



**Hong Kong University Students' Union**  
**Council, Session 2013**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Emergency Council Meeting [ECM7]**  
**Minutes**

Date: 15/10/2013 (Tue)

Time: 19:43 -

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

**Attendance:**

CC, HS, P, IVP, GS, UAS1, EAS1, EAS2, PPS, CAS, AS, ICAP, CAP, RICA1, RICA2, LHHR, SCSHR (early leave with correspondence), SJCR (early leave with correspondence), SWHR, UHR, WLHR (early leave with correspondence), ASR, BEAR, DSR, EDSR, ENSR, MSR, ECU, CTVC, PC4, PC5 (early leave with correspondence)

**Late:**

FS (with correspondence), SS (with correspondence), SAP (with correspondence), RSA1 (with correspondence), LHTHR (with correspondence), LSKHR (with correspondence), MHR\* (with correspondence), RHR (with correspondence), SKYLHR (with correspondence), AAR (with correspondence), LAR (with correspondence), PC2 (without correspondence)

**Absent:**

EVP (with correspondence), SWS (with correspondence), RSA2 (without correspondence), RCA1 (with correspondence), RCA2 (with correspondence), HHR\* (with correspondence), LCHHR (with correspondence), RCLHR (with correspondence), STHR (with correspondence), SSSR, (with correspondence), PP (without correspondence), PC1 (with correspondence)

**Section A**

1. To read out the correspondences

**Late**

- CC would arrive at 1930 due to family matters.
- FS would arrive at 2100 due to work.
- SS would arrive at 2030 due to personal matter.
- SAP would arrive 2100 due to emergency family issue.
- RSA1 would arrive at 2300 due to university team practice.
- LHTHR would arrive at 2030 due to emergency meeting.
- LSKHR would arrive at 2300 drama performance rehearsal.
- MHR would arrive at 2000 leave at 2400 due to schedule meetings.

- RHR would arrive at 2100 due to family matters.
- AAR would arrive at 2100 for presenting report in a meeting of ASC.
- SKYLHR would arrive at 2230 due to work.
- LAR would arrive late at 12am due to L.A. High Table Dinner.

#### Early Leave

- SCSHR would leave early at 2215 due to OC meeting.
- SJCR would leave early at 2100 due to OC meeting.
- WLHR would leave early at 2330 important meeting.
- PC5 would leave early at 2330 due to prior commitment.

#### Absent

- EVP would be absent due to ankle injury.
- RCA1 would be absent since she would be out of town.
- RCA2 would be absent due to personal matters.
- HHR would be absent due to an academic trip to Japan.
- LCHHR would be absent due to hall orientation.
- RCLHR would be absent since he would be out of town.
- STHR would be absent due to sickness.
- SSSR would be absent due to fever.
- PC1 would be absent due to personal matters.

#### 2. To receive and adopt the agenda

- CC cancelled the agendum on the annual report of the UFC of the previous session, since she could not contact Desmond, FS'12 yet.
- CC cancelled the agendum on the procedure of issuing press statement, since it would be discussed in CAC first, then pass to CM immediately afterwards.
- DSR pointed out that AAR would be arriving late, so suggested putting agendum B1 later.

#### Motion 1

To receive and adopt the agenda of ECM7.

Proposer: CHAU Dickson Ka Faat (GS)

Seconder: WONG Yee Man (IVP)

Time Received: 19:55

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 19:55

#### **Section B**

1. To receive and adopt the half-yearly reports of the Standing Committees of the Union Council

a. University Affairs Committee (UAC)

