



Hong Kong University Students' Union
Council, Session 2013
11th Emergency Council Meeting [ECM11]
Minutes

Date: 3/2/2014 (Mon)

Time: 19:56-

Venue: Union Council Chamber, 2/F, Union Building

Attendance:

CC, HS, P (FS(a)), IVP, EVP, UAS1, EAS1, EAS2, SWS, PPS, ICAP, RICA2, LHHR, LHTHR, SCSHR, SJCR, STHR, SWHR, ASR, AAR, BEAR, DSR, EDSR, ENSR, LAR, MSR, SSR, CTVC, PC5

Late:

SAP (with apology), CAP(a) (with apology), MHR (with apology), RHR (with apology), WLHR (with apology), ECU (without apology)

Absent:

GS (with apology), SS (with apology), CAS (with apology), AS (with apology), RSA1 (with apology), RSA2 (with apology), RICA1 (with apology), RCA1 (with apology), RCA2 (without apology), HHR (without apology), LCHHR (with apology), LSKHR (with apology), RCLHR (with apology), SKYLHR (with apology), UHR (with apology), SSSR (with apology), PP (without apology), PC1 (without apology), PC2 (with apology), PC4 (with apology)

0. Meeting Called to Order and Sing the Union Song

Section A

1. To read out the correspondences

Absent

- GS was absent since he was in Malaysia.
- SS was absent since she was in Shenzhen.
- CAS was absent due to emergency family matters.
- AS was absent since he was in Macau.
- RSA1 was absent since he was not in HK.
- RSA2 was absent since she was in Mainland China.
- RCA1 was absent due to family issues.
- RICA1 was absent due to sickness.
- LCHHR was absent since he was in Macau.

- LSKHR was absent due to family gathering.
- RCLHR was absent due to Mock campaign.
- UHR was absent due to family issues.
- SSSR was absent since she was in Mainland China.
- PC2 was absent since she was in Mainland China.
- PC4 was absent due to prior commitment.

Late

- SAP was 2 hrs late due to family gathering.
- CAP(a) arrived at 21:30 due to important family dinner.
- MHR arrived before 22:00 due to family gathering.
- RHR arrived at 21:00 due to family gathering.
- SJCR arrived at 21:30 due to family gathering.
- SKYLHR arrived at 00:00 due to family gathering.
- WLHR arrived at 21:30 due to family gathering.

Early leave

- ENSR left at 00:00 due to work next morning.
- CTVC left at 00:00 due to work next day.

2. To receive and adopt the agenda

Motion 1

To receive and adopt the agenda.

Proposer: WONG Yee Man (IVP)

Seconder: TANG Laurence Yat Long (P)

Time Received: 20:02

No objection

Resolution: Motion Carried

Time Resolved: 20:03

Section B

1. To discuss all matters concerning the General Polling 2013 and Annual Election 2014

- CC would like the council to decide whether or not the Council Restructuring plan would be a motion put forward in Annual Election this year, or else it would be held together with by-election of Session 2014, which would be around April.
- EDSR queried that the restructuring plan had been designed by councillors of Session 2013, whether or not it would be a must to be adopted by councillors of Session 2014.
- CC quoted the example of Sessions 2008 and 2009, which the two sessions worked on

Council Restructuring together.

- EDSR suggested only postponing the time for work, but could still be done by CRWG'13.
- The council accepted replacement of old faculty councillors and hall councillors to be keep happening. The drafted Motion 11 was cancelled.
- The council found no problem in Motions 1-10.

Motion 2

To appoint Mr. Patrick Tang and Ms. Irene Yeung as the returning officers of Annual Election 2014 and the Election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2014 and General Polling No. 1-10.

Proposer: YUEN Wing Lam (SCSHR)

Seconder: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Time Received: 20:23

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 20:24

Motion 3

To appoint the Election Officers for the Annual Election 2014 and the Election of Undergraduate Student Mmbership to the Boards of Faculties 2014 and General Polling No. 1-10.

