

Office of the Student Affairs

In a recent move North South University authority has organized the Student Affairs Office in line with the experiences of the leading universities in Western hemisphere. Dr. M. Emdadul Haq, Professor of Political Science, has been working as the Director Student Affairs at NSU since 12 January 2014. Under the revised administrative structure of the university Dr. Haq has been assigned with all activities related to student affairs including 20 student clubs and support sectors. Apart from 50% work load for class room teaching, the Director Student Affairs looks after the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of the student clubs, (ii) guiding the university Library administration, (iii) monitoring the functions of the Students Counseling Centre (iv) overseeing the activities of the proctors office, and (v) coordinating activities with the External Affairs, especially the Career Professional Centre (CPC) and Confucius Institute. In this chain of administration Proctor, Librarian, Students Councilor, Faculty Advisers of the 20 Student Clubs and Sr. Student Affairs Officer etc. report to the Director for day to day administrative things and affairs. Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) are the reporting authority of the Director Student Affairs. For his direct assistance Mr. A.K.M. Motaher Hossain has been attached as Sr. Student Affairs Officer and Mr. Mohammed Abdul Momin has been attached as Assistant Officer/Guest Worker. Besides, two fulltime OSS are also working in the Student Affairs office.

NSU Students Clubs

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are extremely important for modern universities, especially for aiding students with the best chance for shaping their future. Skills development has been embedded in academic programs as well as extra-curricular activities at North South University (NSU). The Plaza area, recreation center, boys lounge and upper deck gallery, OAT etc. remain busy throughout the year with programs and events organized by various student bodies of the university. Our newly constructed auditorium, with its all modern amenities, is an addition to this list of places that facilitates students' activities to a great extent these days.

The prime objective of these clubs is to engage students in result-oriented activities and to help prepare them as socially responsible and worthy citizens of the country. By now the number of student clubs has reached 20 and they are all working in different socio-economic, cultural, environmental and scientific fronts. Nevertheless, in a recent move the university authority has merged some of the old clubs in a new setting to facilitate the emergence of some more new clubs.

Almost all the departments and institutes have their aligned co-curricular or extra-curricular activities run by an individual faculty adviser. Every club has its own Executive Body (EB) consensually formed by club members for a one-year period. To become and remain an EB member, students have to maintain 3.00 or above GPA. Clubs have to design their annual event

calendar and roadmaps at the beginning of the financial year and an annual budget of about taka two crore is spent by the university to carry forward such activities. Student bodies would also collect outside endowments through prior approval from the appropriate authority to bear the additional costs of big events, if necessary. The prime objective of the club activities is to provide hands-on training to the participating members for their future team management and leadership role. Alphabetically names of the student clubs are as follows:

Art & Photography Club

To promote awareness in the art and science of photography among the students and keep visual records of their performances, NSU Photography Club (NSUPC) was established in 1997. The club organizes intra, inter-university and international inter-university photography competitions to influence and promote the art of photography among teachers and students. Competitors submit photos during the call for photos and from them the best selected photographs are exhibited and awarded. The club also organizes national/international Photography Field Trip every year. For the first time NSUPC has introduced an inter NSUPC exhibition named ***Rising Star*** to make the new members enthusiastic. In June 2015, the Art & Photography Club launched ***Honorable Eyes*** to demonstrate the enthusiasm of the faculty members in photography besides their professional engagement in classroom teaching.

Athletics Club

Originally born in summer 1995, NSU ***Games and Sports Club*** (NSUSC) has been renamed recently as the Athletics Club. Over the years this club has gone beyond the horizons of its own space by capturing most of the Champion prizes in the inter-university tournaments in recent years. Members of the club have been showing superb performance in conducting sports activities both within and beyond the campus. The club also conducted live projection of some very important international sports events, and organized female games and sports events for the first time in the history of private universities in Bangladesh. With the recent inauguration of a playground and basketball court at NSU, the club members are now looking forward to have their gymnasium ready for use.

Cine & Drama Club

North South University Cine & Drama Club (NSUCDC) is best known for promoting the admiration of the art of cinema and theatre. The club staged *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare in its annual drama along with a brochure in 2014. But the club's actual impact on its members and the people around is much more than what its mere description suggests. It not only strengthens the knowledge of art, theatre and cinema, but it also helps its members bring out their insightful views and experience about life and society—a side which is usually hidden and unknown. The club does so by allowing its members to explore themselves,

in line with what the refreshing motto of the club suggests. The club was officially launched on 22 September 1996.



Communication Club

In order to develop the communication skills of the university students the NSU authority, in a recent move, merged the **Debate Club** (NSUDC) with **English Club** under the banner of Communication Club. Following the merger, the Communication Club will have now two segments: (i) the *Debating Society* and (ii) the *English Society*. Over the years the erstwhile Debate Club has brought a significant number of national and international recognitions to the university through participating and winning in local and overseas debate tournaments. Members regularly take part in the television parliamentary debates. The club itself also organizes regularly Bangla and English inter- and intra- university debate tournaments. This club has its yearly publication **Hear Hear** that appears with exclusive write up from debaters and adjudicators from within the country and beyond.

