

## Declaration of Possible Conflict of Interest

Are you/Will you be\* nominated for any positions in the Management Committee of other clubs/societies/JCRCs\* or for the position of NUSSU representative of other clubs? (\* Delete if Necessary)

No

## Declaration of Commitments

My current/potential commitments are: (IF YOU ARE STAYING IN A HALL OF RESIDENCE, PLEASE STATE HERE)

As a year 1 freshman currently staying in the College of Alice & Peter Tan (CAPT), my only potential commitment is joining the college's student affairs committee (SAC) as the project executive for one to two college wide events. However, I would decline the offer immediately if requested by the Computing Club Management Committee.

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL A4-SIZED PAPER IF REQUIRED)

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Why I want to be a part of the NUS Students' Computing Club Management Committee:

Firstly, I want to be a part of the NUS Students' Computing Club Management Committee because I share a deep passion for organising meaningful and engaging activities that safeguard the interests and needs of others, regardless of their background and culture. As an international student from Taiwan, I understand there exists a gap between local and international students, as international students tend to stick together with peers who are from their own country, reducing their opportunities to communicate with the other culture. Yet, having stayed in Singapore for more than 10 years, and as a Singaporean currently, I am also able to connect with the locals and understand situations from their perspectives. With that, I hope to be a part of the NUS Students' Computing Club Management Committee to act as a bridge between the locals and international students, and help integrate foreign students into our community by organizing engaging in-school activities that not only adds fun and joy to students' academic life, but also serves to bring the computing community together.

Additionally, being part of the NUS Students' Computing Club Management Committee would provide me with the opportunities to further hone valuable skills such as leadership skills, interpersonal skills, time management and stress management, as well as strategic planning skills. As such, I strongly believe that this experience would help nurture me into a better leader, which could potentially enable me to make a greater difference to society in the future.

Furthermore, being a member of the Management Committee would connect me with numerous like-minded individuals who share the same passion and aspiration as me. As a person who is always eager to learn from others, I am deeply motivated to join the committee.

All in all, having shared the same values as the NUS Students' Computing Club, I believe I could contribute to NUS Students' Computing Club's mission in enhancing the welfare of the student community and promoting campus vibrancy through event organising.

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List down all skill(s)/experience(s) relevant for your intended position:

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I intend to run for Vice President of Student Life because I share a great passion for event management and have some relevant experiences in leading several similar projects in the past.

There are many important skills and values that I believe a Vice President of Student Life should have, including the ability to connect with different individuals, serving as a bridge between the student body and the management body, as well as having the skills and courage to push forward new ideas and perspectives that serve to benefit the computing community.

Firstly, as a Taiwanese and a Singaporean, I can relate well with both the international students and the local students. With that, I aspire to organise activities that would help students to gain a better understanding of the different cultures, and to create opportunities for them to make friends with international students. Apart from connecting with individuals from various backgrounds, as an outgoing person, I am also able to collaborate well with different stakeholders to drive an event. Being an active LianHeZaoBao student journalist in Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) since 2015, I have helped to organised more than 10 major SPH events for hundreds of student journalist across Singapore, including journalist orientations and camps. As the project director of the student journalist executive committee from August 2019 to August 2020, I led both the freshman orientation and prize ceremony event this year. Through these experiences, I have worked closely with different groups of people, such as the SPH editors, subcommittee members and other advisors. These have taught me the importance of effective communication in order to prevent any misunderstanding. Besides leading a team of people and keeping the different stakeholders updated weekly, I was also responsible for writing up proposals in order to push our ideas forward. With that, I have learnt to negotiate and push off ideas that I believe is essentially beneficial for the community, instead of blindly following the traditions from the past. Given that the role of the Vice President of Student Life involves working with different stakeholders and proposing new ideas that safeguard the welfare of students, I believe my experiences in SPH would enable me to fulfil the responsibilities.

Moreover, it is also essential for the Vice President of Student Life to serve as a bridge between the student body and the management body, ensuring that everyone's voices are heard, as well as addressing their needs. As the project director in both the Chinese Society and the Language Elective Programme (LEP) student committee in Hwa Chong Institution, I was in charge of looking after the welfare of our Co-curricular activity (CCA) and LEP cohort, as well as fostering a stronger relationship among the student cohort through organising numerous events, such as orientations and mid-autumn festival. Through these projects, I have collaborated with numerous teachers, mentors, and students in ensuring that both the interests of the school and the students are safeguarded. With that, I strongly believe it will aid me in addressing the needs of the computing students, while upholding the values and protecting the interests of the school as the Vice President of Student Life.

Lastly, the Vice President of Student Life should be equipped with public speaking skills, and have the ability to connect with external partners to strike any potential deals for the student population. I have self-initiated "Project Blossom", a Citi-YMCA Youth For Causes (YFC) community service project dedicated to helping Babes Pregnancy Crisis Support Ltd. in aiding pregnant teens in Singapore. As one of the core team leaders, I was in charge of organising various nationwide events and managing more than 255 volunteers, as well as managing the team's finance. During the course of our project, my team and I frequently visited our beneficiary and kept in contact with the social workers so as to identify the main issues and direct our fundraising events to address these needs effectively and efficiently. In order to improve communication, our team also initiated weekly discussion sessions where our volunteers would meet up to update their progress and get to know more about one another. Throughout the project, our team wrote several proposals that aim to address the needs of our beneficiary. As we face limited resources, I had to also write emails to external organisations to ask for possible collaboration or partnership events in order to strike any deals. Besides connecting with external partners, there were also many instances where we had to present our ideas to a panel of judges. From this, I was able to gain valuable presentation and public speaking skills. Additionally, we had to convince the public to support our cause despite the sensitive nature of underage pregnancy. This gives me more confidence in public speaking which I believe would benefit me when serving and interacting with external partners or the student body as the Vice President of Student Life in NUS Students' Computing Club.