- UAS pointed out that when the controversy over identity was present; there was no way the discussion of the university committees could be reported to UAC. Thus it was only after the legitimacy of the Union Executives was confirmed, that meetings could be held.
- UAS asked for contracts from service providers, did a survey on the provision of wi-fi network in HKU, requested the I.T. service to check for the black spots, he recommend it to be made an annual practice. Concerning the arrangement of Shuttle bus, there were opinions received aiming at improving frequency, after an email was sent to estates office, it was settled.
- UAS recommended giving more time for UAC to discuss on the plans drawn by universities, and discussion of UAC was currently on allowing limited access to marked exam papers. He suggested that official request/ proposal should be written when making petitions.
- DSR asked why Appendix B would only include some graphs of the development of Main Building, and if there were any recommendation given from the UAC.
- UAS wanted to include that as a reference. However although the proposal by school was received before 31 August, the school did not want that to be disclosed by then, so he could only pass it to UAC members for reference on discussion. He agreed that it could be included.
- MSR asked how was the info regarding the 2 restaurants in medical campus collected, the closing time of the 2 restaurants in fact should be 930pm and 530pm respectively.
- UAS asked if it was officially announced or observed by MSR.
- MSR pointed out that the closing time of the 2 restaurants were 10pm as official, and no official closing time announced respectively.
- UAS recognized the differences between practical running and official record, and would contact catering manager for clarification.
- PC5 asked if there were any follow-up on demanding limited access to marked examination paper since August.
- UAS pointed out that it was compromised in the 1st meeting. There would be mainly 2 requests:
  - 1) students should have access to the marked papers
  - 2) school should improve the exam paper base, since now there are missing papersA letter had been written to Amy Tsui, and passed to registry but not yet received reply.
- PC5 asked if UAC believed that students should have access to their own marked exam papers under all situations or only under appeal.
- UAS confessed that it had not yet been discussed.
- UAS added some description to the original report.

## Motion 2

The Half-Yearly Report of University Affairs Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2013 be received.

Proposer: TSANG Chung Hei (UAS1)

Seconder: CHAU Dickson Ka Faat (GS)

Time Received: 20:15

Resolution: Withdrawn

- PC5 pointed out that in the written questions, UAS replied that there would be appointment made with the Examination Unit, he asked when that would be.
- UAS stated that in practical it had not yet been known, but he would make appointment once needed.
- SSR would like to follow up on the new catering service providers. There had been positive comments on Grove at first, however it had turned into worrying these days.
- UAS promised to keep monitoring.
- WLHR asked if the opinion was only collected on main campus.
- UAS asked MSR to help distribute questionnaire on medical campus.
- PC5 asked that concerning the catering providers of medical campus, whether or not members of UAC would try to have food trial.
- UAS promised to do so.
- WLHR asked if there were overlap of work of cedars and UAC, and whether or not UAC would cooperate with hall.
- UAS differentiated that the questionnaire given out by CEDARS were mainly open ended, and there were fixed consumer groups for CEDARS. UAC would try to cooperate with halls.
- CC suggested withdrawing the motion in order to let councillors who arrived just now to join the discussion.

## Motion 3

To withdraw the motion on table.

Proposer: CHAU Dickson Ka Faat (GS)

Seconder: WONG Yee Man (IVP)

Time Received: 20:24

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 20:24

- AAR asked if there were any conclusion looking forward to the discussion in UAC on selection of vice chancellor.
- UAS stated that there would be a UAC meeting on next week or the week after next. In his personal opinion, announcing more candidates at the earlier stage might not be as positive as perceived, as it would be deterrence for some, but he promised that he would try to get UAC involved.
- AAR recognized that UAC could not really fight for something, but could at least teach students on the basic knowledge of university affairs.

#### Motion 4

The Half-yearly Report of University Affairs Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2013 be received.

Proposer: TSANG Chung Hei (UAS1)

Seconder: LEUNG Nga Man (PPS)

Time Received: 20:31

No objection

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 20:32

## 2. To receive and adopt the half-yearly reports of the Popularly Elected Union Councillors

### a. Popularly Elected Union Councillor IV

- PC4 thanked councillors for the opinion given last time. He reported that he discussed with members in campus on the council restructuring. Concerning his report in standing committees, he included the attendance rate, reasons for absence and the evaluation of work. He would open counter to collect opinion in campus.;
- EDSR asked for overall recommendation, like what opinion would be collected in counter/ survey.
- PC4 would like to work on the topic of compulsory membership, and would voice out afterwards in CRWG.
- EDSR suggested instead of big word banner, he would recommend leaflets with graphs to educate members who lack basic knowledge first.
- SSR asked if there would be any report on his discussion performance in council, so that members could follow his work.
- PC4 believed members could look up minutes for an overview, he would report once off in the yearly report.
- AAR believed setting up an exhibition to educate members would be more efficient.

