


Annex B: Profiles of SCIS Steering Committee (SC) Members



The Steering Committee oversees the operational establishment and implementation of SCIS programmes, policies, and institutional frameworks. The Committee is responsible for translating the Board of Governors' strategic vision into actionable plans and ensuring effective programme delivery.

Key responsibilities include setting operational objectives, designing implementation roadmaps for undergraduate, executive, and research programmes, and developing sustainable resource allocation and governance frameworks. The Committee ensures that all college operations align with Islamic educational principles whilst meeting Singapore's academic standards and regulatory requirements.



Through its oversight role, the Steering Committee bridges strategic governance and day-to-day operations, ensuring SCIS delivers quality education efficiently and sustainably whilst maintaining its commitment to Islamic scholarship and Singapore's multicultural context.

 <p>Dr Nazirudin Mohd Nasir</p>	<p><u>Chair of SCIS Steering Committee</u></p> <p>Ustaz Dr Nazirudin bin Mohd Nasir was appointed as Mufti of Singapore in March 2020. He is a member of the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony and Presidential Council for Minority Rights. He also serves on the Panel of Community Advisors for Honour Singapore and as a member of the 9th Singapore-India Strategic Dialogue.</p> <p>Trained in Islamic law at the Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Dr Nazirudin graduated with an MA in comparative legal studies with distinction as a Chevening scholar at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. At the University of Oxford, Dr Nazirudin completed an MSt in the Study of Religion and was awarded with a doctoral studentship in the Study of the Abrahamic Religions by the Faculty of Theology. He completed his D. Phil at St Cross College in the comparative study of the Abrahamic religions. He is an associate faculty member of the Singapore University of Social Sciences and speaks regularly in seminars and conferences on contemporary issues on religion and society. His publications include chapters in the field of interreligious studies and bioethics and religion.</p>
---	--





 <p>Dr Albakri Ahmad</p>	<p>Dr Albakri Ahmad is Deputy Chief Executive (Special Projects) of MUIS. He joined MUIS in 2000. Prior to his current appointment, he was the founding Dean of MUIS Academy. He also served in Office of Mufti, Religious Education, Research and Corporate Development Units. As a member of the senior management team and working together with community leaders and partners in academia, he was responsible for developing religious leadership and capacity building to achieve the vision of a Muslim Community of Excellence in Singapore.</p> <p>Dr Albakri holds a MSc in Systems Design and a PhD in Managerial Cybernetics. His research interests include Applied and Contextualised Islamic Education, Religion and Public Policy, and Muslims in Plural Societies.</p>
 <p>Ms Ang Bee Lian</p>	<p>Ms Ang Bee Lian is the Senior Adviser of the Ministry of Social and Family Development and was former Director-General of Social Welfare from 2013-2023. Ms Ang has many years of experience and insights in policy making, programme design, and operations with a focus on services in the social sector.</p> <p>Ms Ang held senior management appointments in MSF and National Council of Social Service (NCSS). Over the years, she has seeded and developed policies and programmes that were key to the growth of Singapore's social service sector. She is currently adjunct faculty lecturer at NUS and SUSS.</p> <p>Ms Ang has received several significant awards including the Outstanding Social Worker Award in 2000 and the Public Administration Silver and Gold Medals in 2002 and 2018.</p>
	<p>Associate Professor Allan Chia's career has been in academia, administration and management. He started as a Lecturer at Nanyang Polytechnic in 1992 and left to join SIM University as an Associate Faculty in 2005. In 2007, he switched to become a fulltime faculty and has held various positions at SUSS, including Head of Programme for both undergraduate and graduate programmes, Vice Dean then Dean of the School of Business, Assistant Provost and currently serves as the Deputy Provost at SUSS.</p>