Proposer: YUEN Wing Lam (SCSHR)

Seconder: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Time Received: 20:26

Resolution: Withdrawn

Motion 4

To withdraw the motion on table.

Proposer: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Seconder: CHEUNG Kin Long (ENSR)

Time Received: 20:41

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 20:41

- MSR pointed out that she had handed in all executive committee members of all 5 academic

societies, so that the slots could be shared, yet the list did not show all.

- SCSHR amended the list.
- ICAP asked whether 3APs could be EOs, SAP and CAP(a) were on the list.
- CC preferred letting ex-co to count votes on GP.
- ASR suggested that 3APs could still be EO, but could not join vote-counting.
- ICAP considered it unreasonable if one could be on duty at polling stations, but could not join vote-counting, since the person still got a chance to be in contact with the ballots.
- ASR: only councillors should join vote-counting, would be more familiar with the procedure
- CC pointed out that without ex-co (including 3APs), only 33 people would assist the vote counting.
- ASR asked if councillors mind ex-co joining vote-counting also, if not they could be included in the EO list.
- CC pointed out that there would be around 200000 votes to be counted, shared by 33 councillors. Maybe ex-co could be allowed to join vote-counting on GP, upon UEC chairperson's work allocation.

Motion 5

To appoint the Election Officers for the Annual Election 2014 and the Election of Undergraduate Student Mmbership to the Boards of Faculties 2014 and General Polling No. 1-10.

Proposer: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Seconder: YUEN Wing Lam (SCSHR)

Time Received: 21:01

No objection

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 21:01

- CC pointed out that "University" should be in capital letter. The discussion proceeded to adopt the whole procedure.
- ASR introduced that 10-13/2 would be polling dates. The details of the polling stations would be as follows:

Polling Stations of Main Campus

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

1. Area outside the Union Restaurant
2. Covered Area outside Main Library
3. Area near Campus Service Centre (UG/F, Knowles Building)
4. G/F, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre
5. Run Run Shaw Podium (near to Hui Oi Chow Science Building)
6. Area opposite to the Bank of East Asia (Centennial Campus)

Polling Station of Dental Campus

Time: 12:00 n.n. – 2:00 p.m.

1. Area outside Canteen on 7/F, Prince Philip Dental Hospital
Polling Station of Medical Campus

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

1. Lobby of William Mong Man Wai Building

- ASR demonstrated the voting registration process.
- CC reported the conclusion of her discussion with UEC Chairperson, which would be adding another lock outside council chamber, HS would return all keys of council chamber, and CC room would be locked back, which only CC got the key.
- ASR asked CTVC if a camera could be added to record.
- CTVC promised and assured that even live broadcast could be provided if needed.
- ASR reminded that last year there had been people guarding polling storage room, but it would be too manpower-consuming, instead the UEC preferred putting 2 cameras outside Council Chamber.
- SWS considered it insensible to have anyone present but only the camera.
- CTVC pointed out that if a person held a torch when breaking into the room, actually the face could not be seen in the camera.
- P pointed out that putting the camera there was just to testify whether or not there had been manipulation, if the aim was to catch the person, there should be a security guard stationed.
- SCSHR suggested each night to be split into 3 timeslots, each taken up by 1 sub-organization.
- EDSR would like to clarify how many locks there would be in Chamber.
- CC clarified that actually there was only one door which could be opened, keys held by CC, HS and one as spare in Union office, and she had asked Union Staff, Louis Yeung to add one lock, which the keys would only be held by CC and GS.

Motion 6

To adopt the locations and opening hours of polling stations of Annual Election 2014 and the Election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2014 and General Polling No. 1-10.

Proposer: YUEN Wing Lam (SCSHR)

Seconder: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Time Received: 21:40

No objection

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 21:40

- ASR (Seconder) would like to adopt location and opening hours first, so that notice could be sent. After the motion was passed, the council would continue to discuss on the safety measures of storage room.

