk email already served the same purpose on recruiting members for standing committees.

-EDSR consulted whether the motion should indicate having a new account set up only or should indicate also the termination of the previous council e-mail account.

-CC granted 5mins for councilors to write the motion and suggested the outgoing speeches be delivered first.

-ASR believed that this would be the very last time he got addressed as the "ASR". He remembered once he took up this post, the chaos in the Union Council and HKUSU had already started. He believed that, it was under this circumstance, that the Council had missed quite a number of issues which was virtually important, such as the future prospect of the Main Building. He hopes that student welfare issues could be the main focus of the Union Council in its next session. As long as he could recall, there was only 1 meeting convened in the UAC, on which he felt really pitiful.

-SCSHR expressed his gratitude towards other hall representatives. Starting from having tense relationship, he was glad that eventually friendship could be attained after a Union Session. He believed that achievements were only treasurable in the presence of all hall representatives. He concluded by wishing the councilors of the next session all the best.

-RCLHR was pleasant to have an opportunity to deliver the outgoing speech. After all, she believed that happy moments had overridden the sad moments in this year, she also expressed the gratitude towards both hall representatives and faculty representatives of the previous session. At this moment, the future development of the council might not yet be predicted, but she believed that unity shall be upheld.

-STHR stressed on her hope on a bright future of the Union Council, and reminded the councilors of the next session not to be bound by the happenings last year, but instead try their best to improve reputation of the council by carrying out reform. She believed that the Union Council was not only a place to make friends, but also working and realizing for dreams in collective effort.

-ASR added that he was the only faculty representative of the previous session who could deliver an outgoing speech. He expressed the happiness to have met the other 9 faculty representatives. Together they might have experienced something the precedent councilors could not have the opportunity to experience. For the one among the 10 faculty representatives who did not pursue the same goals with others, he would like to let the public to comment themselves. In terms of private relationship, he did consider him as a friend, which shall be separately discussed from the identity as a councilor.

Motion 12

To request the related departments of the University of Hong Kong to terminate the access to the HKUSU's mass email system unless authorized by the Union Council, Session 2013.

Proposer: Li Chee Wing (LAR)

Seconder: Wong Wai Yan Phoenix (MSR)

Time Received: 02:03

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 02:04

Motion 13

To request permission of access to mass email system for announcements concerning by-election of Annual Election 2013 and other affairs of the Union Council, Session 2013.

Proposer: Ng Wai Ka (AAR)

Seconder: Ng Chi Hin (EDSR)

Time Received: 02:04

Resolution: No objection. Motion Carried.

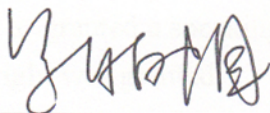
Time Resolved: 02:05

-CC reminded those councilors who still had not submitted motions by circulation regarding the alteration of executive committee, to do so ASAP. Notification in person would be recommended since she would not be in campus for the coming 3 weeks.

-LSKHR consulted if there would any regret motion on the councilors who hadn't attended the meetings for 3 times or more. He requested CC to include that in the agenda for the upcoming CM.

The Meeting ended at 02:07 of 5/3/2013.

Prepared by,



Leung Lai Kwok Yvonne
Honorary Secretary
HKUSU Council, Session 2013

Approved by,



Li Wai Yan, Vivian
Council Chairperson
HKUSU Council, Session 2013