

THE SRC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 14 MARCH 2023 TIME: 18H30 VENUE: RA ROOM

2023.16.01. Welcome and Attendance.

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2023.16.03. Confirmation of Minutes.

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5.1 Motsepe Foundation Donation

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2023.16.06. NSFAS Update.

2023.16.07. Council Appreciation.

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MINUTES

2023.16.01 Welcome & Attendance

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone present at the meeting. A special welcome was given to the newly elected Postgraduate Affairs Councilor, Milisa Mamase. The SRC Oath got read aloud by Council members.

Attendance

Present:

- President: Ms Avuxeni Tyala
- Vice President: Ms Putuma Balintulo
- Secretary-General: Mr Lazarus Kgageng
- Treasurer-General: Mr Siyanda Nolala (Late)
- Media: Ms Nqobile Makamu
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms Milisa Mamase
- Academic: Ms Tshepo Malebana
- Community Engagement: Mr Lihle Manene
- Environmental: Mr James Njoloza
- Sports & Societies: Mr Buhle Luthuli
- Residence: Mr Simphiwe Mnyande
- Projects Manager: Mr Varshan Pillay
- Student Development and Support Officer: Mr Eric Ofei

Absent:

- International Affairs: Ms Tsidzo Hove (On leave)
- Activism & Transformation: Mr Ibabale Sobekwa (apology sent but declined)

-Oppidan: Mr Adrian February

-Student Benefits & Sponsorships: Mr Indiphile Ralo (medical leave)

2023.16.02 Leave of Absence

-No leave of absence was sent.

2023.16.03 Confirmation of Minutes

-Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with amendments. Mr Community Engagement confirmed the minutes, and Mr Residence seconded the confirmation.

2023.16.04 Declaration of Conflict

-There was no conflict declared.

2023.16.05 Matters Arising

-SHE Committee meeting

-Mr Environment announced that the SHE committee meeting would be held tomorrow, therefore, Council needs to send things to be put forward in the meeting by midnight tonight.

-Delegation for the task team

-Ms Vice President and Mr Sports and Societies are to put pressure on Sports Admin regarding the document about SRC Council members getting a free gym membership.

-Ms President wants feedback on the matter from Mr Sports in the next Council meeting.

-Thuma Mina

-Mr Residence announced that this is the last week of the Thuma Mina Project. He asked the Council members to assist him with covering the backlog of the residences' inspection.

-Friday 18h30 was scheduled for Thuma Mina to conclude Kimberly Hall.

-Miriam Makeba Hall will be done next week.

-A list of people to go on the Thuma Mina inspections will be sent in the group by midnight today.

-If the people initially chosen to go at a specific time cannot attend, then another Council member should jump in and go during that vacant slot.

-Fun Run

-Ms Media asked the Council whether they were going ahead with the fun run and if they would be a part of it, considering that the decision of the SRC taking part was taken on behalf of the SRC without their presence.

-The Council reached a consensus to accept the partnership.

-Student parliament

-If the quorum is reached, voting will go on.

-Ms Vice President has to find out the number of people elected, and all the bodies elected is where counting will begin.

-Council members to speak to their sub-structures to attend Student Parliament.

-Speaker and deputy speaker will be elected based on the number of attendees.

-The move of the High Court

-Ms Vice President gave feedback that she had been liaising with the Makana Municipality. A meeting has been set between her and the Ward Councilor, which the mayor will attend. The meeting was scheduled for tomorrow.

-Ms President also informed Council that she emailed the admin person from DSG, and they have scheduled a meeting for Thursday.

-Mr Secretary-General will send letters to businesses, but he will first circulate the letters tonight to the Council for confirmation.

2023.16.5.1 Motsepe Foundation

-Ms President expressed her dissatisfaction that many students still went to the SRC offices to submit their names to be considered for registration fee clearance despite having reached the deadline for name submissions.

-Ms President asked the Council to tell students that Friday the 10th of March was the last day for student name submissions.

- A statement to be issued out at 8 am tomorrow letting students know that the deadline for name submissions has been reached.

-The Council suggested what to use the donation money for in the three categories presented: Student Wellness, gender parity, and emergency.

-Suggestions for the student wellness category:

- Purple Thursday events
- Convert Steve Biko into a student hub
- Have mental health day before SWOT Week, e.g. have a braai on the field
- Have a pad and noodle drive for oppidan students
- Integration of differently-abled students
- Assisting students with transport money
- Students get food from the SRC
- Revamp or build a bathroom that accommodates differently-abled students
- Oppidan bus shelter
- Planned Parenthood
- Have an impromptu kitchen for oppidans
- “Food for brain” – oppidan students get bread or fruit before they write exams
- Purchasing the Toyota Condor car, subject to the conditions of the SRC. This car would help in transporting differently-abled students.