Erstwhile, English Club also provided a platform for students who are fond of writing creatively in English. In February 2015, they organized a workshop on Public Speaking Competition. This segment of the Communication Club also organized poetry reading sessions and literary seminars where well-known local writers, poets and dramatists are invited to participate. The current goals of this cluster include uniting students in creative writing, giving them a platform for discussion and participation, and encouraging students to bring out a magazine **English Matters**.



Computer & Engineering Club

In a recent inventiveness the NSU authority also has merged the erstwhile *Wireless Forum* and *Society of Science Engineering & Technology* with the *Computer Club* (NSUCC). The newly formed Computer & Engineering Club (CEC) tries to integrate the students with the ICT industry and telecommunication world to cope with the latest trends in computer technology. With a few hundred active members, this club is moving forward with new scientific experiments and ideas. This is a platform where the students can bring out the best within them, discover, and flourish their innate talent and passion. The club provides a research and development environment, tools for project implementation, and most other resources required for exploring the vast dynamic field of computer engineering. Its annual publication *Assembler* is not just a technology-based publication, but has been a compilation of the very ideology of the Computer Club for last 21 years. Besides innovative programs and important events, students also enjoy their thrilling and enjoyable moments by organizing games, tours, or even BBQ party!

Diversity Club

The purpose of the newly created Diversity Club (NSUDC) is to maintain inclusiveness among the students of North South University in terms of religion, region, race, creed, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation and political beliefs. The club members believe that as an institution we can flourish if the individual groups are recognized and their uniqueness is respected as equal partners to maintain a common bond. By essence 'unity out of diversity' is the core principle of this club and integration, rather than assimilation, is emphasized by its leaders. Because the risks of non-recognition of diversity could lead to conflict, tension, confusion and create discomfort for individual members. Diversity Club aims to make NSU a safe and harmonious place to support and nurture the diverse culture of our students and staff.



Earth Club

North South University Earth Club (NSUEC) believes that every small step caring for the environment counts, and united we can conquer the mammoth environmental problems. Earth Club started off in 1996, and since then the Club has seen perpetual growth and hit remarkable milestones. The members strive to raise environmental awareness amongst the NSU community and in the neighborhood areas. Earth Club is well known for organizing seminars, workshops, and events that contribute in raising awareness and finding solutions to the environmental degradations. The club also organizes Day long and weeklong excursions across the country so that its members experience the true importance of the environment, understand the diverse ecosystems, expand their practical knowledge, and see upfront what they are fighting to save. Its annual magazine ***Green Reflections*** is a great initiative for spreading environmental awareness among the people.

Ethics Club

The main objective of this newly formed club is to address the problem of corruption and abuse of power in the society by strengthening the practice of integrity, ethical behavior and moral conduct among the members of the NSU community. It is believed that the practice of ethics among youngsters can contribute to mobilizing and building a national consensus on the ethics and integrity of values and in improving governance in the country. This club works to enhance and synergize collaboration and coordination strategies for developing programs, activities, and resources in the process of promoting integrity and ethics in public governance.

Finance Club

This is a newly formed club attached to the Department of Accounting and Finance to promote co-curricular activities of the students. Believing in the slogan ‘excellence beyond borders’ the club has just concluded its first round of recruitment process in spring 2015. The purpose of the club also includes providing students valuable professional training in the area of finance, helping them to establish corporate connections, facilitate their process of higher financial learning, and overall to increase the brand image of our university by participating in various activities as well as workshops, seminars, symposia, etc.

Human Resources Club

Attached to the Department of Management, the aim of the newly created club is to focus on the development of personal skills of its members through various co-curricular activities. The mission of the club is to encourage human resources development by supporting and promoting the best practices in the field. The club intends to achieve this goal through developing a common network with other business associations in order to raise the profile of the HR profession. It plans to ensure the professional development of Management students through practices on HR topics. The club also intends to support the educational process in the development of young professionals in accordance with labor market needs.



International Club

Having about two hundred foreign students and half a dozen foreign faculty members in the campus, this club has been recently instituted at NSU. International Club will be a platform to provide foreign students and faculty members to interact with each other in a more cohesive manner. Students from China, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Somalia organized a cultural evening in April 2015. The club, in association with the Office of External Affairs, also might host a variety of events for all international students and faculty members in future.

Marketing Club

Recently created, the Marketing Club (TMC) is the ultimate platform for all students of NSU who are majoring in Marketing or feels passionately towards this field. The club has already accomplished its recruitment process plus a few minor events in the area of marketing. The club invited some brand champions at NSU recently to explain about the secrets of advertising, i.e., how a corporate client asks for advertisement and how the vendor designs the scheme. In a 2-hour long seminar 'Know the unknown and learn from the experts', TMC presented three experts from three different organizations for revealing some secrets of their work process with the students and faculties. They demonstrated the client-agency relationship in a promotional management spectrum. The main objective of the seminar was to link the practices of marketing operations with the theoretical knowledge. TMC is undoubtedly a great platform to exercise creativity for those who wish to pursue the career of a marketer.

