

SRC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2022

TIME: 18H00

VENUE: RA ROOM

AGENDA

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Minutes

2022.20.01 Attendance

Present:

- President: Mr. Bothale Modisaotsile
- Secretary-General: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo
- Activism and Transformation: Mr. Ibabale Sobekwa
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms. Lerato Pae
- 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:

- Treasurer-General: Ms. Palesa Makoli (on leave)
- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini (on leave)

2022.20.02 Confirmation of Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Mr. Student Benefits and Sponsorship. This was seconded by Mr. Environmental.

2022.20.03. Declaration of Conflict

- No conflict was declared.

2022. 20.04 Matters Arising

Leadership week

Women's day dialogue

- Mr. President explained that the dialog would start at 11:00 and involve different stakeholders and speakers from the Eastern Cape Liquor Board. Topics are already set for the different speakers.
- Mr. Environmental noted that the program lacked enough details to outline what will happen. Furthermore, students could have been informed about the different topics through Madam Media in case they wanted to participate.
- Mr. Projects inquired on what the Council was expected to do at the event. Mr. President explained that the SRC would be present for visibility and council members should inform Madam Secretary-General if they're unable to attend.
- Madam Secretary-General noted that council members should wear their black blazes.

Leadership colloquium

- Madam Secretary-General explained that invitations had been sent to the various universities however, only one university, CPUT, had responded. She noted that there had been a problem with the procedure as Mr. President had sent the invitation to the South African Universities Council (SAUC) group which had refused to distribute the information until the previous week. Furthermore, the alumni house had not responded to the invitation and the SAUC was unavailable.
- Madam Secretary-General requested the Council to decide on whether the colloquium

should be moved. There was general consensus that the colloquium should be cancelled.

- Mr. Project and Mr. Student Benefits and Sponsorships noted that RCL nominations were happening in schools and thus a leadership week substitution would be to visit schools during the inauguration and engage with the RCL.

- Madam Secretary-General requested that leadership week substitution ideas should be brought to the Executive as they were sitting on Wednesday.

Special elections

- Mr. Ofei explained that Madam Vice-President and Madam International Affairs had resigned and the Independent Election Board (IEB) was present to hold elections among council members to fill up these positions.

- For the position of Vice-President the executive elected Ms Nobesuthu Mnkandla and Ms Vuyelwa Moyo. The new Vice-President for 2022 from the by-elections was the former Secretary-General Ms Nobesuthu Mnkandla.

- For the position of Secretary-General Ms Omphulusa Nengwekhulu was the only nominee who accepted the position. The new Secretary-General for 2022 from the by-elections was former Ms Omphulusa Nengwekhulu.

- For a seat in the Executive Madam Media, Mr. Sports and Societies, Mr. Environmental and Madam Community Engagement were nominated. Mr. Environmental received the seat in the Executive.

- For the position of International Affairs, the runner up Ms Heidi accepted the position. Mr. President welcomed her to the Council.

SRC elections

- Madam Secretary-General explained that she had received complaints that Madam Treasurer-General and Mr. Sports and Societies were campaigning on behalf of candidates. However, no proof had been received to substantiate the claims against Madam Treasurer-General and Mr. Sports and Societies had been exempted as he had been attending to a society event next to a candidate's campaign.

- She urged council members to take note and precautions when dealing with candidates especially not to distribute any posters.

- Mr. Environmental noted that at times council members are approached by candidates for questions and this might be misinterpreted by the student body.

Institutional Development Plan (IDP)

- Mr. President reported that he had received an invitation from the Vice Chancellor to

attend the IDP session from Friday until Sunday and would provide feedback upon his return.

- Madam Postgraduate Affairs noted that there had been a resolution by the Council to request for more counsellors to attend the session and inquired on whether this had been done. Mr. President noted that he had not done.
- There was a resolution by council that the president would reach out to the Vice Chancellor to request two more counsellors to join the session.
- There was a resolution that these two counsellors would be Madam Vice-President, who deals with policies, and Mr. Projects, who had dealt with the IDP document before.
- Madam Postgraduate Affairs noted that it was disappointing the Council often does not execute resolutions until it is too late.

2022.22. 05 Housekeeping

- Madam Postgraduate Affairs note that some counsellors had not updated their sizes for the bumper jackets and there was a lack of proactivity from Madam Treasurer-General. Furthermore, she had requested a breakdown of the SRC's budget from Madam Treasurer-General but had not received it. Madam Postgraduate Affairs suggested an honorarium deduction.
- Mr. Environmental noted that the document for the sizes was received late from Madam Treasurer-General and the process was not done as communicated.
- There was general consensus that Madam Treasurer-General would compile the sizes and provide them to extreme and report on Wednesday.
- Mr. Environmental requested counsel to be proactive when it comes to projects. Madam Secretary-General added that this was crucial whenever important portfolios such as the Vice President were missing.

