



Lending An Ear: A Dialogue with Postgraduates

OCTOBER

16

6PM - 7PM

HALL 3

GRADUATE CENTRE

Light refreshments will be
provided

**Sign up here and voice
out your concerns!**

<https://bit.ly/pgdialogue2023>

If you have any questions, please
contact us at:
pgsc@imail.sunway.edu.my



**Introductory Speech by
Prof. Sibrandes Poppema, President of Sunway University**

Panel Discussion with:



**Prof. Abhimanyu
Veerakumarasivam,
Provost of Sunway
University**



**Prof. Chai Lay Ching,
Pro-Vice Chancellor
(Education)**



**Prof. Mahendhiran
Nair,
Pro-Vice Chancellor
(Research Engagement
& Impact)**

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Summary

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Foreword

Sunway PGSC hosted a Dialogue Session in conjunction with Sunway University management as a means to bring awareness to student-welfare and academic concerns. We wanted to understand the individual experiences of postgraduate students in Sunway University. We hope this would enlighten both the management on the student concerns and the students on the reasoning behind existing policies. We hope this initiative inspires the community to initiate continuing conversations and collaborate to generate lasting changes in the institution.





Topics of concern

1. Student parking
2. Workspaces for PG students
3. Opportunities and training for PG students on campus
4. Taught programme-specific limitations
5. Self-plagiarism (thesis submission)

These are some of the topics raised by the students during the dialogue. Although we were unable to respond to all of your concerns due to time limitation, rest assured that you are heard and we will be voicing out those concerns on your behalf in our university's Academic Governance Committees.

1. Student Parking

Sunway University cannot ensure students have guaranteed access to parking spots on campus, primarily because there are not enough spots for every single student. However, the university suggested some alternatives for students who drive to campus. You may opt to apply for the Sunway Pyramid Parking Season Pass for students, which costs RM60 per month, via the Sunway Super App. There are also parking spots at the various BRT station.

While the various BRT stops and Sunway Pyramid parking may seem like a distance, they range between 8-15 minute walks when using the canopy walks (which will keep you shaded from the sun!). There are also security officers seated at each entrance of the canopy walk to ensure student safety. The free Shuttle Bus service is also a good option to travel around Sunway City.

As the university advocates for the SDGs we as the PGSC aim to provide additional alternatives for students in an attempt to reduce that carbon footprint of the PG student body. Some initiatives the students can take include:

- Carpool with your friends, colleagues, and course-mates;
- Utilise public transport options.



2. Workspace options

The library spaces are available at all times during working hours for students. After working hours and on the weekends, the Mezzanine floor of the library is open.

Click the link below to stay updated on the changes in opening hours.

<https://library.sunway.edu.my/openinghours9>

For students having difficulty accessing the library, kindly follow the instructions detailed in the link below (or a shortened version on the next page for easier access!).

<https://sunwayschools.edu.my/sites/default/files/2021->

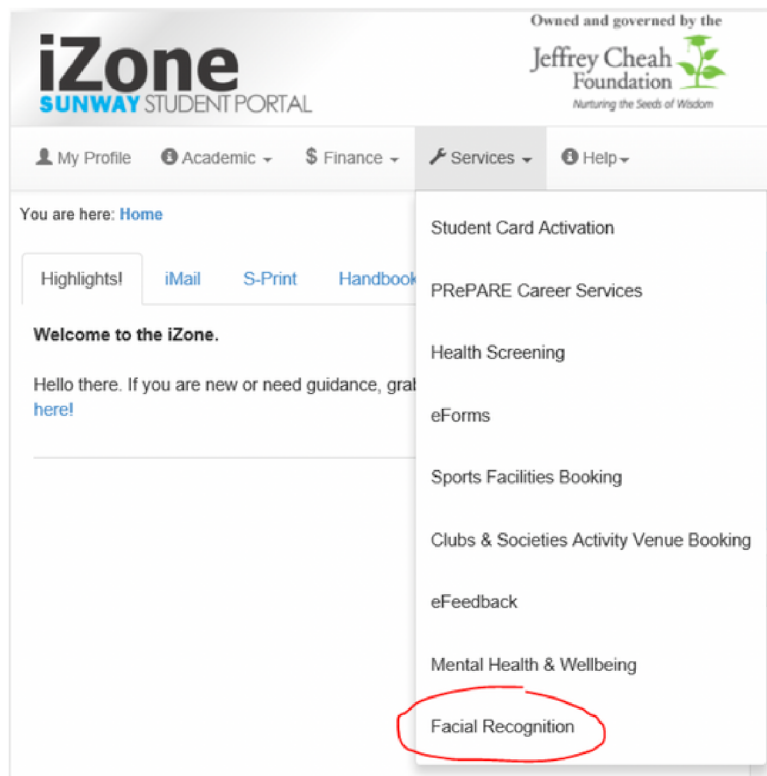
[12/Submit%20your%20photo%20for%20Facial%20Recognition.pdf](https://sunwayschools.edu.my/sites/default/files/2021-12/Submit%20your%20photo%20for%20Facial%20Recognition.pdf)

Ensure that the picture is clear and accurate to what you look like to avoid difficulties using the facial recognition system.



How to activate facial recognition for access to Sunway Library

1. Make sure student card is activated
2. Login to iZone: <https://izone.sunway.edu.my>
3. Click: [Services](#) -> [Facial Recognition](#)



4. Upload your photo (following the guidelines below) and wait for approval

Upload your photo

For FR to work, we need something from you: a photo of your **Face**.
A higher quality photo will increase the chance of FR correctly recognising you.

IMPORTANT

There are many ways to do this, but FR requires your selfie to adhere to some guidelines:

- No hats, masks or sunglasses. Make sure all your facial features can be seen clearly in the photo (eyes, nose, mouth, ears and etc...).
- Photo should be in **PORTRAIT** mode, 4:3 ratio.
- Lighting must be sufficient, avoid creating shadows on your face.
- Plain background, avoid 'noisy' backgrounds with complicated patterns.
- Photo should be clear and sharp, no blurry photos.
- Your face must be the main subject of the photo, like a passport photo.

5. Enjoy access to the Sunway Library!

3. Opportunities on campus!



The Sunway Career Services hosts a number of career fairs and lectures hosted by industry representatives and leaders. PGSC will also be conducting seminars/webinars and forums on career development for postgraduate students. So, do keep an eye out for announcements on these events!

In the meantime, we have compiled a list of companies who attended the most recent career fair hosted by Sunway Career Services:

- Sunway Groups
 - <https://jobs.sunway.com.my/map/>
- Evonik
 - <https://careers.evonik.com/en/about/evonikworldwide/international-jobs-in-asia/exciting-opportunities-in-malaysia-176316.html>
- Compasia
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/compasia/>
- Qi Group
 - <https://www.qigroup.com/about-us/careers/>
- Roche
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/roche/>

4. Taught-programme (getting to know your research project supervisor)

Students joining taught masters programmes have raised their concerns regarding not being familiar with their department staff, and thus having more difficulty in choosing a suitable supervisor for their research project module.

To improve student experience and to improve student-staff communication, the university management have taken note of this concern, and will begin implementing engagement sessions, giving students the opportunities to get to know the staff prior to selecting a supervisor.

5. Self Plagiarism?

Published papers and worried you cannot use your own work for your thesis? Sunway University allows the use of your own work in your thesis, as long as you are the primary author of the published work and declare the publications in your TurnItIn submission.

More questions?

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