MBA Club

The North South University MBA Club has been working since 1997 as a club for MBA students. It was established to help students improve their managerial skills, foster mutually beneficial relationships among the business world, and obtain better career opportunities. As the club is committed to bringing business and academia together, it regularly plans and organizes different events to help its members improve themselves by challenging their managerial, social, and knowledge skills. Its publication, *The Annual Resume Book*, portrays the curriculum vitae of the North South University graduates. The club regularly organizes Industrial Tour. In April 2014, the Club team visited the *Mi Amore* plant at Shyampur in order to observe the production process and gain an insight into their human resource, supply chain, business policy, quality and error management etc. Among other events the Club has organized a seminar on 'Stress Management' at Audi 801 recently which was addressed by leading psychologist Professor Mehtab Khanam.

Model UN Club

The Model UN (MUN) Club came into being in early 2013 after its winning 'Outstanding Delegation Award' in the *New York Global Young Leaders Summit International Model United Nations* in March 2013. Since then, the club members have attended quite a few major national and international summits keeping NSU delegation in the leadership mediation role. In July-August 2015, this club is organizing for the first time *NSU Model UN Conference* having adjudicators from overseas. Through the club activities students are becoming aware of the importance of peaceful resolution of the regional and global conflicts. The Club's prime slogan is 'give diplomacy a chance!'

Pharmaceutical Club

Affiliated with the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at NSU, this club organizes a number of events and publishes an annual magazine to improve the healthcare system and promote the pharmacy profession. One of the major events of this club is the ***Pharma Feast*** which is a day long event organized every year. The main goal is to bring leading pharmaceutical companies, pharmacists, doctors, health care experts, students of pharmacy and educationists from all over the country under one roof. This provides a platform for the students of pharmacy to interact with the pharmaceutical companies and to bridge the gap between the academia and the professional corporate world.

Public Health and Sciences Club

Merging the erstwhile ***Public Health Club*** and ***Life Sciences Club***, this new club has been dedicated to the promotion, growth, and improvement of the public health and life sciences disciplines for higher education. The club strives to accomplish the following objectives: promote pertinent fields in the life sciences discipline, especially amongst young minds; provide a platform where knowledge is shared while ideas are exchanged; disseminate and distribute up-to-date knowledge of the biological sciences; nurture interest through interactive seminars, workshops and hands-on activities; maintain liaisons with entities working within relevant industries in order to promote the field within the nation.

Shangskritik Sangothon

The NSUSS has been carrying its legacy as the leading cultural representative of North South University since its inception. The club successfully organizes *Pohela Baishakh*, *Boshonto Utshab*, and national programs like 21st February, 26th March and 16th December etc. NSUSS won the Champion Trophy of the Best Cultural Club organized by Bangladesh University of Professional (BUP) in 2014. Performed by the NSU students, its major event ***Annual Cultural Evening (ACE)*** is something that the viewers would remember for rest of their life. The club staged its 19th ACE in the newly built auditorium on 9th and 10th June 2015. NSUSS team has been extremely talented, passionate, innovative, and dedicated to bring out their excellence in creative potentials.



Social Services Club



To keep up their identity as ‘social being’—the club members annually organize Blood Donation Drive and sponsor Eid donations to the destitute. Believing in the principle of ‘Love can be kept only by being given away,’ they collect thousand bags of blood for the *Quantum Foundation* for its distribution to patients in need, distribute food items among the poor families for making their *Eid Special*, or generate anti-drugs and anti-smoking campaigns to address social problems. All these good works not only help the deviant and down trodden population in the society; but also elevate the reputation of the university in the neighborhood areas. *Socio Camp* is also another unique event that the club organizes every year for poor children. In 2015, they collected a good amount of money and relief materials for the earthquake victims in Nepal. This club also takes a lead role in organizing the annual *Doa Mahfil*, and annual picnic.



Young Economists Forum

Amongst all the student clubs at NSU, the Young Economists' Forum (YEF) has earned some distinctive identity. YEF organizes inter-university economic case study analysis and policy dialogue competition, a series of seminars and skills development programs. The club has its own periodicals and magazines published regularly, and their research group is involved in creative writings. Its annual publication, *Equilibrium*, and tri-monthly magazine *Chronicle*, deserve appreciation and recognition. YEF members take part in the result oriented club activities in a trusted and competent manner.



Young Entrepreneurs Society

YES! is the oldest business club of North South University. Over the years, the club has pulled off feat after feat through dedication, innovation, and commitment. Harboring the notion of facilitating the development of the undergraduate business community, YES! kept its promise by establishing phenomenal events since its inception. The club was formed in 1994. Being the only business club of NSU, YES! created a platform for young and talented undergraduates who have the potential to shine in the future, acting as a guide for them. YES! succeeded in doing this by hosting various events every year, backed and sponsored by prestigious organizations from home and abroad. Besides, YES also organizes a few other events that are related to grooming up a business student for future life.