2022.22. 06 Feedback

- Madam Secretary-General noted that no feedback documents had been received.
- Madam Media requested to provide feedback as it was an emergency. Madam media explained that she had been working with the radio department and 4 th year journalism students for the podcast pitch and they had just received training. They were now required to present a pitch to the Rhodes Music Radio (RMR) station to get their assistance on the technicalities of radio. She noted that this needed to be done as soon as possible as the 4th year journalism students would be leaving soon. She explained that

one of the segments would require the SRC to provide a weekly voice note explaining what they have been up to that week. The pilot would also centre around the inauguration on Thursday.

- Mr. Environmental suggested that the voice notes should be sent bi-weekly and the podcast should not be live but rather recorded. This was accepted by Madam Media. He further inquired on how topics would be approached. Madam media explained that there was a concern that the podcast should avoid being too political however, scripts could be presented to the Council for their approval before the podcast is recorded.

- Madam Secretary-General requested that a document be sent explaining the project. Madam Media stated that she would send a document the following morning.

- Mr. Sports and Societies inquired whether a statement informing the student body that the RMR had returned would be sent. Madam Media noted that a statement would be sent on Wednesday. Mr. Sports and Societies further inquired on how to get posters on campus TV's. Madam Media noted that they should be sent to her however, she would provide a summary on how the process works.

- Madam Postgraduate Affairs inquired on the visual statement. Mr. President explained that a visual statement would not be released for August however, this was an agenda item for the 29 th of August to work on a visual statement for September.

2022. 22.12 Student Development and Support

- Mr. Ofei welcomed Ms Heidi to the council and noted that she was part of the team and should feel free to contribute and work with the team. He further informed her that handovers would happen in the upcoming days.

- Mr. Ofei noted his excitement about the changes in the Council and was looking forward to a working Executive who would ensure the council has a strong finish. He noted that he would set up a session to explain what is required from the incoming Executive members.

- Mr. Ofei noted that he had requested a team-building session from the Department of Student Affairs (DSA) to allow the council to reconnect and be united again after the resignations. He proposed the 3 rd of September or the 10 th of September.

- Mr. Ofei noted that whilst in Cape Town he had received questions on whether the Council had male representation. He highlighted that gender parity was the problem for underrepresented groups for example a council made up of just females is considered progressive however, a council made up of just males is not celebrated.

- Mr. Ofei noted that council members should refrain from endorsing SRC election candidates even if it is indirectly, as it affects the SRC's reputation.
- Mr. Ofei encouraged council members to bring ideas to make the inauguration better. He requested councillors to show up early on Thursday and highlighted that only one door would be open and late council members would not be let in, the alumni would fill in. He requested council members who had not sent an RSVP to not attend. Madam Secretary-General noted that formal golfers should be worn for the rehearsal.
- Mr. Ofei highlighted his disappointment with how council meetings are being held. He noted that leadership week and mental health week had not been a success even though there were plenty of discussions around it. He requested the Executive to have objectives when discussing to ensure solid progress.
- Mr. Ofei explained that the structure for the honorarium had changed as they had been wasting money on uniforms for council members who resign. Bonuses would be received after deductions for uniforms had been made depending on performance.

2022. 22.13 Other Matters Arising

Women's Day soccer tournament

- Madam Secretary-General noted that the proposal had not been set in Executive as of yet. However, there was general consensus to hear the proposal as the event was on the following Saturday.
- Mr. Sports and Societies explained that the tournament would take place on Saturday and Sunday, with the semi-final and final being on Sunday. There would be 8 male teams and 8 female teams with the male teams paying R350 per team and the females paying R200 per team. Mr. Sports and Societies would provide commentary and he requested volunteers from the project team to provide music. The council would be providing a voucher worth R1000 to contribute to the prize money from the sports and society's portfolio fund and inter-res. Mr. Sports and Societies requested attendance and support from the Council.
- Madam Secretary-General inquired about refreshments. Mr. Sports and Societies noted that this was a good idea however his portfolio funds were running low and requested another council member to fund the refreshments.
- Madam Oppidan noted that oppidan students are left out from such tournaments. Mr. Sports and Societies highlighted that a male team existed however, there was no female soccer team.

- Mr. Environmental requested a document outlining the details of the tournament.

2022. 22.14 Date and Time of Next Meeting, TBC

- The next meeting would be on Monday, the 15 th of August 2022, 18:00 in the RA Room.

The meeting adjourned at 20:15