Career Preparation in FASS
Mentorship Briefing 2017
A/P Loy Hui Chieh (Vice-Dean, ERSL)
FASS Mentorship Programme
http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/studentlife/mentorship.html
1. What and Who is a Mentor?

- **Noun:** A wise and trusted counsellor or teacher

- **Verb:** To serve as a trusted counsellor or teacher, especially in occupational setting

In Greek Mythology, ‘Mentor’ was a trusted teacher of Telemachus, when his father Odysseus, went away to fight the Trojan War.
1. What and who is a Mentor?

What can a Mentor provide

a) Industry/sector insight
b) Work environment & office settings
c) Current job market situation
d) Business etiquette
e) Going for interviews & the first job
f) Networking & getting along with people
g) Worksite visit?
h) Event organization & attendance?
i) Introduction to other ‘mentors’?
Mentor every step of the way

“I remember seeking my mentor’s advice when I sent in my first job application, attended my first interview and when I received my first rejection. In all instances, his sound counsel helped me make the best of each situation and prepared me for the next hurdle. His patience and words of affirmation made me realize that securing a job need not be as lonely or confusing an experience as some make it out to be.”

-- Melisa Low mentored by Mr Bob Chua
1. What and Who is a Mentor?

What You Should NOT Expect from your Mentor:

a) CV writing techniques
b) Hands-on experience in a ‘real project’
c) Internship offers
d) Your first job

If your mentor offers the above, great!
If not, they are not expected to do so ...
2. What is the FASS Mentorship Programme?

Alumni mentors provide our students career guidance, workplace exposure, experiential advice, professional development (minimum: 4 meetings).

2006: 21 mentors & 37 students

2015: 77 mentors / 139 mentees (10th year)
2016: 79 mentors / 96 mentees
2017: 71 mentors / 122 mentees
2. What is the FASS Mentorship Programme?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>When?</th>
<th>What happens?</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feb to Jul 2017</td>
<td>Students sign up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Selection of mentees by mentors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 2017</td>
<td>Final confirmation of mentors and students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Aug 2017</td>
<td>“Great to meet you!”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Our first social gathering (dinner)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 2017 to end- Jul 2018</td>
<td>“A time of learning &amp; sharing.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mentorship Period</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 2018</td>
<td>“Time to get together.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Network with mentors and mentees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mid-Aug 2018</td>
<td>“Thank you and warm appreciation.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Final gathering (dinner)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2. What is the FASS Mentorship Programme?

• Provides opportunities for FASS students to learn about work & life outside university walls
• Facilitates our students’ personal, career & leadership development
• Connects FASS students with alumni
• Cultivates FASS-alumni relations by engaging alumni as worthy role models to students
• Creates a platform for alumni’s contribution to the development of FASS, & personal enrichment to themselves
Proactive Engagement with Mentors

• Arrange the next meeting with possible dates/times

• Come prepared with questions

• Email/phone first, rather than wait to be contacted. ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGE any contact from mentor!
Networking Events

**Alumninate**
- Alumni are invited to share their experiences transitioning from student to employee and career progression.

**ArtsConnect**
- Networking event for students wishing to enter fields in the Arts, e.g. performing art, visual art, art therapy, art management, theatre management, etc.
FASS Deanery
External Relations & Student Life (ERSL)
Career-Preparation Team

A/Prof Loy Hui Chieh
Vice-Dean, ERSL

A/Prof Phua Chiew Pheng
Assistant-Dean, ERSL

Karen Wong
(Internship/Mentorship)

Other members of the division:

Lynn Tan (Alumni)

Lynn Seah (Student Support)

Kathrine Ho (Admin)

Phua Pei Pei (Development)

Jenny Tang (Development, Class Champions/Ambassadors)
FASS Career Advisory (CFG)

http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/studentlife/career.html

Doreen Ang
doreen.ang@nus.edu.sg
- Economics (Yr 1-2)
- Communications and New Media
- English Lit & Lang
- Theatre
- Chinese Lang & Studies
- Malay Studies
- Japanese Studies

Lynelle Seow
lynelleseow@nus.edu.sg
- Economics (Yr 3-4)
- Geography
- Environmental Studies
- Political Science
- Global Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies
- South Asian Studies
- European Studies

Dr. Anne-Marie Lew
annmarielew@nus.edu.sg
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- History
- Philosophy

Dr. Yeo Wee Loon
yeoweeloon@nus.edu.sg
- Graduate Students (all disciplines in FASS)
FASS Mentorship Thank You / Welcome Dinner
Tuesday, 22 August 2015, 7:00-10:00pm
NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House

• Purpose: Thank-you to outgoing mentors; Welcome to incoming mentors

• Dinner: You will be seated with your mentor. Establish a rapport with him/her (and your fellow mentee)

• Attire: Office work attire (very smart casual)
Thank You

karenwong@nus.edu.sg
careers@nus.edu.sg