- EDSR did not think 24 hour human monitor would be needed; camera could already be enough to ensure no manipulation. He wondered if the camera was suddenly out of order, whether there would be instant signal.
- ASR pointed out that the camera would not be a protective measure anyway; there would still be security problems.
- ENSR asked whether or not instant repair could be done, and if CTV could send people to station there 24 hours-wide.
- CTVC suggested having 3 live cameras from different angles, but the network coverage of council chamber might not be able to sustain for 9 hours.
- ASR suggested that there would 1 outside CC room, 2 at the doors, and video could be taken from all angles.
- STHR believed that there should still have human guards, actually it would not be a great burden for sub-organizations, and should not different from last year.
- P believed live broadcast would not be very useful anyway, it would just be ensuring there would not be manipulation, and the question would just be whether or not people should be stationed for guarding.
- ASR suggested that it would definitely be safer if there were people guarding.
- CC pointed out that each sub organization would need to be responsible for 3/4 hours.
- ASR clarified that the period for guarding ballot storage room would be 7pm-8am, 13 hours in total, each night would be divided into 3-4 timeslots. Last year hall SAs would be responsible for overnight slots, slots between 7pm to midnight would be responsible by faculties.
- LAR asked if 1 sub-organization sending 2 representatives or each slot born by 2 sub-organizations would be preferred.
- ASR considered both as acceptable.
- EDSR asked how to ensure people guarding the storage room would really be EO.
- ASR pointed out that it would be unfeasible to let only UEC members take up the guarding job, UEC members would need to take rest also. It had not been stated that it must be EO's duty to guard the storage room, and it would neither be an official monitoring method, but sub-organizations lending a helping hand.
- AAR pointed out that it would better be guarded by councillors, since responsibility could be accounted.
- ASR pointed out there would only be about 40 councillors.
- CC pointed out another concern would be that if a councillor missed his/her slot, it would be difficult to find a substitute.
- SSR believed one of the person guarding the chamber should be councillor, and others should have names given to UEC beforehand.
- ASR asked whether SSR meant that only those handed in names could be present at the site.
- SSR hoped to trace people for accountability.
- ASR considered letting the sub organization be accountable would be fine.
- LAR asked if the people guarding the site should be trusted if the camera was suddenly out of order.
- CTVC pointed out that the people outside the room would not know even if the camera was

suddenly out of order.

- ASR preferred 2 sub-organizations to be responsible for 1 slot, each sub-organizations shall send at least 2 EOs, including 1 councillor.

Motion 7

To adopt the ballot paper storage arrangement during 10th-13th February 2014 of Annual Election 2014 and the Election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2014 and General Polling No. 1-10.

Proposer: YUEN Wing Lam (SCSHR)

Seconder: CHAN Tsz Chun Rachel (WLHR)

Time Received: 22:20

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 22:21

Motion 8

To appoint Sham Kwan Ho (UID: 3035045736) to be the acting chairperson of Election Commission of Annual Election 2014 and the Election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2014 on 10th February 2014.

Proposer: YUEN Wing Lam (SCSHR)

Seconder: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Time Received: 22:21

No objection

Resolution: Motion Carried

Time Resolved: 22:23

- ASR asked if only councillors or all EOs should be allowed to count votes.
- EDSR pointed out that not only councillors should be allowed to count vote, the gist would be on briefing EOs better, if the concern was their familiarity towards the election.
- ENSR preferred just asking for a number of EOs from each sub org, and had their names collected beforehand.
- CC asked the councillors to consider what the aim of adding EO would be, the accuracy of vote counting would be more important, there would be sacrifice if too many people were present in the counting area. She asked what the problem of having councillors alone would be, they must be the most familiar with the arrangement.
- EDSR clarified that he just wished to have more people help in counting votes, and the process would not require a lot of knowledge towards the election.
- ASR pointed out that last year, the method adopted was to announce the ballot one by one,

there could be method change if councillors wished, e.g. the method adopted in the past like votes with all for, all against, all abstain would be taken out at the beginning.

