

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)

~~Yes~~ ☒ No ☐ If yes, please state the committee(s): _____

Declaration of Commitments

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

Potential commitments: CCA

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

First of all, being a shy individual, I have never volunteered myself for any EXCO positions or council positions in my secondary school and junior college, even when others nominated me or when I really wanted to be part of the student leader committee. I was more afraid of the various self-promotion activities like speeches and campaigns rather than the act of leading the student community itself, which, thinking back, should not have deterred me from trying out for these leadership positions. I was always interested in taking up leadership positions, just that I was too afraid to step out of my comfort zone.

However, now I wish to step out of my comfort zone in a new environment to pursue my interests. It is my last chance to showcase my abilities as a management committee member before entering the corporate world, and I would love to have the experience of being in a management committee. As a member of the management committee, I will do my best to maintain the good qualities of our club, and to inspire changes in the aspects we lack in. I want to challenge myself with the tasks and duties of these leadership positions, and also to pressure myself to maintain self-discipline and have an active social life in university, which I failed to achieve in my JC. I want to be a part of NUS students' Computing Club Management Committee not just to serve the community, but also to improve my qualities and abilities. With both goals in mind, I am confident that I will be able to take on my role with utmost sense of responsibility and pride.

Secondly, being aware of the great leaps in the size of the club and hence the number of international students in our club, I wish to contribute to the club as an international student who has lived in Singapore for many years. I wish to act as a bridge between the international students and local students in the club as a Student Relations director. I wish to lead the committee to make our club more accommodating and embracing towards our international students. I know the importance of those small acts of trying to be inclusive, as those acts will be able to ease these students into our community, and ultimately bond our ever-expanding club as one. I wish to be able to contribute to our club using my experiences as an international student.

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

As an international student who has lived in Singapore for 12 years, I think I am the most suitable for the Student Relations director position. I am able to relate to the sentiments of both local and international students, as I have once been in these international students' shoes myself, when I first came to Singapore and had a hard time adapting to an entirely new environment. At the same time, having spent two-thirds of my life here in Singapore, I am culturally and emotionally very close to the Singaporean community, and thus am able to empathize with both communities. I will try to make international students feel more included and welcome through various initiatives, and at the same time encourage local students to interact with local students through these initiatives to get to know their cultural and historical backgrounds better. I hope to be the bridge between the two communities to bring them together as a club, and at the same time make our club a more globally-aware club, to give our club members an exposure to various cultures in this increasingly globalized world today.

I also started a student-initiated CE01 project called Project Istoria (ig: @project_istoria) with four other students during JC. As one of the leaders of the project, I had to learn how to organize various activities right from scratch. I had to engage sponsors, write in numerous proposals, gather volunteers for our bi-weekly service project, as well as plan and allocate resources for purchasing arts and craft materials used during our service project sessions. I think the 2-year experience I had as a co-founder of a service project has taught me many skills that will come useful when handling many potential projects if I were to be elected as a Student Relations director. I have first-hand experience in organizing activities from writing in emails to sponsors to gathering fellow students for the activities, and I wish to put these skills I picked up to good use if I were to be elected. I will be able to lead the committee more effectively with these prior experiences at hand.

In addition, I have worked as an intern in a small Korean start-up company called KodySEA (www.kodysea.com) during my 8-month break. It is a translation company that provides translation services to both Korean and local customers. As a start-up intern, I was in charge of engaging customers, and was also deployed as a translator for exhibits and concerts. I think the biggest takeaway from this experience is that I learned how to adapt to different working environments, as working in a startup, and as a translator in various occasions meant vastly different work atmosphere and attitude. I am confident that I will be able to work effectively and closely with other people regardless of the work style of my counterparts, such as the sub-committee members, or club members.

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