 <p>Associate Professor Allan Chia</p>	<p>A/P Chia chairs several key committees in the university, namely the Student Admission Committee for Undergraduate and Graduate programmes, Examination Administration Committee and the Alumni Steering Committee. As an instructor, he teaches Marketing courses and has presented at international conferences in this field. He has been appointed as a member of the Singapore College of Islamic Studies Steering Committee and currently teaches on the Prison School Project, initiated by the School of Business.</p> <p>In 2020, he received the Public Administration Medal (Bronze) award from the Singapore government for his contributions to public administration.</p>
 <p>Ustazah Farah Mahamood Aljunied</p>	<p>Ms Farah Mahamood Aljunied oversees the Higher Education and Research Cluster in Muis. Her work provides her the opportunity to nurture future Asatizah (religious leaders) for Singapore by providing them various learning and development opportunities, overseeing the Postgraduate Certificate in Islam in Contemporary Societies (PCICS), and Research Programme in the Study of Muslim Communities of Success (RPCS). Most recently, she is part of the team behind the formation of the Singapore College of Islamic Studies (SCIS).</p> <p>Her years at MUIS have seen her covering various aspects of Education-related work which include the development and implementation of the revised Joint Madrasah System's (JMS) curriculum, the management and development of Singapore students in Islamic Universities overseas, the development and the conduct of the part-time Mosque Madrasah programme aLIVE (Learning Islamic Values Everyday) as well as the revision and implementation of Mosque Based Kindergartens' curriculum.</p> <p>Ms Farah also conducts training programmes for Asatizah through the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programme and occasionally speaks and writes on educational related matters.</p>





 <p>Ustaz Fathurrahman Dawood</p>	<p>Ustaz Fathurrahman bin Haji M Dawood is the Vice Chairman of Al-Zuhri Institute of Higher Learning and the Executive Director of Andalus Corporation Pte Ltd, where he has been actively involved in Islamic education, leadership development, and institutional growth for more than 15 years.</p> <p>He also serves as the Chairman of the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP Singapore), providing strategic guidance for community development and national-level initiatives.</p> <p>Ustaz Fathurrahman is a Council Member of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) and a member of the MUIS Fatwa Committee, contributing to religious guidance and legal deliberation since 2013. His earlier roles in MUIS include serving on the Islamic Education Workgroup Committee and the Halal Committee.</p> <p>Trained in Islamic law at the Islamic University of Madinah, he later completed his MSc in Asian Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University.</p>
 <p>Dr. Gog Soon Joo</p>	<p>Dr Gog Soon Joo is a Fellow at SUSS-IAL Office for Skills-First Practices at the Singapore University of Social Sciences - Institute for Adult Learning, where she is spearheading Skills-First initiatives. She serves as a council member at the World Economic Forum Global Future Council for Human Capital Development, and as advisor to various university research advisory boards.</p> <p>With over two decades of expertise in workforce development, lifelong learning system transformation, and skills policies, Dr Gog has been pivotal in the transformation of Singapore's continuing education and training system.</p> <p>Her research focuses on examining the institutional dynamics of skills ecosystems, exploring skills-powered organizations, and investigating the longevity economy. She is an alumnus of Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, University College London and Oxford University in the UK, and George Washington University and Singularity University in the US, and HEC-Paris in France.</p>



 Professor Robbie Goh	<p>Professor Robbie Goh is Provost and Professor of the Singapore University of Social Sciences, a position he has held since 1 October 2021. Prior to this, he spent 33 years at the National University of Singapore, most recently as Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science.</p> <p>Prof Goh obtained his B.A. (Honours First Class, direct honours) and his M.A. from the National University of Singapore, and his Ph.D from the University of Chicago.</p> <p>His research and teaching fall mainly in the areas of Christianity in Asia, Indian Anglophone Literature, and the Semiotics of Popular Culture. He has authored/co-authored 5 scholarly monographs, edited/co-edited 8 scholarly collections, and authored more than 100 articles in scholarly journals or edited volumes. In addition, he has written 3 other general readership books on Christian institutions in Singapore, and co-edited 2 anthologies of Singapore poetry.</p> <p>Prof Goh serves on the editorial boards of the academic journals <i>CrossCurrents</i> and <i>Semiotica</i>, and on the advisory board of the <i>Singapore Labour Journal</i>.</p> <p>He also serves on a number of boards and committees, including as Advisor to the Metropolitan YMCA Board, Patron of TAVA by Talent Beacon, co-chair of the SUSS-MSF-NCSS tripartite collaboration committee, co-chair of the SUSS-SingHealth collaboration committee, member of the Social Science Research Council, Member of the Charity Council, and others.</p>
 Professor Paul Hedges	<p>Professor Paul Hedges is a Life Member at Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, and Professor of Interreligious Studies and Associate Dean (Scholarly Ecosystems) at RSIS, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Previously he was Reader in Interreligious Studies at the University of Winchester, UK, and has lectured in various European, Asian, and North American universities. He frequently works with stakeholders outside academia, which has included the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Ministry of Community, Culture and Youth (MCCY, Singapore), the Anglican Communion Network for Interfaith</p>