-Suggestions for the gender parity category:

- Sponsor the female rugby team
- Sponsor Varsity Shield
- Sponsor the male netball team
- Partner with Uyinene Mrwetyana Foundation to have talks on campus, e.g. consent talks, GBV talks
- Have an activation on breast cancer, pap smear education etc
- Have more men’s dialogues

- Have sessions and talks on falsely accusing someone of sexual assault/harassment

-Suggestions for the emergency category:

- The Vice President will consolidate all things that can be considered an emergency and bring back those to the Council on Friday to vote on them.

2023.16.5.2 Leadership Week

-Ms Vice President gave feedback that so far, they only have the honorary people's names and would send letters out in the next Vice Presidents' seating. The Council would receive the letters first before they got sent out.

-Ms President requested that the task team be put into the group for accountability purposes.

2023.16.06 NSFAS update

- Mr Sports and Societies informed Council that he discussed with Pumzile that since Sports sign-ups close next Thursday, a sign-up window will be opened in the second term for those that registered late.

-Mr Sports and Societies also informed the Council that he wants the University to subsidise societies by at least R1000.

-The Societies committee are writing a list of demands that will be sent to the University's CFO. The draft deadline for the draft is Thursday. Mr Sports and Societies will send the draft to the Council for approval before it gets sent to the CFO.

2023.16.07 Council appreciation

-Mr Sports and Societies expressed that he felt that the Council never appreciates the work that the executive does. He then thanked the executive.

2023.16.09 Sexual Offences Policy

-Ms President urged the Council to familiarise themselves with the policy.

-Ms President announced that the meeting date to sit for this policy got rescheduled, but the alternative date was not specified.

-The end of the week is the cut-off date for recommendations on the policy.

2023.16.09 State of the University Address

-The Council reached a consensus that the State of the University Address will be at Steve Biko lecture venue on the 22nd of March, 2023.

-Ms President requested a report on Thuma Mina, IEC, Mina Cup, Motsepe donation, and O-week.

-Ms President requested Council members to submit their term one reports and send them to her on Thursday, 16 March 2023, by 23h59—Council members to cc the Secretary-General in the emails. Ms Vice President also asked that she is cc'd when people submit their reports.

-Ms President said she would submit her speech to the Council on Monday, 20th of March.

2023.16.10 Other Matters Arising

Illegitimate society

-Mr Sports and Societies told the Council that he got alerted of an illegitimate society, “Izintombi zaseRhodes”, allegedly running under the Zulu Society.

-Mr Sports and Societies told the Council that Izintombi zaseRhodes checked girls' chastity.

-Mr Ofei responded that if the Zulu Society were found guilty of having the “Izintombi zaseRhodes”, they would be held accountable and cease to exist.

-Mr Ofei said that since two people, one being part of the committee and another part of the society, had spoken that the “Izintombi zaseRhodes” was operating under the Zulu society, then that is evidence that the SRC would use.

-Mr Ofei informed the Council that they would approach the University once the SRC had gathered enough evidence on this matter.

Hospitalised student

-Mr Sports and Society informed the Council that a Rhodes student was involved in a car accident that has left them with half of their body paralysed. He requested that the SRC reach out to the student.

-Ms President affirmed that a message of support from the SRC would be sent to the student.

Student Development and Support Officer

- Council members still need to submit their commentary on SRC training.
- Mr Ofei told the Council that if Councilors did not respond to emails within 48 hours of working days, they would receive a 50% deduction. The Council agreed on this.
- Mr Ofei recommended that the SRC consider purchasing the Toyota Condor as it would belong to the SRC and assist with SRC-related things whilst also being used to transport differently-abled students.
- Mr Ofei applauded the Council members on their efforts on the day of IEC, they worked exceptionally.

Housekeeping

- The interview and training dates for the Student Disciplinary Board (SDB) and Student Defence Council (SDC) are yet to be finalised.
- Invitation to sit in the VIP section of the Varsity Shield will be extended to the rest of the Council members.
- Statements get sent to Council members the day before the statements are released.
- Ms Vice President raised a concern that someone left a banner on top of her table. She asked the Council not to leave their stuff on other people's spaces.
- Meeting etiquette: phones face down and are switched off.
- Speaking over the Chairperson is not allowed.
- Maintain decorum even when dissatisfied with what the Chair is saying.
- Mr Secretary-General to send Mr Ofei the documents of the keys.
- Proposition to relook at office spaces if they were used adequately.
- Council not to breed a negative working space, the office must be a conducive space.
- Council to report to Mr Secretary-General if they had complaints.
- Council members are to be seated by 17h45 at Student Parliament.

2023.16.11 Closure

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.