- SSR believed that if the report was to be read by members, it should include more information. Personally he believed that there would be nothing members could get from point 4 if presented this way.
- AAR suggested that he should think of more ways to introduce council to members other than this black and white report.
- GS believed this should have discussed in more details, like what the main concern was in standing committees. He also criticized that PC4 even made careless mistakes like spelling mistakes.
- EDSR suggested more opinion could be provided on agenda and discussion of standing committee meeting/ council meeting.

#### b. Popularly Elected Union Councillor II

- PC2 apologized for failing to fulfill duty due to grandma in hospitalization and passed away. She forwarded to members the summary of council meetings through Facebook page. She had been absent for UEC meeting. In UAC, he raised queries over the cancellation of shuttle bus service departed from Mong Kok. She proposed to have tea gathering, but she could not use PC room, thus there was a lack of resources.
- IVP confessed that there was a delay on the key lock, but others were ready before semester opened. Actually there could be many other venues for tea gathering, even ex-cos would lend out rooms. There should not necessarily be printed version; online access would also be appreciated.
- CC did not know PC would have that much expenditure, she believed that they could have let CC and FS know earlier.
- ASR asked what had been achieved in the communication with members.
- PC2 could just conclude that it was ineffective, because there was no specific method used.
- P asked it was mentioned that "2 topics of the annual debate to be proposed", why it would turn out to be 1.
- PC2 did not want to have too long discussion.
- P asked what the logic and rationale were for preventing a discussion to be too long.
- PC2 clarified that the 2nd one was proposed by herself, but PC5 considered the one proposed eventually was better, so he proposed only the one he preferred.
- PC5 raised that at last political reform was discussed.
- P: there would be no reason to be disclosed in report
- PC2 clarified that she had discussed with council chairperson, but not council.
- ECU asked what the publication method of Annual Debate would be, and if there could be any experience activities that could be held by the PCs.
- AAR asked if PCs could start cooperating with councillors.
- ECU asked start from April, PC2 on longer made use of her board, how she would continue to fulfill her duties.
- PC2 explained that it was because a page was opened for all PCs, thus there needed to be more cooperation among PCs but they could not do it well, so they did not have much promotion of the page.

- CC vacated herself.
- ECU pointed out that there was no need to have cooperation among PCs in terms of fulfilling their constitutional duties, instead they should fulfill them independently as individual bodies. He could not understand why PCs liked to blame on each other. PC1 and PC2 were having nearly the same degree of irresponsibility.
- AAR agreed that Dazza Hui was the only PC in his session, if the PCs' logic stood, he could not have done anything.
- SSR pointed out that PC4/ PC5 were at least sitting PC room; he would like to know if PC2 had sit any of them.
- IVP agreed that having a PC room might be important, but PCs in previous session did not have that either.
- AS would like PC2 to evaluate on the attendance in OAC.
- PC2 reported that she had already sent a letter of apology to OAC member, explaining that grandma was having cancer, she needed to work in daytime and visit grandma at night. Another reason for her detachment from OAC would be she finding herself not respected due to some private reasons.
- AS pointed out that PC2 did not even send correspondence since the 3rd meeting of OAC.
- AAR pointed out that PC2's council meeting attendance was also worrying, she continued to be absent in the 3 CMs after summer.
- PC2 stated that after her grandma passed away, she needed to work on funeral matters.
- SSR asked if she would do any follow up to fulfill duties better.
- PC2 suggested that she could not fully fulfill work when PCs work individually. But they would have duty roster after annual debate, and would attend standing committee meetings as much as possible.
- LI WAI YAN agreed that family matter could not be a reason for a person to fulfill every duty as a PC, but only some duties. At least, they should bear in mind that they held an identity as PC all the time. PC were really quite independent from all other councillors, like faculty councillors and hall councillors. However there were still not much efforts put in, for example there were words spelt wrong, and the word was not capitalized. From the fact that PC2 was unfamiliar with standing orders, it could also be deduced that she actually was not involved much in council matter. She asked PC2 to review on how the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was deduced, how annual debate could be publicized. She queried if PC2 had thought about matters like what could be done if the councillors hand in their stance papers late. If PC2 had enthusiasm in council, there would be things to be done. She pointed out that annual report was a document that was to evaluate and recommend the next person taking up the post, it should not only be intended to praise one self.
- ASR asked why PC2 would consider that she was not trusted in the council, he would like to see if there could be ways for improvement.
- There was no response from PC2.
- IVP understood that a person may be highly influenced by family matters, but PC was representing all full members, which could not be represented by others.

