# Singapore Management University ANLY482 Analytics Practicum 

Sponsor Minutes 4 as on $23^{\text {th }}$ February 2017

| Time Start: | 2.10 pm |
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| Time End: | 3.00 pm |
| Location: | Edgefield Secondary School |
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## Attendees:

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## Agenda

1. Sponsor's Feedback
2. NDA

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| 1 | Sponsor's Feedback |  |  |
|  | - For 2014 \& 2015, there is a huge jump when it comes to Secondary 3 <br> - Break it up into different clusters (like uniformed groups, sports, clubs and societies) <br> - Are we able to determine which are the subject combinations that was used to calculate the L1R4 or L1R5? <br> - Not possible unless we calculate their scores manually <br> - Feedback: Might not make much sense to proceed our analysis for race because most of the students are largely of 1 race, but still worth considering <br> - Suggestion: Look into their SES (Housing, Martial Status of Parents, Race) <br> - Search for similar PSLE and Sec 2 scores for the time-series analysis <br> - Unclear of what we are trying to achieve for the project $\rightarrow$ Include a statement on what is our final objective for the project <br> - Find out which is a better predictor for students grades (e.g. Maths or Science) <br> - Streaming is often contested: When students go into the different subject combination $=/=$ streaming. Students choose based on their own preference/interest, the school do not stop or limit them. <br> - If a student is unable to qualify for a subject combination, the school will advise accordingly to see if the student is able to cope with the presentation |  |  |


|  | - Academic standpoint: There isn't a 'best' class. Students are divided into 4 ability group ("seeded"). Each class, a certain number of students (around 10). Teachers take into account their class dynamics, and the top group will serve as a role model for the remaining students. Must take into account. <br> - Look into other variables and factors (e.g. PSLE T-scores, CCA clusters (Uniform groups, Performing arts, Sports, Club and societies), SES, Martial Status), run an analysis to deem what is "complementary subject" (e.g. D\&T might help physics instead of Biology, Biology and F\&N, Math and Physics) <br> - More analysis than description $\rightarrow$ So what? Make it clearer and obvious! Mismatch in what we are trying to do and what we have done (no continuity) <br> - Table that shows the direct comparison across years $\rightarrow$ Easier to see <br> - What is the conclusion? Math score, Science score, or what subject combination? <br> - Sometimes, if a student feels like dropping a subject, the school will advise them to try out for a year first before dropping <br> - Sec 3 results not so good might be because it is the transition during CCA (stepping down and passing to the next batch) <br> - Lit is an optional subject <br> - If you take combined science, you must take coursework <br> - Some students take 7 subjects while others take 8 subjects (idea of a 'safety' subject), perhaps we can do some analysis on that? <br> - In 2016, there is no 1 Pure 1 Combined because the T-Score for that year went up, so the school pushed students to take Double Science |  |  |
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| 2 | NDA |  |  |
|  | - Obtain NDA from Sponsor the next time we see them | Edufy | TBD |