- CC clarified that last year it had not been the problem of having too many ballots to count, instead more time was spent on announcing the vote one by one, and double checking the serial number really matched.
- The council did not object to the idea that only councillors and ex-co would participate in vote-counting. The details would be as follows:

Date: 13th February 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Union Foyer

Motion 9

To adopt the vote counting procedure of Annual Election 2014 and the Election of Undergraduate Student Membership to the Boards of Faculties 2014 and General Polling No. 1-10.

Proposer: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Seconder: YUEN Wing Lam (SCSHR)

Time Received: 22:42

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried

Time Resolved: 22:42

- ASR reported that each voter would get 6 ballots (GP No. 1,2 & GP No. 3-10, Union Executives, Undergrad, CTV, Undergraduate Membership to the Boards of Faculties), the number of ballot papers would be sufficient for 29% of Union Full Members to vote.
- CC reminded that the turnout rate of 2012 By-Election was 21%, and 2011 Annual Election was 26%.
- ASR suggested printing more ballot papers, since the concurrent GP might lead to an increase of the turnout rate.
- STHR asked how much more would be spent.
- CC pointed out that it would not be a huge sum, CRWG ballots had already wasted quite some money.
- EVP pointed out that the total turnout number would not exceed 5000, but the number of voters might be 3500-4000 in total.
- P suggested printing 1500 more.
- CC calculated that it would cost around \$800 dollars more for each set, thus it would be around \$4000 dollars more in total.
- EVP hoped the publicity work could be more widely distributed, around 5000 sets of leaflets had been prepared. Class visits would start after Lunar New Year holidays, he wished to collect timetables from faculty representatives, and let councillors help the announcement with scripts provided.

- ASR asked how many classes to be done in expectation. He pointed out that actually there would not be many students attending class on Friday.
- EVP clarified that he would just try to cover as many members as possible.

2. To discuss the Council Restructuring

- CC just wished like to pass the working plan and documents. She reminded that she would need to leave campus for TP from 17/2 to 11/4.
- PC5 asked if CRWG'14 would still need to be established on 28/2.
- The Council had attained consensus that CRWG'13 would continue its term of office until the motion was put forward, after by post councillors had finished their terms, there would be new councillors appointed to replace.
- ASR suggested adopting the system in UEC, which the members would only end their terms when the council restructuring plan had been put forward in a GP.
- CC reminded that CRWG had always appointed councillors in office to replace those finished their terms, like EDSR'13 had been appointed after AAR'13 left.
- ASR asked if CRWG'13 would be terminated when GP was held, or it could still work on some follow up actions afterwards.
- SWHR'13 YU Lok Nam would help draft the part on halls, P would take up the part on Ex-co.

Outgoing Speech

- STHR expressed that he had learnt a lot, and witnessed many councillors having contributed a lot, e.g. Ex-co, CC and HS. He was glad to see that CRWG'13 had also at least achieved something. Yet, he recognized the need for council to further improve. Although the discussion was very sufficient in this session, somehow standing orders were neglected. For every meeting, quite some time had been spent on quorum-saving, he hoped the councillors could remember that punctuality would be a basic responsibility, he would also suggest some penalties could be given if councillors were late. He reminded councillors that the world is big, he hoped no matter what places people would be at, they could achieve much.
- ENSR remembered to have sit quite some CM before officially took up the office, he considered a lot yet to be reconstructed in ENS instead of council at the beginning. Looking back, he did not only want to join CBC, but also other standing committees, he did care about many things in the Union but regretted for not practically involving much. He did not want any councillors to waste the seat, no matter how many concerns a person had; he believed one should still try as much as possible. The Union Council in Session 2013 was very peaceful, yet the stances attained were quite similar, there was not even vigorous discussion, the discussion tended to waste time on trivial aspects.
- EDSR believed discussion should be carried out in many aspects, but discussion in Council nowadays only focused on one single aspect from time to time. He could still recall SSS EAS'13 having sent a note to remind him of councillors' responsibility in his campaign before taking office. In his opinion, councillors should bear in mind that “自反而不縮，雖褐寬博，吾不憚焉？自反而縮，雖千萬人，吾往矣！”，they should fight for they truly believe.

- The meeting ended at 23:21.

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