

RHODES SRC COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA & MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 2022

TIME: 18:00- 22:15

VENUE: RA ROOM

AGENDA:

1. Attendance
 - 1.1. Apologies
 - 1.2. Confirmation of Minutes
 - 1.3. Declaration of ConflictMatters Arising
 - SRC Hall Representatives
 - Vaccine Exemption Appeals
2. Feedback
 - 2.2. Feedback from Faculty Board Meetings
 - 2.3. Feedback from CHERTL (Mentorship Program)
 - 2.4. Feedback from Oppidan Committee
 - 2.5. Feedback from Meeting with University Management
3. Club 200
4. SRC Student Disciplinary Board and Student Defence Council
5. Access to HCC Bookings via ROSS.
6. Distribution of Minutes

7. Other Matters Arising:

- VC's Dinner Invitation
- Sports and Societies signs ups
- Meet and greet at the counselling centre
- Housekeeping

8. Date and time of next meeting, 7 March 2022, 18h00

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Attendance

1.1. Present:

- President: Mr Bothale Modisaotsile
- Vice-President: Ms. Tinashe Hlako
- Secretary General: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- Treasurer General: Ms. Palesa Makoli
- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms. Lerato Pae
- 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: Mr. Asanda Kubheka
- International Affairs: Ms. Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya
- Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili.
- Student Development and Support: Mr. Eric Ofei

Matters Arising

Dining Hall Visits:

- Nominations for dining halls with no SRC representative were opened on 23 February and would close on 2 March 2022.
- Council would use its social capital to encourage people to run for these positions and have dining hall visits where the council can chat with students about this portfolio and encourage them to run.

Vaccination exemptions

- It was brought up that the vaccination committee is willing to meet with the SRC to discuss a way forward on this matter.
- The committee stated that it was working hard to respond to emails and the stats given by the committee show that some students are being assisted. Out of 71 applications, only 36 were rejected.
- The Council raised that in the meeting with the committee, it should be emphasized that the committee should prioritize students who are not registered to avoid a backlog. Those with temporary vaccinations should be considered after those not registered at all.

2. Feedback

2.1. Dining Hall visits feedback

- Councillors were requested to compile a single document, which will be used as a point of discussion in the next meeting.

2.2. Feedback from Faculty Board Meetings

- Humanities

- Council highlighted stated two points of note that the Dean said, which are the allocation of funds towards a faculty grant and solar panels for humanities departments.

- Law

- Faculty members expressed concerns about the vaccination mandate and the unwillingness to accommodate exempted students and stated that the faculty is open to suggestions on assisting these students.

- The faculty is short-staffed and wants to hire by June.

- The law clinic will be running service-based learning for penultimate students.

- Science

- The council members raised that the department should provide sanitizers at the door.

- She added that the faculty complained about the new purchase system not being convenient for their department.

- Councillors were told about pop-up labs, a club-80 project for Students working with different schools in Makhanda promoting science.

- Councillors touched on the Equity and Transformation's point on demographics which raised a concern about the gap between men and women who graduate. It was submitted that there is a need to support male residences to deal with the issue.

- The Council raised that certain funds from the R500 000 funds allocated by the VC towards Mental Health should be given to hiring more psychologists.

2.3. Feedback from CHERTL (Mentorship Program)

- Councillors were informed that a mentorship program is under construction in collaboration with CHERTL, and T-shirts will be handed out.
- The program will utilize Tik Tok to post content on study tips to make academics enjoyable.
- Councillors requested that a proposal be drafted and sent to the council to lay out the project.

2.4. Feedback from Oppidan Committee

- The council was informed that the Oppidan Union decided it was not best to meet with the council. However, they said that they would draft a memorandum of understanding for the working relationship with the SRC.
- The Council noted that the issues would not be ironed out without a meeting aimed at avoiding future conflicts and that the SRC and the Oppidan Union should work together for the sake of students.
- It was unanimously agreed that the SRC and the Oppidan Union should meet in an informal setting and interact.

2. Club 200

- A request had been made by the Sports Admin for the involvement of the SRC by having SRC alumni contribute or donate a certain amount towards a fund.
- The council request proper information on this proposal to be compiled for the alumni board.

3. SRC Student Disciplinary Board and Student Defense Council

- Feedback was provided on the interviews conducted for the appointment of the SDB and SDC. 8 people were appointed, 3 for SDB and 5 for SDC.
- The following people were appointed:

-Jason Shephard

-Tamara Chinganya

-Amukelani Machabi

-Vhenekai Kashangura

-Tinashe Famba

-Tafadzwa Mavindidze

-Collen Kwaramba

-Thobani Ndebele

-The Council requested a meet and greet between the appointed candidates and the SRC and Biographies and Pictures to get to know them.

4. **Access to HCC Bookings via ROSS.**

- A request was submitted for the revival of the appointment booking system on ross to avoid walk-ins. Councillor's would look into the matter.

5. **Distribution of Minutes**

-Councillors suggested that minutes should be sent every month after confirmation.

6. **Matters arising from Executive:**

-SRC sent a list of students struggling with registering to the VCs office, and two of the students contacted Councillors to inform them that the VCs communicated with them.

-University management suggested having a bar on campus; however, this was not confirmed.

7. **Other Matters Arising:**

- VCs dinner invitation to dinner

-Council accepted the invitation.

-Council voted on whether to wear formal or their uniforms and it was decided that the council would wear formal clothing.

- Sports and Societies Exhibition

- Due to the upcoming rugby game, it was decided to have signups on Thursday. Some of the signups would be online, and laptops will be provided for those who do not have them.

-It was raised that the signups will clash with the dinner. It was decided that in such situations, student-related activities take priority.

- Meet and greet at the counseling centre.

-Volunteers requested from the council to be present at the meet and greet at the psychology centre.

- General HousekeepingHouse Keeping

-Council member's who do not respond to emails from students as required of them would lead to deductions.

-Stated that putting together statements should not be a one-person job. The council should assist and also provide details of the statement they wish to send out to the Student Body.

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