

Annex – New Dean for NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences



PROFESSOR LIONEL WEE

Dean-Designate, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
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Provost's Chair Professor Lionel Wee is a Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, and currently Vice Dean at the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

A linguist in the English language, Professor Lionel Wee (aged 58, Singaporean) is a well-respected scholar with research interests in the areas of language policy (especially in Southeast Asia), the grammar of Singapore English, metaphorical discourse, and general issues in sociolinguistics and pragmatics. For his outstanding scholarly achievements, he has been appointed Provost's Chair since 1 July 2017. He has held his present appointment as Vice Dean of Research, FASS from 1 July 2014, and prior to that, he was Head of the Department of English Language and Literature (ELL).

Prof Wee is an alumnus and obtained his BA (First Class Honours) (1988) and MA (1991) from NUS. He embarked on an academic career when he joined NUS Department of English Language and Literature in 1988 as a Teaching Assistant. He was later put through the Senior Tutorship scheme in 1990, and awarded the NUS Overseas Graduate Scholarship to pursue his PhD (1995) at University of California, Berkeley. Upon his return, he was appointed as a Lecturer and rose through the ranks to full Professorship in 2012.

In addition to an extensive administrative leadership experience through positions including Deputy Head/Acting Head/Head of ELL Department and Vice Dean (Research) of FASS, Prof Wee has contributed to the Faculty and University through various committees such as Chair of the FASS Faculty Promotion & Tenure Committee II, Chair of the University Mid-Term Advisory Report Committee, and Member of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. He contributes actively to his professional community, and sits on multiple editorial boards such as that of Applied Linguistics, English World-Wide and Multilingual Margins, Research Perspectives on Language Policy and Linguistic Rights, Journal of Asian Linguistic Anthropology, and Multilingualisms and Diversities in Education.

Prof Wee has a PhD in Linguistics from the University of California, Berkeley.