	<p>Concerns (NIFCON), the Dialogue Society (UK), Netflix, and the BBC.</p> <p>Prof Hedges writes, researches, and teaches in such areas as interreligious studies, theory and method in the study of religion, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, religion and politics, prejudice studies, intercultural theologies, and decolonising academia. He has published sixteen books and over one hundred scholarly papers. He is co-editor of Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology, editor-in-chief of the Occasional Paper series Interreligious Relations and sits on the editorial board of numerous journal and book series. His most recent monographs are <i>Christian Polytheism? Polydox Theologies of Multi-devotional and Decolonial Praxis</i> (Routledge 2025), <i>Understanding Religion: Theories and Methods for Studying Religiously Diverse Societies</i> (University of California Press 2021), and <i>Religious Hatred: Prejudice, Islamophobia, and Antisemitism in Global Context</i> (Bloomsbury 2021).</p>
 Dr Kang Lu-Ming, Trivina	<p>Dr Trivina Kang is the Chief Strategy and Partnerships Officer and a Senior Lecturer at the National Institute of Education (NIE), Singapore. Dr Kang holds a PhD from New York University, awarded through NIE's Overseas Graduate Scholarship. She has previously served as Associate Dean for Professional and Leadership Development, overseeing NIE's in-service educator programs, and as Assistant Dean for Teacher Leadership.</p> <p>A sociologist and qualitative researcher, Dr Kang has explored the lived experiences of students in Singapore and is author of <i>Creating Educational Dreams: The Intersection of Ethnicity, Families and Schools</i>, which examines the educational aspirations of female students from diverse ethnic backgrounds. She has led major research projects, including a landmark study at the Centre of Pedagogy and Practice and, most recently, a Ministry of Education commissioned longitudinal study involving 8,000 secondary students. A strong believer in the importance of leaders in shaping the school ecosystem, Dr Kang is a key anchor in NIE's milestone school leadership programme and intentionally uses her research to inform related curricula. She is Associate Editor of the Asia</p>





	<p>Pacific Journal of Education and consults for the Ministry of Education in Singapore and internationally.</p>
 <p>Mr Khairul Anwar</p>	<p>Mr Khairul Anwar is Deputy Chief Executive at the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS, where he oversees the development and governance of the mosque and religious education sector, including finance, infrastructure and programming of over 70 such institutions here. He holds qualifications in urban planning and design from Cornell University and the London School of Economics.</p> <p>With over a decade of professional experience, Mr Khairul has held senior roles spanning international business development, infrastructure and urban planning. His career includes supporting SME internationalisation at International Enterprise Singapore, managing infrastructure collaborations with foreign governments and multilateral banks, contributing to master-planning Jurong Lake District at URA, and serving as Director for Southeast Asia at Enterprise Singapore where he led regional business engagement across multiple sectors</p>
	<p>Ustaz Dr Mohamed Bin Ali, PBM, is a Senior Fellow at the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. His areas of research include Islamic Jurisprudence, Islamist ideology, religious extremism, inter-religious relations and rehabilitation of Muslim extremists. Dr Mohamed obtained his Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Islamic Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Master of Science (MSc) in International Relations at RSIS, NTU and</p>






