ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING & SHADOW COUNCIL ELECTION 2019

Date : 26th March 2019 (Monday)
Time : 9.00am - 5.00pm
Venue : UCL

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Supreme Council:

Malaysian Society Essex
Persatuan Pelajar Malaysia Cork (PPMC)
London School of Economics Students' Union Malaysia Club (LSESUMC)
Queen Mary Malaysian Society
University of East London (MSoc)
Brunel Malaysian Society (BMS)
City University of London's Malaysian Society (CULMS)
University of Sunderland (SUMAS)
Newcastle University Malaysian Society (MalSoc)
Northumbria University Malaysia Society
Liverpool Malaysia Society (LMS)
The Malay Language and Culture Society (MALECS)
Lancaster University Malaysian Students Society (LUMSS)
Heriot-Watt Malaysian Society
Plymouth University Malaysian Society (PUMS)
Malaysian Association of Swansea University (MASU)
Kesatuan Penuntut Undang-Undang Malaysia di UK dan Eire (KPUM)
Sheffield Malaysian Students Association (SMSA)
Teesside Malaysian Association (TeesMsa)
Leeds University Malaysian and Singaporean Society (MASSoc)
Leeds University Malaysian Society (LUMSOC)
University of Portsmouth
Young Malaysian Engineers UK (YME-UK)
University of Sussex Malaysian, Bruneian and Singaporean Society
Bath Area Malaysian Students' Association (BAMSA)
Cambridge University Malaysian Society
Malaysian Accounting and Finance Society for UK and Ireland (MACFIS)
Durham University Malaysian Society (DUMAS)
Warwick Malaysian Students Association (Warwick MSA)
Imperial College Union Malaysian Society (ICUMS)
Nottingham Malaysian Society (NMS)

Exeter Malaysia Society (ExeM)

Malay Cultural Society (MCS) University of Bristol

Malaysian Society Essex (MsocEssex)

University of Sheffield Malaysian and Singaporean Society (MASSOC)

Malaysian Students' Society of Cardiff University (MSSCF)

Exeter Malaysian Society

UOB MSSA

UCL Malaysian Society

Public Members:

Anis Hanani Suffian

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Nelynn Ng

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Suzaiha Salleh

Izzat Zalis

Ira Zalis

Farhana Faiz

Amirul Hakim

Khadijah Malek

OPENING	
PRESENTER	**Nur Aishah**
DISCUSSION	● Introduction to AGM and prayer recital ● Opening Speech by UKEC Chairperson, Faizul Zuraimi

PRESENTATION ON UKEC'S PROGRESS & UPDATES	
PRESENTERS	**Faizul Zuraimi**
DISCUSSION	Chairs' Office: SC Guidelines, Regional Events, UKEC Speaker Series UKEConnect & Deputy Chairperson: UKEC website revamp Secretary: Monthly newsletter Treasury & Chairs: UKEC Rewards, UKEC Fund SOO: UKEC LEAD Programme UKECatalyst: PAN XV 2018 in Sheffield, Coffee & Conversations, Catalyst for Change (C4C) UKECares: Rohingya Campaign with MMUK, [i]MPACT Stories UKECareers: UKEC-GRADUAN The Malaysian Career Fair Link to slides: https://tinyurl.com/UKECProgressReport

PRIVATE MOTION DEBATE	
PRESENTERS	**Faizul Zuraimi & Syahmi Shaarani**
DISCUSSION	**Constitution updates: Amendment of Article 6** **Council Notes:** The formal admission of any such Societies in Paragraph 1 to membership in the Organisation will be legitimised by a decision of the Supreme Council upon recommendation of the Executive Committee at a Supreme Council Meeting. Executive Committee may confer rights and benefits, except voting rights, of the Organisation under the Constitution to any such Societies until such decision is made. (Amended March 2015) **Council Believes:** There should be proper criteria for Supreme Councillor admission to the Supreme Council as it affects the quorum for every UKEC General Meeting.

