

**RHODES SRC COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA & MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**DATE: 24 JANUARY 2022**

**TIME: 18:00- 22:00**

**AGENDA:**

1. Attendance
  - 1.1. Apologies
  - 1.2. Confirmation of Minutes
  - 1.3. Declaration of Conflict
  
- Matters Arising
2. Minutes from meeting with EEFSC and SASCO
3. Operational Model
4. Committee Allocations
5. Council Presentations for O-week
6. Update from Student Benefits for O-week.
7. Update for Council and Substructures Uniform
8. Applications for New Societies
9. Mental- Health for Council Members
  
10. Update from meeting with University Executive and DSA (i.r.o Mandatory Vaccinations + Exemptions).
11. Other Matters Arising:
12. Date and Time of Next Meeting, Monday 31 January 2022.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **1. Attendance**

#### **1.1. Present:**

- President: Mr Botlhale Modisaotsile
- Vice-President: Ms. Tinashe Hlako
- Secretary General: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- Treasurer General: Mr. Njabulo Mkhulisa
- International Affairs: Ms. Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Postgraduates Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo
- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms Khwezi Maloma
- Oppidan: Ms Omphulusa Nengwekhulu
- Projects Manager: Mr. Bongani Pellemu
- Postgraduates Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo
- Activism & Transformation: Ms. Lebo Ramohapi
- Student Benefits & Sponsorship: Mr. Pfano Mulaudzi
- Sports & Societies: Ms. Palesa Makoli
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya

- Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili.

## **1.2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 January 2022 were sent out to the council before the meeting by the Secretary-General and were amended. Council raised that minutes should be a true reflection of the meetings. Thus, SG will compile a document including all previous minutes for the council to confirm before making them available to the Student Body.

## **1.3. Declaration of Conflict**

-The Treasurer G declared a conflict of interest and stated that he knows the founder of the Youth Quake Society. Thus, he will abstain from voting on the approval of the Society's application.

-The Sports and Societies Councillor also declared a conflict of interest because she knows the founder of the 012 Society. Thus, she will abstain from voting on the approval of the Society's application.

**Matters Arising:** No new matters were arising.

## **2. Minutes from meeting with EEFSC and SASCO**

-Minutes considered as read as they were sent to the council before the meeting.

## **3. Operational Model**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

-Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 50% on confidentiality.

-It was explained that the document speaks to operation within the SRC. In addition, the council agreed that SRC members are not to disclose any SRC matter to the student body or anybody else; in a nutshell, members are not to share important SRC information. -Members voted on the suggested 50%, and 15 members voted for this idea.

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### CONDUCT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 50% on conduct and accountability.
- Deductions were explained as when a member of the SRC behaves in a way that will cause harm to the image of the SRC and further stated that this also applies to Social media accounts.
- It was raised stated that the council members might have different views and might write about something without knowing it is controversial.
- It was explained that the above means that council members should take note of anything that will harm the SRC image and lead to the Student Body questioning the SRC.
- The council was reminded that according to the advice they received from Mr. Ofei during training, there is no personal capacity while serving in the SRC. Thus, it was said that it is better if council members could consult with the SRC before they post or do something they are unsure of.
- The branding of the SRC is vital; if anyone does anything that harms it, they will be subjected to deductions.
- The council cannot pinpoint what can be categorized under the item of conduct, members found in violation of this item will be allowed to plead their case before deductions.
- The council voted on this suggestion. 11 councillors voted for 50%, and one voted against it.

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### FULL UNIFORM UNIFORM

- Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 15%
- When a council member does not wear their uniform during full uniform days, this amounts to a 50% deduction.
- Mr. President requested that the council vote on the suggested percentage for deductions. - Council voted, 11 councillors voted for the 15%

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### BLAZERS ON COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 10%
- It is expected for council members to be professional, and thus council members should wear their blazers in a way that represents the SRC.
- Council voted, and 14 members voted for this suggestion.

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### PURPLE THURSDAYS

- Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 10%

It was decided that SG must inform the council 24hr in advance when they need to wear their shirts.

-Council voted, and 14 members voted for the 10%.