<p>Ustaz Dr Mohamed Bin Ali</p>	<p>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Arab and Islamic Studies from the University of Exeter, United Kingdom.</p> <p>Dr Mohamed is the Co-Chairman and counsellor of the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG), a group of voluntary Muslim clerics who provide religious counselling to detainees arrested for terrorism-related activities in Singapore. He is also the Chairman of Khadijah Mosque Management Board, Co-Chairman of the Geylang Serai Harmony Circle, member of the Syariah Appeal Board of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS), senior associate member of MUIS Fatwa (Religious Ruling) Committee, member of MUIS Wakaf (Endowment) Dispute Resolution Committee, member of the Malay Community Committee, and member of MUIS Community Religious Life Steering Committee. Dr Mohamed was a former President of the Singaporean Students Welfare Assembly in Cairo, former member of Council for Asian Terrorism Research and former counsellor at the Singapore Prison Department.</p> <p>Dr Mohamed was conferred the National Day Award - Public Service Medal (PBM) by the President of Singapore in 2022</p>
 <p>Dr Mohd Murat bin Aris</p>	<p>Ustaz Mohd Murat is currently the Deputy Mufti of Muis, overseeing the religious policy and research in the Religious and Policy Development Cluster. He is an Islamic scholar who is trained in the field of theology and Islamic Philosophy, Sharia Law, and Religious Studies. He has extensive experience in the works related to religious and educational policy in Islam. Ustaz Murat is also actively involved in the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG), a member of Asatizah Recognition Board (ARB), and plays important role in the development of asatizah.</p> <p>Ustaz Mohd Murat is a graduate of the Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt in the field of Faith and Philosophy. He also has attained a Diploma in Islamic Law from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), in addition to a Master's degree from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and a PhD in religious studies from University of Cape Town, South Africa. His PhD research topic was: <i>When Dispute Threaten Harmony in the Public Sphere</i>.</p>




	<i>Discerning the Dynamics of State-Religion Relation with Paritcular Reference to Singapore's Muslim Scholars.</i>
 Ms Norhayati Haron	<p>Ms. Norhayati Haron is the Director in-charge of Finance and Haj Services Cluster in MUIS. Prior to this, she was heading the Zakat and Wakaf Strategic Unit and was formerly in Mosque Development Strategic Unit, managing 70 mosques' accounts and audit. She held the concurrent appointment as the General Manager of Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation (RLAF), from 2013 to 2017. She is also the corporate representative for MUIS subsidiary, Warees Investments Pte Ltd, and the Director for Freshmill Pte Ltd and Fusion Pte Ltd, both MUIS subsidiaries.</p> <p>Ms Norhayati is a Chartered Accountant by training and was with one of the big 4 audit firms, KPMG, before she joined MUIS. She holds bachelor's and MBA qualifications from Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. She also has a Diploma in Islamic Banking and Finance from International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM).</p> <p>She is a member of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) since 2002, and a board member of Education Trust Fund (ETF), Mendaki since 2018.</p> <p>In 2022, she received the Public Administration Medal (Bronze) from the President of Singapore, Madam Halimah Yaacob, as part of the National Day Awards 2022.</p>
 Dr Winston Ong	<p>Dr Winston Ong is Vice President (Corporate), at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). He is responsible for overseeing infrastructure development, information technology, corporate and risk planning, organisational excellence, and business intelligence and analytics.</p> <p>Prior to SUSS, Dr Ong's previous experience included strategic planning and finance in the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY), and hospital development (specifically Sengkang General Hospital) and population health planning with Singhealth.</p>