- EDSR asked what she meant by “voting is not perfect”.
- PC2 pointed out that voting was often in favor of the Union Executives. On the issue of statements, PC5’s points querying Union Executives’ procedure was standing, but at last it was a one-sided voting results.
- ECU recommended PC2 to attend more meetings, then vote according to her own will. Concerning the example PC2 raised, at last PC5 only voted abstain anyway.
- ASR also stated that there was sufficient discussion.
- PC5 asked why taking a risk of being challenged if whatever suggested would not be passed anyway. He stated that it had been improved in this semester. No enthusiastic replies from Union Executives or councillors before.
- EDSR suggested that councillors did monitor the Union Executives, like although the report eventually was passed, they also requested the procedures of issuing statements to be discussed in the next council meeting.
- P asked if there were any examples of ex-co not respecting PCs.
- PC2 asked P in individual on the legal actions towards last session, but P did not even give any reaction.
- P apologized for such happenings. but the reasons PC2 provided for the queries from councillors today were also not respecting, it would force them to challenge, or else would sound ignorant.
- GS mentioned in PC2’s platform, she would visit the sub organizations after being elected, but it was not realized. She did not mention much the attendance of standing committees He asked if any remediate measure could be taken after the absence in meeting. There was quite some ambiguity in the report, like for cooperation with societies, whether or not she was referring to the cooperation between PCs and societies. He personally did value PCs’ opinion, like much time was spent in CM8 for PC5’s recommendation.
- AAR pointed out that 8 of the meetings were not attended, and it should be pointed out in the report.
- CAP asked if PC2 considered sending open letter to members to apologize, since PC5 at least tried to have written questioning when he was not in HK.
- ECU stated that PC2 carried a lot of hope as the PC elected with highest number of votes.
- GS asked whether or not the other PC’s help were needed to reflect members’ opinion, it was a bit unreal in the review of council meeting.
- ASR restated that it would be hard to remedy the situation if PC2 had examples showing “lack of trust” but not willing to raise out.

a. Popularly Elected Union Councillor IV(cont.)

- EDSR asked if PC4 did not plan to include recommendation.
- PC4 stated that he had no such plan at this moment.

Motion 5

To receive and adopt the half-yearly report of Popularly Elected Union Councillor 4.



Proposer: SO Cheuk Yiu (PC4)  
Seconder: WONG Wing Long Leo (PC5)

Time Received: 22:01  
Vote by Simple Majority  
Total Vote: 33  
For: 9  
Against: 6  
Abstain: 18  
Resolution: Motion Defeated

- GS concluded it as too simplified a half- yearly report.
- EDSR would like to judge it in criteria comparable to the requirement to PC5's report. He recommended adding back recommendation.
- AAR voted neutral, since he considered his working performance much better than what the half-yearly report stated. He hoped there not to be misunderstanding when the report is read by other members.
- SSR also expected more detailed description on work done.

### 3. To appoint representatives on Standing Committees and Council Restructuring Working Group

#### Motion 6

To appoint Mr. Ng Wai Ka (3035054361) as a member of Constitution Review Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2013.

Proposer: NG Wai Ka (AAR)  
Seconder: WONG Yee Man (IVP)

Time Received: 22:10  
No objection.  
Resolution: Motion Carried.  
Time Resolved: 22:13

- AAR (proposer) pointed out that the AAR of the past 2 sessions were members of CRC, due to frequent amendments of academic society constitutions, but now he wanted to join due to some ideals in amending constitution. That included the requirement of 10 days to call GM and the initiation of GP requirement. The only drawback would be his office terminated on 25/11, but there would be a number of councillors going to be reappointed anyway.

