

SRC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 20 MARCH 2023

TIME: 18H30

VENUE: RA ROOM

2023.17.01. Welcome and Attendance.

2023.17.02. Leave of Absences.

2023.17.03. Confirmation of Minutes.

2023.17.04. Declaration of Conflict.

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5.1 Leadership Week

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2023.17.06 Koko Project

2023.17.07 SRC Project Assessment

2023.17.08 Postgraduate Affairs Policy

2023.17.09 Constitutional Review

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2023.17.11 Other Matters For the Agenda

2023.17.12 Housekeeping

2023.17.13 Closure and Date of Next Meeting, TBA

2023.17.01 Welcome & Attendance

The Chair welcomed everyone present, and the SRC Oath got read aloud by Council members.

Present:

-President: Ms Avuxeni Tyala

-Vice President: Ms Putuma Balintulo

-Secretary-General: Mr Lazarus Kgageng

- Treasurer-General: Mr Siyanda Nolala
- Community Engagement: Mr Lihle Manene
- Media: Ms Nqobile Makamu
- Environmental: Mr James Njoloza
- Academic: Ms Tshepo Malebana
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms Milisa Mamase (Arrived late)
- Activism and Transformation: Mr Ibabale Sobekwa
- Oppidan: Mr Adrian February
- Projects Manager: Mr Varshan Pillay
- Student Benefits and Sponsorships: Mr Indiphile Ralo
- Sports and Societies: Mr Buhle Luthuli
- Residence: Mr Simphiwe Mnyande
- Student Development and Support Officer: Mr Eric Ofei (Arrived late)

Absent:

- International Affairs: Ms Tsidzo Hove (On leave)

2023.17.02 Leave of Absence

- Ms International Affairs

2023.17.03 Confirmation of Minutes

-The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed with amendments. Mr Projects Manager confirmed them, and Ms Media seconded the confirmation.

2023.17.04 Declaration of Conflict

- No conflict was declared.

2023.17.05 Matters Arising

5.1 Leadership Week

-Ms Vice President updated the Council that the other Vice Presidents and Alumni Board have sent the draft letters to be sent to the honorary people.

-The draft letters will be sent to the Council.

-Mr Sports and Societies requested that the Council gets an update on the honorary people that rejected or accepted the invites.

5.2 High Court Stance

-Ms President informed the Council that she had met with the Vice-Chancellor regarding the matter, and the Vice-Chancellor was happy with the stance of the SRC and the action they plan on doing.

-The Vice-Chancellor will make a video informing the student body and write a letter of support that will be sent to the Makhanda businesses.

-The letter from the Vice-Chancellor is expected by Tuesday, and the SRC has to inform the Vice-Chancellor when they want the video.

-The date for the march depends on how quickly the SRC can mobilise everyone.

2023.17.06 Koko Project

-Ms President informed the Council that the executive sat on the Koko Project, and they were not pleased with the document as it did not address some core matters.

-As the executive, they reverted to Koko with some amendments they needed to make to the documents for the SRC to continue to partner with them in future.

2023.17.07 Postgraduate Affairs Policy

-The Vice President apprised the Council that last year during her handover as the Postgraduate Affairs Councilor, she was advised to start a policy for Postgraduate Affairs. This policy document would include a Postgraduate forum, research week, Postgraduate orientation, Postgraduate hall, et cetera.

-The Vice President asked for a team within the Council to start working on the policy. Ms Vice President, Ms President, Ms Academic, Ms Postgraduate Affairs, Mr Activism and Transformation, and Mr Community Engagement volunteered to be a part of the team. Mr

Activism and Transformation made a standing motivation for Ms International Affairs to be included in the team.

2023.17.08 Constitutional Review

-Ms President told the Council that she had received minutes of the Constitutional review meeting from Mam' Noma.

-The stance is that the senate received the minutes, and they will put them as a standing agenda from next term.

-The minutes received from Mam' Noma will be circulated to Council tomorrow at 09h00.

