

RHODES SRC 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: 01 DECEMBER 2021

Opening: Mr. President opened the meeting by welcoming council members and introducing the minute taker for 2022.

1. Present:

The following councillors were present for the meeting:

-President: Mr Botlhale Modisaotsile

-Secretary General: Ms Nobesuthu Mnkandla

-Treasurer General: Mr Njabulo Mkhulisa

-Academic: Ms Sisenalo Onica Makwedini

-Environmental: Mr Anda Mtshintsho

-Media: Ms Khwezi Maloma

-Oppidan: Ms Omphulusa Nengwekhulu

-Projects Manager: Mr Bongai Pellemu

-Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili

2. Leave of Absence:

The following councillors submitted a leave of Absence:

- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms Vuyelwa Moyo
- Community Engagement: Ms Panashe Maneya
- Student Benefits & Sponsorship: Mr Pfano Mulaudzi
- International Affairs: Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Activism & Transformation: Ms Lebo Ramohapi

Late

- Sports & Societies: Ms Palesa Mokoli
- Vice President: Tinashe Hlako

3. Confirmation of Previous minutes:

- There were no previous minutes to be read and confirmed by the council.

4. Matters Arising

4.1. O-week Preparations

- The council approved a list of potential sponsors for the purple/green bag. The list also clarifies the positions of the listed sponsors on what they will donate for the purple/green bag.
- It was raised that one of the sponsors (Fork & Dagger) stated that they will not be able to make any donations, however, they requested that the SRC allows them to advertise to first-year students and they are willing to pay for the advertisements.

-The council suggested that the payment may be used towards the drives that will be hosted by the council during O-week. The council unanimously agreed on this.

-The council also stated that the Sanitary Pad Drive would happen during o-week and Clicks has accepted that the SRC can set up a stall outside for the pad drive.

-On the Rhodes Stickers from the Alumni house, The council that decided to approach the alumni house in order to determine whether they will be providing these stickers for the purple/green bags.

4.2. Oppidan Hall O-week schedule and update

-The council spoke to Mr Jabavu the Oppidan Hall Warden to enquire about the Oppidan hall o-week preparation. According to Mr Jabavu, the Oppidan committee will discuss the preparations of O-week during their training year.

4.3. Leadership Document

- The council discussed the leadership document which is a document that will contain contact details of the leadership in respective Dining Halls. There will be one that is for Dining Halls and a University one which includes the SRC.

-This is left at the discretion of Ms Veronica Israel to approve the document, which will be made available in both electronic and physical copies.

-The importance of the document is to provide communication channels and enable students to understand structures they can follow if they need help.

-It was unanimously suggested that the relevant councillors will draft a proposal so that the rest of the council can peruse it, and once agreed upon, it can be sent to the DSA.

4.4. SRC Uniform.

-It was raised that the purchase of both chinos and skirts/trousers for all members will depend on the prices as there is a need to stick to the budget in a way that also leaves funds available in order to cater for new members in cases where members resign.

-The council collectively agreed that they would be open to trying out suppliers outside Grahamstown provided that they agree on the quality and the suppliers are open to the methods of payments that the SRC can use which is usually accepted by suppliers in Grahamstown. This option is for chinos and bombers.

4.5. Brand Management

-Mr President had suggested in the executive meeting for the use of the previous SRC vision and mission and the addition of a few significant points.

-This position was opposed by the council members, and the SG suggested the inclusion of other council members in order to come up with a vision and mission statement that represents what the 2022 SRC stands for and represents.

-It was collectively agreed that the council will have another meeting meanwhile members brainstorm on what to be included in the vision and mission statement for 2022.

4.6. Book Drive and Setting up a Task Team.

- The council discussed the book drive that will happen during O-week for Schools in the Makhanda Community. It was decided that the council will encourage first years to bring their old textbooks and novels that they can donate.

-It was decided that once an agreement has been reached then a Task team will be appointed to be responsible for this project.

-The council also suggested that donations be collected in order to contribute towards the drive and an SRC account can be created specifically for the donations.

5. Matters arising from SRC Executive

5.1. Brainstorm Approached to Gender-Based Violence

-The council collectively agreed to postpone engagement on this matter until Madam International is present as she is the one who came up with an idea on how to approach this matter. Other councillors are also welcomed to make contributions when the matter is engaged with.

5.2. Mental Health

-Relevant councillor was not present in the meeting, the council agreed to keep this matter as an outstanding item in the agenda to be dealt with next year.

5.3. Mandatory Vaccinations

-It was raised that the SRC will be challenging the decision made by the University on mandatory vaccinations.

-A question was raised one of the council members whether there is an alternative proposal to be made to the university on this matter.

- The SRC document on its stance has already been passed thus there is no alternative. Thus, the Rejection of mandatory vaccination will be based on its exclusion of students who do not want to vaccinate as well as on the loopholes in the clause.

5.4. Include the relevant councillors in Executive meetings

-The council collectively agreed that it is necessary to include particular councillors in the executive meetings so they can speak to different matters and provide knowledge and advice where necessary.

5.5. Portfolio Term Reports

-The council decided that the councillors should send their reports before hell week during the semester, and this will be possible if members diarise their events and activities. -Template to be provided to members on how to draft their reports.

5.6. 2022 RU Calendar

-A concern was raised on the fact that the SWOT weeks overlap to weekends and weekends are not academic days.

-It was clarified that five days are allocated to each Swot Week and thus the weekends are not counted.

6. Other Matters Arising

6.1. No Hungry Student Fund Planning

-The council raised that instead of having the Ubuntu Fund the council will introduce the” No Hungry Student Fund” as the former only provides students with options of eating in the DH while the latter will provide them with food packs that will help in time of need.

6.2. Legacy Projects

-There were two proposals under CE that were discussed by council.

1. Paring SRC members with mentees from schools that are not partners with RUCCE
2. Two to Three members of the SRC to facilitate a vegetable garden in the schools partnered with (this is under the proposal CE councillor will Partner the Environmental councillor).

-Since not all portfolios have completed the handover process the council agreed to give councillors time to brainstorm on legacy projects they will have under their portfolios.

6.3. Stationery Drive

-The proposed dates for the stationery drive were the 19-22 February 2022 after Curriculum approval and right before undergraduate lectures commence to run this project.

-It was suggested that there can be a second trolley during the pad drive collection which can be for stationery.

-The council will also approach Office National to find out if they can contribute.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting: 08 December 2021