#### Motion 7

To appoint Mr. Chan Man Yu (UID: 3035060839) as a member of Current Affairs Committee, HKUSU Council, Session 2013.

Proposer: LIU Chi Hang (DSR)

Seconder: NG Chi Hin (EDSR)

Time Received: 22:15

Vote by simple majority

Total vote: 35

For: 26

Against: 1

Abstain: 8

Time Resolved: 22:52

- MSR (proposer) raised that the original MSR had expressed her will to let the succeeding MSR get into CAC.
- ECU asked for his opinion towards the last statement issued by CAC, HKUSUC, Session 2013 being described as the Blackgold Statement. He asked what his political stance would be with the elaboration in an example.
- MSR stated that he was in favour of universal suffrage, and it was disappointing that the criteria of issuing licenses to free TV channel was not explained with reasons and were not consistent with public opinion.
- CAS asked MSR if he wanted to be appointed into CAC due to the will of the original MSR or out of own interest to Current Affairs, and what he would wish to be done to CAC.
- MSR pointed out the will of the original MSR was only a tiny part, but also the existing interest. For example he also went to Deliberation Day 2, he hoped he could facilitate students' participation.
- ECU asked for his opinion towards the election method of CE.

4. To discuss the arrangement and conservation of Union Council documents

- CC reported that documents since 1960s had been found, thanks to SS for donation of some 90s documents. According to Constitution, there would be a need to appoint Honorary Archivist. The only solution would be transferring to the university archives as sub-gifts, which they would be sent to Aberdeen for freezing for 8 weeks, if properly stored, it could be kept for 500 years. ICA council and MH also have some documents in university archive. There would be a list of authorization drafted, authorizing a few persons to review them.
- PC4 pointed out that councillors sometimes need to review the documents for some legislative intentions. He suggested setting up a committee that would last for 10 years or more to digitalize all documents.

- CC stated that the school would help us digitalize in the online archive, which could be reviewed by everyone, the Honorary Archivist to be appointed promised to attend CM to explain to councillors and draft contracts if needed.
- PC4 recommended councillors to learn more about archiving before inviting her to come up.
- IVP asked what would be the need to have a contract.
- CC answered that it would be to avoid the turmoil of the last session from happening again.

5. A.O.B.

#### Motion 8

The motion that the Union Council regrets with the infringement of Union Council By- Laws and breach of duty of PC2 KUANG KAISHAN for not attending three consecutive Union Council Meeting sessions during her session and demands that no further infringement shall be committed.

Proposer: KUANG Kai Shan (PC2)

Seconded: 梁繼平(ECU)

Time Received: 23:08

No objection.

Resolution: Motion Carried.

Time Resolved: 23:10

- PC2 (proposer) agreed that herself had breached on duty.
- ECU appreciated her bearing of responsibility on own breach of duty.
- AAR pointed out that PC5 was also absent from council meeting for 5 times. He asked if he would also adopt the same way to be accountable to members.
- CC wanted to review council attendance as a whole in the next CM.
- ECU pointed out that the next issue of Undergrad was going to send for printing, so the regret motions would better be passed and issued as soon as possible.
- PC5 raised that this meeting was an ECM, which should only handle matters in the agenda. And if the infringement was with appropriate reason, the council could decide not to regret even if there was infringement on by-laws.
- AAR pointed out that CC decided to move the agenda that were not discussed last time to the agenda of this CM, this was an unsettled problem of last CM, so should be discussed this time.

#### Motion 9

The Union Council notes, regrets and dissatisfies with the infringement of Union Council By-Laws and breach of duty of Wong Wing Long Leo, Popularly Election Union Councillor 5 for

not attending three consecutive Union Council Meetings during his session and demands that no further infringement shall be committed.

