

A Slice of S-L

Despite COVID-19, our Service-Learning (S-L) initiatives forged onward, online!

S-L training went online

For the first time, S-L training was conducted fully online. From 8 – 9 April, 11 lecturers (from Ngee Ann’s Schools of Business & Accountancy, Film & Media Studies, Humanities & Social Sciences, Health Sciences and Engineering) were glued to their screens, learning about how to design and implement S-L modules. There was much lively discussion and even a community engagement component. Four community partners and volunteers provided insights, via Zoom, into 2 communities – disadvantaged children and migrant workers.



Those who agreed/strongly agreed that:

Learning objectives were achieved by the end of the training	100%
New learning was made during the training	80%
They would recommend this training to other colleagues	100%

Good job for online delivery. I think I probably focussed much more than if it was face to face, because I'm listening 95% of the time.

The training is meaningful and makes us think "many things".

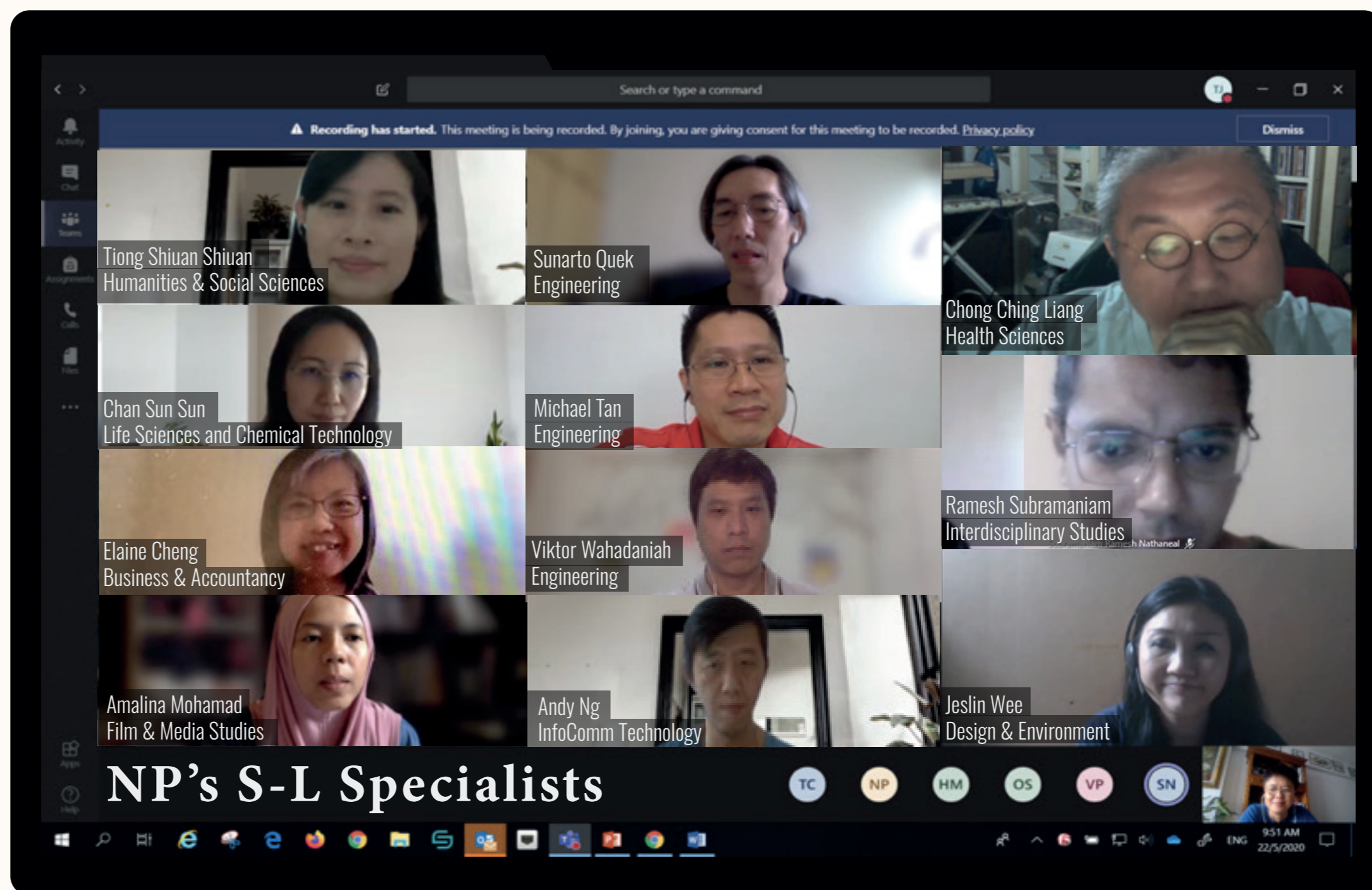
The practices (for reflection and marking) were very helpful.

S-L Specialists Connect launched online

A new initiative to help NP deepen its understanding and implementation of S-L was launched online on 8 May. S-L Specialists Connect involves 11 academic colleagues who will be instrumental in working with OSL to develop S-L competencies within their schools, profile good examples and build a Community of Practice that shares info, ideas and resources.

The online launch was as good as a face-to-face one – I enjoyed the icebreaker as well as the breakout session where I got to learn from colleagues who generously shared their S-L experience. The S-L Specialists Connect is a great platform to learn and develop in S-L!

- Amalina Mohamad



Online Fireside Chat

An online Fireside Chat was held on 8 May for our 2nd batch of Civic Interns (from Schools of Business & Accountancy, Film & Media Studies, Humanities & Social Sciences, InfoComm Technology and Engineering). They “met” Jacqueline Tan, Partnerships Manager, Soap Cycling, an NGO that works with businesses, volunteers and charities across Asia to recycle and distribute soap, to improve sanitation and hygiene. She shared her experiences, insights, and concerns about continuing support from corporate clients, volunteers and businesses such as hotels who had been donating soap. OSL will explore working with Soap Cycling to organise a Civic Challenge for our civic interns to address these concerns.



In social enterprises or non-profits, there is often a challenge in ensuring a balance - between generating income to cover business costs and making a social impact, or in being sensitive and respectful while evoking sympathy for beneficiaries.

- Jacqueline Tan