



Hong Kong University Students' Union
Council, Session 2013
6th Emergency Council Meeting [ECM6]
Minutes

Date: 17/08/2013 (Sat)

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

Time: 19:15

Attendance:

CC, HS, P, IVP, EVP, FS, UAS1, EAS1, EAS2, SWS, PPS, SS (Early leave with apology), CAS, AS, ICAP, RICA1, RICA2, RCA2, LHHR, MHR*, RHR, SCSHR, SKYLHR, STHR, SWHR, UHR, WLHR, ASR, AAR, BEAR, DSR, ENSR, MSR (Early leave with apology), ECU, PC3, PC5

Late:

GS (without apology), CTV (sub) (without apology)

Absent:

SAP (with apology), CAP (with apology), RSA1 (with apology), RSA2 (without apology), RCA1 (with apology), HHR* (without apology), LCHHR (with apology), LHHR (with apology), LSKHR, RCLHR (with apology), SJCR (with apology), EDSR (without apology), LAR (with apology), SSR (with apology), SSSR (with apology), PP (without apology), PC1 (with 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

- SAP would be absent due to participation in flash camp.
- CAP would be absent due to sickness.
- RSA1 would be absent due to work.
- RCA1 would be absent due to participation in orientation camp.
- LCHHR would be absent due to family issue.
- LHHR would be absent due to touch camp.

- RCLHR would be absent due to family issue.
- SJCR would be absent due to touch camp.
- LAR would be absent due to participation in orientation camp.
- SSR would be absent due to participation in orientation camp.
- SSSR would be absent due to participation in orientation camp.
- PC1 would be absent due to important family issue.
- PC2 would be absent due to important family issue.
- PC4 would be absent due to a lecture.

Early Leave

- SS would have to leave at 19:30 for her auntie's birthday banquet.
- MSR would have to leave at 20:30 due to other functions.

Substitution

- CTVC would be substituted by Kristy Chan ([2012571374](#)), internal vice-chairperson of Campus TV.

2 To receive and adopt the agenda

Motion 1

Receive and adopt the agenda of ECM6.

Proposer: CHOW Yong Kang Alex (EVP)

Seconder: YIP Kwan Kit (CAS)

Time Received: 19:24

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 19:25

Section B

1 To endorse the press statement“香港大學學生會就梁振英於八月十一日發言之聲明” issued by Current Affairs Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2013

- CAS explained that regarding the Chief Executive, Leung Chun Ying's public statement, it was actually against norm and ICAC, thus further led to the bipolar conflict of supporters and opponents. It was under this situation that the statement was drafted.
- CC suggested separating the discussion into Process and Content.
- AAR clarified the date of the article being issued in Ming Pao to be 29/1, and stated there was a mistake made. In terms of using “political order” as excuse, he asked for the way to respond.

- EVP responded that “patriotic” organizations’ actions of supporting pro-government stance are often tolerated by the police, while anti-governmental organization would be severely suppressed.
- EDSR believed the statement should point out whether the response of the government from head of police department was suitable or not with reason, but the present version sounded to be without evidence.
- PC5 suggested “selectively enforcing the law” could be used instead, which would be much more neutral.
- EVP stated that the term was used in the statement actually.
- PC5 asked for the logic in relating the observation and the opinion if there were “political orders”.
- AAR pointed out that since police were the ones working at the scene, it would be a bit unsuitable to link them up with C.Y. Leung.
- EVP commented that actually Leung was not hurried to explain on the incident, he issued his reply at around 6pm, only 6 hours after the statement was issued.
- CC pointed out that EVP might be illogical to deduce reasoning from a result.
- ECU commented that the incident should be looked in a macro perspective, in which once a government was discovered to be triad- related, it would be difficult to legitimize a political entity. There was evidence on triads also upholding “I support Leung” as a way to avoid any suppression.
- PC5 believed that the statement should ask for clarification, but not making accusation.
- EDSR pointed out that Chief Executive indeed was not functioning. He believed that if he intended not to respond, he should at least provide a reason.
PC5 quoted Ex-co's platform and asked why endorsement had not been sought from council.
- CAS pointed out that a council endorsement could not have been sought in a period shorter than 48 hours, or else there would not be ad hoc enough. Under the constitutional frame, endorsement would not mean approval anyway.
- PC5 commented that time should not be a cause to disregard a promise in platform, and he believed that at least the councillors could have been consulted.
- AAR pointed out that the draft had been posted in council group, and it would be unreasonable if mass email was demanded to be sent to all standing committees.
- EVP commented that CAC should be an organization to compensate for those Council meeting could not have done, esp. in the degree of ad hoc response that could be given.
- CC pointed out that the Constitutional spirit was to let UAC and CAC have the power to issue statement before endorsing in council, she asked councillors to comment on whether they thought this would be more important than what the ex-co had raised in their platform.
- MSR raised that CAC other members’ choice should not be hijacked by the platform of ex-co.
- UHR pointed out that the platform had been written even before they took office, if they made any amendment to it, it could be regarded as improvement, the only problem could just be he did not consider the whole picture before taking office.
- ECU suggested that if any councillors had objection to the statement, he should submit a motion to do something like regret instead of only endless arguing.

Motion 2

To endorse the press statement “香港大學學生會就梁振英八月十一日發言之聲明”, issued by Current Affairs Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2013.

Proposer: YIP Kwan Kit (CAS)

Seconder: CHOW Yong Kang Alex (EVP)

Timer Received: 20:21

Vote by Simple Majority

Total Vote: 33

For: 32

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 (PC5)

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 20:30

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