	Council Mandates: The formal admission of any such Societies in Paragraph 1 to membership in the Organisation will be legitimised by a decision of the Supreme Council upon recommendation of the Executive Committee at a Supreme Council Meeting according to the **Supreme Councillor Admission Criteria**. Motion passed.

PUBLIC MOTIONS DEBATE	
CHAIRED BY	**Syahmi Rafsanjani Shaarani,Deputy Chairperson of UKEC**
PRESENTER	**Hong Jinghan**

DISCUSSION	**UKEC to Take Action on the UCU Strike**
	
	Council Notes:
	
	1. That the University and College Union (UCU) strike has affected many Malaysian students adversely. These losses of immediate fees include, but are not limited to:
	   a. Cancelled lectures, seminars, tutorials, labs and support sessions
	   b. No rescheduling of missed content and classes
	   c. Tutors and lecturers will be unavailable for contact, help and support
	   d. Late assignment/essay feedback
	
	2. That uncertainties that may impact the future include those:
	   a. whose degrees are vital to paying off loans
	   b. who depend on scholarships and have requirements to meet to maintain such grants
	   c. who depend on teaching to qualify and move onto graduate schemes
	   d. whose degrees subsume or are part of professional qualifications that enable us to enter the chosen field
	
	3. That there has been a call by the UCU to external examiners to resign any position at those institutions and not take up any new posts with them as of 15 March 2018. This would cause universities a number of specific problems around the setting and marking of

exams, potentially delaying examination and graduation dates.

Council Believes:

1. That the strike action is detrimental to Malaysian students and their education here.
2. That Malaysian students are put in a difficult situation. On one hand, we pay massive amount of fees and are not getting the service we have paid for; on the other hand, in principle, we do stand by our lecturers.
3. As the umbrella body of Malaysian students in the United Kingdom and Ireland, that UKEC should speak and take action on behalf of Malaysian students here.

Council Mandates:

1. That UKEC have a plan-of-action with regards to the strike in respect of the needs of Malaysian students as international students and carry it out accordingly.
2. This can include issuing a statement against the strike, detailing the detriments suffered and potential routes for recompense.
3. This can also include sending the said statement to the relevant parties, including but not limited to:
   a. Universities UK (UUK)
   b. University and College Union (UCU)
   c. Vice Chancellors of Universities affected by the strike
   d. Politicians
4. This can also include entering into talks/collaborating with other international student unions like United Kingdom Singapore Students' Council and Myanmar Students' Union.

Notes:

- Should issue statement not against the strike. Collect data first.
- Different opinions and data should be collected. Lots of room for discussion
- Should have draft, instil confidence to SCs and SCs want to be in the know for being for the motion. Want SCs and UKEC to at least try to do something about it.
- Suggest putting names of MSoc in statement. Can choose not to include.

	Motion passed, council agreed that UKEC Executive Council will issue a statement against the strike.
PRESENTER	**Michelle Liu**
DISCUSSION	**UKEC to respond and take a stance on "#HaveYourSay: Exploring Freedom of Expression among Malaysian Students in the United Kingdom and Eire" survey findings** **Council Notes:** 1. That there is a lack of research evidence and discourse on matters pertaining Malaysian students' right to freedom of expression 2. That key findings of the survey indicated the prevalence of the culture of fear amongst Malaysian students when it comes to expressing themselves 3. That key findings of the survey indicated the lack of awareness about the constitutional right to freedom of expression among Malaysian students **Council Believes:** That it is the responsibility of UKEC, as the body representing all Malaysian students in the UK and Eire, to uphold and encourage the exercise of student's right to freedom of expression. **Council Mandates:** UKEC to take a stance on the findings of the survey in the form of a public statement (refer to Note titled 'Official Statement Re: Position of the UKEC on the National Security Council (NSC) Bill' dated 16 December 2015) This stance can be: 1. Positive (endorse the findings and take necessary steps to address the problems revealed by the findings); or 2. Neutral (present findings only and state reasons for non-endorsement); or 3. Negative (disagree, state reasons for disagreement and propose counter-solutions). This activity is to be carried out by the current UKEC Executive Council

before the official end of their term.

