

SRC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: MONDAY 16 MAY 2022

TIME: 18H00

VENUE: RA ROOM

AGENDA

2022.17.01 Attendance

2022.17.02 Declaration of Conflict

2022.17.03 Matters Arising

2022.17.04 Housekeeping

2022.17.05 Feedback

2022.17.06 Leadership Week

2022.17.07 Podcast

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Minutes of meeting

2022.13.01 Attendance

Present:

-President: Mr Botlhale Modisaotsile

- Vice President: Ms. Tinashe Hlako

-Secretary General: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla

-Treasurer General: Ms. Palesa Makoli

- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya
- Oppidan: Ms. Omphulusa Nengwekhulu
- Projects Manager: Mr. Bongani Pellemu
- Sports & Societies: Mr. Asanda Kubheka
- Student Benefits & Sponsorship: Mr. Pfano Mulaudzi
- Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili

Apologies

- International Affairs: Ms. Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Postgraduates Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo
- Activism and Transformation: Ms. Lebo Ramohapi
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms. Lerato Pae

2022.17. 02 Declaration of Conflict

- The Secretary General declared her conflict of interest on St Mary's Phoneless Thursday and was asked to leave for that agenda item.

2022. 17. 03 Matters Arising:

St Mary's Phoneless Thursday

- Council members spoke to the mixed reactions they received during the hall visits regarding the rule. They noted that students generally did not have a problem with the rule and were accustomed to it. However, the rule was strictly enforced without consideration of what is being done on the phone. For example, students who had lectures during lunch had to choose between attending those lectures or going to eat.

- There was general consensus that the rule should be enforced leniently on those who had work to do.

IT Labs and Wifi

- The Jac Labs were being used for examinations and would be closed and inaccessible to students from the 6th to the 23rd of June. However, the Jac Labs might be open during weekends. Union Labs would be open 24hrs during the examination period. However, it has ventilation and noise issues. The Council raised concerns about the lack of ventilation in the Union Labs and requested an enquiry as to what could be put in place to ensure better ventilation as this is a safety concern. The Council suggested that lab assistants could be mobilized to deal with the noise issues. Furthermore, Steve Biko seminar rooms could be reopened to students and the postgraduate library could be opened to all students to increase the number of IT labs available. A proposal with solutions would be drafted and sent to the IT Department.

- The wifi around campus has issues mainly due to two reasons: (i) the model is old and has not been upgraded as of yet and (ii) different devices have different preferences which cause some devices to easily disconnect. The Council requested an explanation as to why the wifi has not been updated.

Intersarsity

- A meeting was held with the Eastern Cape Liquor Board where council members were informed of which documents he had to submit and the monies to be paid. The documentation would be due in the follow-up meeting on the 17th of May at 12:00.

- Council members gave feedback on the meeting with the other universities. The name of the events and the amount to be contributed by each university is still to be decided; Rhodes University SRC would need to decide this.

2022.17.04 Housekeeping

- The Council was reminded of the following:

- To start compiling semester reports (the due date would be communicated);
- To prepare for handovers with the Executive;

- To respect Student Parliament and avoid wearing hats;
- To respect the call out period;
- To send deductions by Thursday the 19th of May;
- To compile feedback document for all meetings attended (the link would be sent soon);
- To refrain from chewing gum, clicking pens and passing notes; and
- To respect one another
- |Anyone who is not in the SRC offices to consult would only be allowed in the offices after 17:00
- There was a request for term minutes should be sent out at the end of the month.
- Council members would receive their bomber jackets. Only basic groceries would be provided by the university and other groceries should be bought by the council with their honorarium.

2022.17.05 Feedback

Oppidan bus

- The Council confirmed that issues regarding the oppidan bus were raised with the bus contractor. The oppidan bus would continue to operate on weekends, bus stickers were issued to mitigate some of the issues raised regarding students not being allowed on the bus and there would be a 5minute waiting period before the bus leaves. The Council also noted that the Oppidan Committee would suggest that the bus contractor should be changed for the upcoming years.
- The Council confirmed that was no policy regarding attire on the bus however, the bus operators acknowledged it as a norm that students should not wear pyjamas on the oppidan bus.
- The Council noted the suggestion that the oppidan bus should operate from 17:00 during SWOT week but explained that the rates would have to change to reflect the extra hour.

2022.17.06 Leadership Week

- The Council confirmed that the invitations to speakers would go out on the 17th of May. Mrs Connie Ferguson's details were the only ones missing and council members assistance was requested to help acquire them. The Council was advised to approach Communications and Advancements to get more speakers.
- The Council requested to see the invitations. These would be sent to the Council on the night of the 16th of May.
- The Council was requested to suggest more speakers and topics by Wednesday, the 18th of May.

2022.17.07 Podcast

- The first recording would occur on the 20th of May and the podcast would be launched on the week of the 23rd of May. Council members were requested to avail themselves to give input if the podcast episodes spoke to their portfolio.
- Council members suggested that the Journalism Department's equipment should be used as the RMR equipment is not portable and is outdated.
- The Council suggested that the first episode should introduce the podcast. Council members could send voice notes to be used in this first episode.

2022.17. 08 Date and Time of Next Meeting

- The next meeting would be on Monday, the 23rd of May, 18:00 in the RA Room.