

Gratia Christian College

Minutes of 2nd WE Forum

Date: 4 November 2019 (Monday)

Time: 11:00 - 13:00

Venue: Library

College Representatives:

Prof Chang, Vice President (Academic)

Ms Elisa Au, Vice President (Administration)

Prof Pang, Chairman, Student Development Committee; Head, School of General Education

Dr Shirley Yeung, Head, School of Business

Dr Susanna Wong, Associate Head, School of Psychology

Prof Rebecca Cheung, Programme Director, ECE

Rev Edmund Ng, Programme Director, HD in Christian Ministry

Dr Terry Ng, Director, ITSO

Ms Elaine Lam, Librarian

Dr Alex Chan, Registrar

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SDC Student Representatives:

Hilton Lam, BSW Year 2

Simon Poon, BSW Year 1

Teresa Dong, ECE Year 2

Tommy Ho, BPsy Year 4

College information updates

December school review	Some of the courses currently offered by the College will be reviewed and certified in December for the second time.
Campus development	The College hopes to find a place or rebuild the existing campus. The rebuilt campus will have sports and parking lots.
CM, ECE Degree program	The CM and ECE degree program schools said they are planning, and CM's progress is faster than ECE.

Outlook for 2022	The school expressed the hope that in the year of 2022, it will be able to open the fourth department, namely the Department of Education, and open more social work-related courses, such as social work sub-degree courses and part-time social work courses.
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Items

Student counseling	Some students suggested that the current school's student guidance services were insufficient or exhausted. The school stated that in addition to Annie's counseling services, other staff members or Mentor could provide counseling services, and suggested that students and teachers establish a mutual trust mechanism, and Annie's counseling services will be discussed and reviewed in due course.
Student Arrest Support	Some students mentioned that when there was social turmoil, students might be arrested because of this. Students want to know how the school handles the situation. The school stated that in the face of the arrest of the students, 2 College council members who are lawyers may provide legal support, and the contact information of the Risk Management Task Group has also been given to all students by email. The College also stated that it will guarantee that students can still be treated fairly and fairly under different positions, and at the same time will give students in case being arrested the legal advice and support at their own cost, but also hope that students understand that the College will follow the prescribed procedures in handling students who commit crimes and resume their studentship if they wish to continue their study.
School resource space	Some students raised the issue of insufficient school space resources, such as limited library resources. The school stated that the school library has links and cooperation with

	<p>other colleges and universities and libraries of different organizations. Students can use this to find the resources they want, but the school also understands that there is insufficient publicity for this news, and it will be strengthened in the future. Another classmate proposed to strengthen the utilization rate of the school library first.</p>
<p>Internship funding</p>	<p>Some students pointed out that there is no financial support for internships at present, which is stressful for full-time students. The school responded that not all colleges and universities have related policies and no additional policies are needed for the time being.</p>
<p>Student Union</p>	<p>Some students pointed out that as the number of students increased, the College authorities should approve the establishment of a student union. SDO responded that the College welcomes the formation of student union although there are still many problems to be addressed in establishing a student union, such as looking for the next student union member, whether the student union belongs to SDO or exists independently. However, the school still encourages students to organize their own teams to discuss matters with SDO.</p>
<p>Centaline Gratia Scholarship</p>	<p>Some students questioned that the criteria for obtaining the scholarship were not transparent. The College stated that the Centaline Gratia Scholarship was meant for degree program freshman who was enrolled with the latest DSE result. In the 2018-19 academic year, College has sought consent from Centaline Charity Foundation to expand the scholarship offering to all current students of all degree programs. It was agreed by the College management that such an arrangement was temporary and should be fairly offered to all degree programs' students. To qualify for the scholarship, students must attain an annual GPA of 3.0 or above in 2018-19. At the beginning of the</p>

	<p>2nd Semester of 2018-19, a selection panel was convened to interview the qualified candidates from each program of all years. The candidates must demonstrate the potential of attaining a GPA of 3.0 in 2018-19. In addition, it was reflected that some students who met the requirement were not invited for an interview. The College explained that there was only a limited quota for each program and year. Therefore, only the top few students from each year of each program were invited to the interview.</p>
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