Notes:
- Second draft of report is still pending as still under research. Need more data. Try to address too many things, with data can do narrowing of research
- Second draft will be up to next committee whether to be issued or not
- Survey behind this motion is indirectly an evaluation of platforms' availability for freedom of expression
- UKEC is taking a stance as an effort, should be taking a bigger sample population to be researched on therefore survey should be taken into consideration and replicated
- Clarification on UKEC EC issuing the statement, not SC
- If extension of survey occurs, no extra question should be added to maintain validity of survey

Motion held until 2nd draft of report is finalised.

SHADOW COUNCIL ELECTION	
DISCUSSION	**1. UKECares Vice-Chairperson** **Alya Sabrina** - Overall aims: To continue current initiatives & improve event quality - Impact Stories to be organised on a larger scale - Fundraising dinner with UKEC Alumni during MSLS - [i]MPACT Hub - Outreach: organise non-regional strategic meeting for student charity organisations, more UKEC socials & create a WhatsApp group with leaders of other student-led charity organisations **Syazani Sabarudin** - Create a new, simple and easy to use app which lays out all services available to students and how to access them. - Promote opportunities for engagement in a diverse range of volunteering organizations through the app and social media. - Continue and expand upon the progress made by the previous Officer

Q&A

1. How to incentivise people to participate in volunteering projects?
   - S: Promote volunteering organizations to freshers i.e. collaborate with local colleges/universities, providing services/helplines about benefits
   - A: Provide booths for societies to promote their programmes at Impact Stories. Utilise Impact Hub and UKECommunity to promote

2. How do you control the headlines and applications? And how to deal with getting a lot of responses in terms of coding?
   - S: By running for this position, creating the app himself.

3. For S, have you put thought into the app long term? Liaison, financial capability and funding? Do you have experience in creating an app before this?
   - S: Has experience in building and maintaining apps

4. Previous leadership experience?
   - A: Head of project of Duke of Edinburgh award in high school where 40 people were involved. In UKEC, part of many departments during events - experienced different posts.
   - S: Director of volunteering event in high school to build wells in Kemboja.

Result:
Alya Sabrina won with 80% majority

2. UKECatalyst Vice-Chairperson

Aimran Sarhan
   - BERLIAN : Balance, Reflection, Linkage, Innovation
   - PAN lacked political representatives in Electoral Dynamics session
   - Increase the international awareness of all Malaysian students
   - Reflection: Opportunity for Malaysians, electoral
   - Linkage with UKECareers and UKECares, create collaborative think tanks
   - Innovation: Platform for final years
   - Ambition: Internships for students
   - Nation: PAN Sweet 16

Q&A

Azzam: How to overcome limitations in regards to hiring speakers for PAN?
- A: Many parties available, must start as early as possible

Ira: Can you run through how to divide time between now and the next PAN?
- A: Create a framework of ideas over summer, engage more with RCs, RCs to lead more political local events

Faizul: How to balance between decentralizing Catalyst events and also making PAN more London-based?
- A: Compromise for PAN in London, other regions to come.

Amir: How do you expect RCs to host regional events when they are working alone and are tasked with handling MSocs?
- A: UKEC Rewards as initiative for RCs

Jinghan: What value can you bring to UKEC in constructive politics and nation building?
- A: The diversity of UKEC from all over the United Kingdom enables us to share perspective and provides a platform for exchanging ideas.

Aimran won 63% votes.

3. UKECareers Vice-Chairperson

Shermin

- Career fair 2018, approximately 3000 students attended
- We improved the hall size and diversity of companies i.e. added Parkway Pantai for medical students
- Know exactly what to improve in the next Career Fair after experiencing it for the first time
- Improve career fair tin terms of quality instead of volume
- Number of UK Malaysian students decreasing
  - 1: Have a better balance of companies

- 2: Improve the size of the hall
- 3: Better dates for Northern Region students
- 4: Support mechanism for students who don't get internships
- Propose to collaborate with career partners and build employability skills of students through workshops, webinars, etc
- Lead with a powerful desire to learn as VP

Q&A

Jinghan: Were there not firms who was recruiting for non-Malaysian based company branches?