#### POLITICAL PARTY REGALIA

-An increased of 50% was suggested for deductions on this item as the council has agreed to not affiliate with any political party.

-Council voted between the two percentages, and 7 members voted for the 50%, 4 members voted for 20%, and 1 voted against both suggested percentages. -The winning percentage was 50%

#### RESPONDING TO STUDENT QUERIES

- Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 5%

-In response to the above, Madam SG raised that council has 48-72 hours to respond.

-Council voted, 10 members voted against, and 2 voted for it.

#### FAILURE TO HAND IN DOCUMENTS ON TIME

- Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 10% and 50% Increase

-This applies to the councillor who misses deadlines set by the VP, and thus 10% is a reasonable deduction.

-Council voted. 11 members voted for 50%, and 2 members voted for 10%.

#### DISHONESTY

-Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 100%

-There was a suggested that the council vote on a 50% deduction instead of 100%.

-Council voted, and 10 members voted for 50%.

TG DEDUCTION FOR UNAVAILABILITY OF  
SANITIZERS -Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 10%

-It was stated this has to be reciprocal; council members who do not inform the TG that their offices have run out of sanitizers should also get a 10% deduction as TG is only responsible for the purchase.

-Council voted, and 12 members voted for the 10% deduction.

· NOT ATTENDING EVENTS FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS

-It was suggested that there shouldn't be any events or SRC projects during weekends. Because an example of Adventist people who go to church on a Saturday and those who go to church on a Sunday and asked the council to avoid having events on weekends unless the matter is pressing.

-Council voted for the suggestion that there shouldn't be any events during the weekend, and 11 members voted for it.

· DEDUCTIONS TO BEGIN AFTER THE THIRD TIME OF MISSING MEETINGS WITH AN LOA

-It was stated that a semester is too long, and the council has a lot of work, so it is only fair if the council is given three chances instead of two.

-Council voted, and 11 members voted for it.

· COUNCILORS FOUND SMOKING AND DRINKING IN A NON-DESIGNATED AREA - Council to vote on a suggested deduction of 10%

-Council agreed that this includes office space and other public spaces where smoking and drinking are not allowed.

-Council voted, and 12 members voted for this suggestion.

**4. Committee Allocations**

-The committee allocations document is not yet final for the council to look at; hence it is not attached.

**5. Council Presentations for O-week**



-The council received an email stating that council members should submit their presentations introducing themselves to first years by 4 February.

## **6. Update from Student Benefits for O-week.**

-The Alumni office is doing a follow-up on the keyrings and that they have confirmed that stickers will be provided this year.

-Regarding Spur, an Alumni house representative had a meeting with the Spur manager as Spur wants to launch an app and stated that they would be giving information on how to install the app for students to get discounts and access the menu.

-Most of the companies he had approached have confirmed except for Oasis, which requested that he calls them month-end, and Café Capellini has not responded.

## **7. Update for Council and Substructures Uniform**

-According to calculations made by the TG the chinos requested by council members do not fit the budget and do not even cater to new members in cases of resignation. Therefore, if the council wants to have chinos, the funds will come from the councilor's pockets.

-Additionally, there is still a delay with the payments system. However, the SRC Administrator will send a purchase document to the suppliers to start working on the uniform.

## **8. Applications for New Societies**

-There were six applications and council members were requested to engage and vote on whether they approve or not. YouthQuake, ActionSA and Toastmasters were approved as new societies in 2022.

## **9. Mental- Health for Council Members**

-A suggestion for council members to participate in a mindfulness experience program to help them deal with their mental health and assist them with how to relate with each other and with the student.

**10. Update from meeting with University Executive and DSA (i.r.o Mandatory Vaccinations + Exemptions).**

-The executive negotiated the extension of the IFP from 21-31 January, considering the working class and the date when they receive their income. However, management only agreed to extend the IFP till 28 January.

-It was stated that it is possible to have it at the monument at the RU graduation ceremony provided that all covid protocols are met. This also depends upon the registrar's findings after assessing the covid situation.

**11. Other Matters Arising:**

-Secretary General had a meeting with CPGS, and they agreed to give brochures to Postgraduate students.

**12. Adjourned**

-After thanking the councillors for their presence and contribution, Mr. President adjourned the meeting.