-Ms President also relayed to Council that Ms Mnkandla has availed herself to talk to the Council about the Constitutional Review.

2023.17.09 Student Development and Support Officer

-Mr Ofei asked Ms Media to set a stern date for taking Council photos.

-Council members who have not taken photos will get a deduction.

-Mr Ofei told the Council that even if someone delegated someone else, that delegation still rested on them. Therefore, they would be the ones to be held accountable.

-Mr Ofei informed the Council that the appeal process for deductions is for a Councilor to write the appeal and have a physical presentation.

-Councilors have 48 hours to send a written appeal and let Mr Ofei know when they will be available after receiving the deduction list.

2023.17.10 Other Matters for the Agenda

Nkoli Fassie

- Mr Sports and Societies explained that at the end of last year, the Nkoli Fassie society had submitted their report, making them eligible to run as a society and thus deemed an active society this year.

-However, they do not have committee members this year and Ms. President asked that Nkoli Fassie be pulled out as its operation is not procedural.

-Ms. Vice President suggested that Ms Media takes down the Nkoli Fassie poster and put up a statement to do damage control.

-Ms. President asked Mr Sports and Societies to set up a meeting between the SRC executive and the Societies Council executive.

Thuma Mina

-The Council finalised that tomorrow was the last day to do the inspections, and all the residences would be concluded.

-Council has to wear full uniform when going to the residences.

Update on gym membership

-Ms. President disapproved of the delegated Councilors as they did not speak in a united voice at the meeting.

-Mr. Residence accounted for deviating from the mandate the SRC sent him with to the meeting.

-Ms President asked Mr Residence not to be part of the gym membership delegation.

Meeting with Mr Mamabolo

-Mr. Residence reported back to the Council that on Thursday, he, Mr. Sports and Societies, and Ms. Vice President had a meeting with Mr. Vika and Mr. Frans Mamabolo to discuss issues pertaining to maintenance around campus.

-Ms. Vice President told the Council that all the issues would be categorised; for example, the issue of streetlights and malfunctioning fire alarms on campus is in the emergency category.

-Mr. Mamabolo will consolidate all the issues and send the draft to Mr. Van Dyk, and then that draft will get forwarded to the Council.

-Mr. Residence said the document would be made available to the Council in the second term and will be open for amendments by Council.

-Mr. Sports and Societies expressed that the University needs to be held accountable as there are about 6000 requisitions dating back to 2016 that still need to be attended to.

Feedback from SHE meeting

-Mr. Environment informed the Council that the SHE meeting was on the 15th of March, and vital stakeholders were absent.

-Mr. Environment had to submit a report to the stakeholders but could not as the stakeholders were not there.

-Mr. Environment will write a letter to the Wellness Committee to express his dissatisfaction with the stakeholders' absence.

Fun Run

-The Fun Run event continued as planned, but Ms. Media expressed concern as most Council members did not attend the Fun Run.

2023.17.11 Housekeeping

-The draft of statements must be sent at least 48 hours in advance, and the Council have a 3-hour window to amend statements posted by Ms. Media in the group.

-Council members to remember sitting etiquette.

-When Council sends agenda items to Mr Secretary-General, to include supporting documents, i.e. reports from meetings, proposals, et cetera.

-Mr. Secretary-General has sent the key documents to Mr Ofei.

-Council to wear full uniform to the State of the University Address.

-Council to wear all-black and their blazers to the Vice-Chancellor's dinner.

-All Councilors will have their pants by the end of the term.

-SRC coffee and rusks are to be used during office hours, the only exception is during exam times.

-Ms. Vice President requested that Mr. Treasurer-General communicates to the Council when grocery is bought and would be dispersed to Council.

-Council to exercise delegation and open up to Council if they cannot attend to their delegation.

-Mr. Student Benefits and Sponsorships asked the Treasurer-General to get office cleaning supplies.

-Mr. Sports and Societies asked for offices to have dustbins.

2023.17.12 Closure

-The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.