- Smaller companies do not have financial resources to send representatives from Malaysia

Shermin won 94% votes.

4. National Treasurer

Fatihah Aisyah Norazham

- Currently an exec, passionate in bringing ukec journey for youth empowerment
- Ensure sustainability of previous initiatives
- Improve transparency
- UKEC fund - maintained to reduce the financial burden & reviewed on case to case basis
- Process on operational procedures according to the guidelines
- Long term sustainability
- Work with chairs and secretariat offices to publish annual report to show our expenditure for events which will be recorded properly to improve reliability
- Proper timeline for internal auditing to ensure accounts are finalised for AGM - Looking for opportunity for external auditing
- Offices budget; more detailed and the rationale behind figures & create allowances for events
- Budget allowed to be revised 3 months prior flagship events
- Reimbursement system : Google form for each office & via office attache to ensure there is no overspending
- Sponsorship procedures using trello

- Malaysian RHB account: Add Fatihah as signatory and remove the names below from being signatories of our RHB bank account:
    - Izzat Zalis Ismail
    - Daniel Subramaniam
    - Aqil Ruzain
  - The above is agreed by UKEC Executive Council

Q&A

1. How do you balance the transparency and interest of sponsors?
   - SC would want to know how we spend but will not disclose the info that the sponsors want to preserve
   - Try to project the financial report so any concerns will be addressed during agm

Fatihah won 98% votes

5. General Secretary

Atiqah Bahardin
- Ensure council's efficiency for greater good
    - Deliver better events and serve the SC
    - UKECalendar for both offices and events - meetings datelines and events updated by rep from office/ dep - Ensure council is up to date and avoid clashes with SCs' events
- Google Drive
    - Use UKEC main email
    - Invest in larger capacity so we can access previous councils' folders
- Templates
    - Emcee script, meeting minutes, budgets, etc. - can be shared with SCs
    - To look into the possiblity of post mortem report for SC
- Communication within council
    - To maintain the SOP
    - Alternative communication platform: Slack
    - Update progress of offices and departments and share the top 9 meeting minutes with the council
- Website registration for events to be included in SOP
    - To promote students to register within the portal

- So we are able to observe the students demographic so we can tailor our events
- Newsletter
  - Refresh the subscribers list every year
  - Replace the old students with freshers
  - Continue to approach SCs for marketing events
- Recruitment of EC
  - Reduce number of interviewers for each candidates
  - Reach out to more students
  - Collaborate with UKECares, RC and SC for UKEC social to give insight about UKEC
- Outreach
  - Community and impact hub
  - To ensure larger audiences is to promote through video marketing
- Events
  - To organise the PGM and motion debate so we can discuss various issues
  - To ensure efficiency: to give motion debate infopack

Q&A

1. Why you need a new means of communication and why Slack? Even slack is not much difference with WhatsApp
   - Trello is better suited and suitable to run the council 17/18. If the new gen sec elect feels like slack is better, than can use slack rather than trello

2. If you are faced with a situation where one person is demotivated and doesn't want to work, how do you tackle it?
   - Approach the individual and understand the problem first. If they don't do work because they do not know how, then i will explain it to her

3. How to ensure the council use slack/ trello?
   - Comes to the point for the heads to direct to use the medium

4. Course of action if one person want to resign?

- Talk to the head of office, and ask what is wrong with her/him, then approach the person and remind him her why she apply for the job at the first place. Talk to the top 9 and take him out and replace it with another person