 Ustazah Dr Rohana Ithnin	<p>Ustazah Dr Rohana Ithnin is a senior lecturer and educational leader with over 30 years of experience in Islamic Studies, curriculum development, and adult education. She holds a PhD in Islamic Studies (Cum Laude) and is an alumna of Al-Azhar University, Cairo, where she specialised in Islamic jurisprudence.</p> <p>Ustazah Rohana serves as a Full Member of the MUIS Fatwa Committee and is actively involved in national-level religious and educational initiatives, including the Singapore College of Islamic Studies (SCIS) Steering Committee. She has held senior leadership roles in madrasah education and continues to lecture widely in mosques, higher learning institutions, and professional training programmes.</p> <p>Her areas of focus include Fiqh, thematic Tafsir, women and society, Maqasid Al-Shariah, and Islam in contemporary contexts. A strong advocate for women's empowerment and lifelong learning, Dr Rohana is also engaged in mentorship, community outreach, and interdisciplinary educational initiatives.</p>
 Associate Professor Suzaina Kadir	<p>Associate Professor Suzaina Kadir is Vice Dean (Academic Affairs) at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. In her role as VDAA, Suzaina oversees all academic matters at the School, including the curriculum, teaching and learning in the degree programmes.</p> <p>A/P Suzaina has a PhD in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her teaching and research interests include ethnicity, religion, and public policy, state capacity and institution building in Southeast Asia. She works specifically on the evolution of political Islam in Muslim Southeast Asia, focusing specifically on the evolution of Islamic organizations and political parties in Indonesia. Her research work on the Nahdlatul Ulama, the largest Islamic organization in Indonesia, broke new ground to help make sense of the organizational dynamics and decision-making process within a politically influential Islamic movement. She continues to</p>

	<p>explore the political dynamics between Islamic organizations and the state in democratic Indonesia.</p> <p>A/P Suzaina is a recipient of four National Day Awards: 2016 Public Service and Commendation Medals for her contributions to various national-level initiatives, 2018 Long Service Medal and 2024 The Public Administration Medal (Bronze) for her contributions to higher education in Singapore. She serves on several advisory committees at the Media Development Authority, and the National Heritage Board.</p>
 Ms. Yeoh Chee Yan	<p>Ms Yeoh Chee Yan began her public service career in 1985, and served in various appointments, among them Head of the Scenario Planning Office in the Public Service Division, where her team developed the first set of National Scenarios.</p> <p>She served as Permanent Secretary (Education Development) from 2008-2012.</p> <p>In 2012, she was appointed Permanent Secretary of the new Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. Under her leadership, MCCY embarked on new strategic plans for sports, heritage and the arts. MCCY also championed capability building in citizen engagement across the Public Service. She also led the Ministry in several successful national initiatives, including the coordination of the SG50 celebrations, the establishment of the National Gallery, the inscription of Singapore Botanic Gardens as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the successful hosting of the 28th SEA Games.</p> <p>Ms Yeoh currently serves as Chairman of the National Heritage Board and as Senior Advisor, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.</p>



 <p>Mdm Zuraidah Abdullah</p>	<p>Mdm Zuraidah Abdullah retired in October 2025 as the Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan MENDAKI, a Self-Help Group and a non-profit organisation set up in 1982 to uplift the Malay/Muslim community in Singapore through education and lifelong learning.</p> <p>Prior to joining Yayasan MENDAKI in April 2020, she was a Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police in the Singapore Police Force (SPF). She served in the SPF for over 30 years as well as the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA), holding several key appointments including the Commander Jurong Police Division, Commander Training Command concurrent Deputy Chief Executive Home Team Academy (Admin), Commander Airport Police Division and Domain Commander (Air), Integrated Checkpoints Command, ICA. For her contributions to the public service, she was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) and the Long Service Medal in 2011, and the Public Service Medal in 2019.</p> <p>She served numerous governing boards in the public sector. In 2007, Mdm Zuraidah was the first woman to be appointed to the Council of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (or MUIS). She currently holds several directorships and is a board or committee member in various organisations including the Land Transport Authority, National Health Group, Temasek Foundation Ltd and SG Eco Fund. She is also appointed as a Justice of the Peace in Singapore.</p> <p>In 2016 and 2015, she was conferred the prestigious Berita Harian Achiever Award and Her World Woman of the Year Award respectively. She was also conferred the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award by Nanyang Technological University and made the honouree in Singapore Women's Hall of Fame in 2014 in recognition of her achievements.</p> <p>Mdm Zuraidah graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) from the National University of Singapore.</p>
---	--