Proposer: NG Wai Ka (AAR)

Seconder: 鄧日朗(P)

Time received: 23:12

Resolution: Motion Withdrawn

- AAR (Proposer) appreciated PC5 as a responsible PC, but was disappointed that he did not explain and apologize to his electorates. He appreciated PC2 that although she had a more reasonable reason for absence, but still could propose the regret motion herself. He considered this regret motion should be proposed by PC5 himself.
- PC5 explained why he did not propose such a motion with the reasonings:
  - 1) not in the scope of discussion in this ECM
  - 2) need to consider whether a fit and reasonable reason was present, so need to have thorough discussion on that first
- ECU pointed out that if the council deems suitable, agenda could be added.
- AAR believed that taking the accountability to members is a councillor's own matter, no need to wait for other councillors, so there would be no need to wait for the overall review of council attendances.
- PC5 referred to CM8 and pointed out that nobody raised that regret motion should be proposed, and CC decided to discuss on council attendance in later CMs so he preferred to wait.
- DSR asked if PC5 had ever intended to propose regret motion.
- AAR considered his reasons for absence as appropriate, but PC2's proposal of motion showed the difference between her and PC5.
- PC4 suggested that the council once discussed in summer that the frequent absence of councillors then was reasonable, if a regret motion is to be passed at this stage, he wondered whether or not there would be any conflict.
- PC5 agreed that a regret motion could be discussed next time, but he was afraid ECM would not be an appropriate situation to discuss.
- CC would let council decide whether or not the regret motion submission was suitable, so should withdraw motion first, then submit another motion to determine whether or not it is appropriate to discuss then.

#### Motion 10

The motion that the motion on table be withdrawn.

Proposer: WONG Wing Long Leo (PC5)

Seconder: KUANG Kai Shan (PC2)

Time Received: 23:38

Vote by Simple Majority  
Total Vote: 37  
For: 3  
Against: 18  
Abstain: 16  
Resolution: Motion Defeated  
Time Resolved: 23:40

#### Motion 11

The motion that the matter be adjourned to CM10.

Proposer: WONG Wing Long Leo (PC5)  
Seconder: KUANG Kai Shan (PC2)

Time Received: 23:41  
Vote by Simple Majority  
Total Vote: 37  
For: 2  
Against: 27  
Abstain: 8  
Resolution: Motion Defeated.  
Time Resolved: 23:43

- PC5(proposer) believed that it should be reviewed as an independent agenda item. He stressed again on his absence in council meetings.
- LAR explained on her different voting preference in motion 10 & 11 as PC5 did not respect council's decision after motion 10 was defeated.

#### Motion 12

The motion that the motion be now put.

Proposer: NG Chi Hin (EDSR)  
Seconder: WONG Wai Lun (ASR)

Time Received: 23:45  
No objection  
Resolution: Motion Carried.  
Time Resolved: 23:45

#### Motion 13

The Union Council notes, regrets and dissatisfies with the infringement of Union Council By-Laws and breach of duty of Wong Wing Long Leo, Popularly Election Union Councillor 5 for not attending three consecutive Union Council Meetings during his session and demands that no further infringement shall be committed.

Proposer: NG Wai Ka (AAR)

Seconder: 鄧日朗(P)

Time received: 23:19

Vote by Simple Majority

Total Vote: 37

For: 31

Against: 2

Abstain: 4

Resolution: Motion Carried

Time Resolved: 23:48

- PC4 pointed out that there was difference in motion 10 and motion 11. Motion 11 limited the discussion to be held in the next CM, while motion 10 did not.
- PC5 expressed that he definitely respect councillors who voted for the motion. But still in his personal opinion, he considered discussing such a motion in ECM7 was inappropriate.
- AAR stated that he did not think there would be a need to have a separate agenda on discussing the regret motion.
- PC4 reserved on the saying that motion 10 and motion 11 were repetitive.
- UHR expressed that the main point of disappointment would be PC5 not notifying members for the possibility of absence. He recommended PC5 to explain to members through effective means.
- PC5 believed that he had explained last time why he did not notify members.
- CC reminded that councillors should arrive at Happy Park latest by 12:15 pm on 23/10/2013 for Annual Debate. They should be wearing society tee/ hall tee. There would be 3 guests.

The meeting ended at 00:13 on 16/10/2013.

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Approved by,

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