Atiqah won 96% votes

6. Deputy Chairperson

Muhammad Azzam Qhaireel Anwar
- Facilitate empowerment and outreach
- Empowerment - Malaysian societies are capable for standing on their own and have the facilities to organise events
- Communication - to improve by using Slack and Google Drive - Social & General Channels in Slack for SCs
- Why SC feel irrelevant? Because we contact want we want them to do work. That is unacceptable, include sc in everything even general stuffs ie. day to day interaction
- Collaboration - Introduction of charity week by the SCs for the respect and moral good
- How effective is UKEC as umbrella body when initiatives divide people
- To network for easier speaker request from different organisations
- For RC + SC to ease collaboration and share resources

Q&A

1. How Malaysian society can break the stigma about mental health among the society?

Two way communications, the family system under MSocs, leverage on that. Speaker tour where MSocs can book dates for which they are available to accommodate the speakers

2. What do you think about Shukri's article?

PAN is a catalyst for change - mediums for political awareness, but we have constraints and feasibility of it. The presence of PAN doesn't mean

everyone is politically literate now. People are going to criticise the effort we do, they don't see the backstage work.

3. If UKEC is to present Malaysian students, shouldn't it represent what Malaysian students think? If not, what is the point of UKEC?

Mixing up two concepts, Shukri's statement is a reflection of his opinion. His perception is not shaped by UKEC itself. It is shaped by the people and internet.

4. What are the constraints that UKEC faces?

We have the sponsors - there's problem of gaining access to the resources and at the same time being open as possible.

5. How to ensure the manifesto materialise?
Increase the frequency of strategic meeting and decentralisation. Increase mobilisation, face to face meeting.

6. What is in there for SCs to help UKEC materialise their aims and visions throughout the year?

The best thing to do is strive and incentivise the SCs to get involved. UKEC facilitates the events so SCs will not be on them alone.

7. Why didn't you run for Chairperson?

The initiatives I would like to introduce are more suitable to be approached through Deputy Chairperson position.

8. SCs don't have time to keep in touch with UKEC due to other work stuffs, even with WhatsApp etc, why should you introduce Slack then?

It's different from a personal message because everyone can interact to reduce people feeling irrelevant.

Azzam won 77% votes.

7. Chairperson

Ayman Hazwani Ahmad Nidzam

- I've been in UKEC and learnt the internal work. Now want to know externally
- Our founder created the path, and so we continue the path created instead of creating new events etc.
- Continuity: focusing on core vision
- Misconception of UKEC
    - A lot of people are not sure what we are doing
    - People think that we are a bank
    - Some define us by our events
- What do we do and why?
    - Umbrella body - central coordinating organisation that serve SCs' interests
    - Facilitates relation between various organisations
- Implementation:
    - To intro post mortem, progress report
    - Propose different people to curate our diff platforms ie UKECommunity, UKEC [i]MPACT Hub etc
- Representation:
    - Improve internal and external communication
    - Regional Chairpersons to represent your regions
    - Redistribute the events so everyone has equal opportunity in participating in the events
- Utilise strength in terms of network
    - For SCs to procure sponsorships
    - Focusing on internal and external areas

Q&A

1. Students are not interested in political because they are concern with their own wellbeing and safety, so how would a policy making medium be implemented?

Collaborate with MPUK and Kelab UMNO in one session to ensure it is not politically biased. Mini PAN at university level.

2. What can you bring to UKEC and how would you elevate UKEC?

To improve the current initiatives with better preparing and planning.

3. What is your main direction?

To focus on the continuity. To stress on the vision of the co-founders.. To serve the SCs. To stick to the principle but flexible with methods.

4. Strength and weakness as a leader?

Weakness: Tend to ask everyone if they are okay with an idea before going forward. StrengthL take input from other people as well e.g. to consult the SCs.

5. Do you agree with the statement on Imperial? As a leader, is it justified for UKEC to be neutral?
We don't have power to sanction or force anyone to do anything. We are here as an umbrella body but not to take sides. The 1500 students who signed out of the 18000 students does not represent the majority. We have to consider other stakeholders as well. We don't function as to decide what is right and what is wrong.

Ayman won 84% votes.

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