

SRC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 04 April 2023 TIME: 18H30 VENUE: RA ROOM

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MINUTES

2023.18.01 Welcome & Attendance

Resignation of Treasurer-General and the vacancy of the position and Projects Manager position

- Two IEB Officials were present, and Mr Ofei informed the Council of the resignation of the Treasurer-General.
- IEB accepted the resignation, and Mr Varshan Pillay agreed to fill in the vacancy of Treasurer-General as he was the one who had an Accounting 1 credit in the Council.
- The Projects Manager position got filled in by Mr Thabiso Ngubane, the runner-up for Projects Manager during the elections. Mr Ngubane agreed to take the Projects Manager position.
- Mr Treasurer-General and Mr Projects Manager to send through their biographies to Ms Media after IEB had posted the resignations and the elections of the new Councillors.
- Ms Media to take photos of Mr Projects Manager and Mr Treasurer-General.
- There would be a handover when Mr Secretary-General came.

Welcome

- The meeting started late as the keys to the venue were with Mr Student Development and Support Officer (hereinafter Mr Ofei), who had attended to an emergency.
- The SRC Oath got read aloud by the Council.
- Council members that graduated were congratulated in a warm round of applause.
- The Council welcomed the new Projects Manager and congratulated the Projects Manager and the Treasurer-General on their new roles.

Attendance

Present:

- President: Ms Avuxeni Tyala
- Vice President: Ms Putuma Balintulo
- Treasurer-General: Mr Varshan Pillay
- Community Engagement: Mr Lihle Manene
- Media: Ms Nqobile Makamu
- Environmental: Mr James Njoloza
- Activism and Transformation: Mr Ibabale Sobekwa
- International Affairs: Ms Tsidzo Hove
- Academic: Ms Tshepo Malebane
- Oppidan: Mr Adrian February
- Residence: Mr Simphiwe Mnyande
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms Milisa Mamase
- Student Benefits and Sponsorships: Mr Indiphile Ralo
- Projects Manager: Mr Thabiso Ngubane
- Sports and Societies: Mr Buhle Luthuli
- Student Development and Support Officer: Mr Eric Ofei

Absent:

- Secretary-General: Lazarus

2023.18.02 Leave of Absence

- There was no leave of absence.

2023.18.03 Confirmation of Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed with an amendment. Ms Media confirmed the minutes, and Mr Treasurer-General seconded the confirmation.

2023.18.04 Declaration of Conflict

-No conflict was declared.

2023.18.05 Matters Arising

2023.18.5.1 Leadership Week

-Ms Vice President relayed to the Council that there was a delay in the letters, but she would send them to Council as soon as they were ready.

-Ms Vice President to forward to Council the document with the plans for Leadership Week. This document would have constant changes as it was still being planned.

-Ms President got delegated by Ms Vice President to access the Alumni database.

-There was a suggestion to use Nelson Mandela's name on a theme of "what leadership is like ten years later".

-Ms Media to find out more information on the honorary degree Rhodes University awarded to Nelson Mandela.

2023.18.5.2 High Court Stance

-Ms President noted that the protest might clash with the private schools' holiday.

-Ms International Affairs suggested that if all the schools could not be pulled together, then the Council could pull areas surrounding Makhanda.

-Ms President gave Mr Student Benefits and Sponsorships (hereinafter Mr SBS) the onus to contact the other Makhanda local schools, in absentia of Mr Secretary General.

-The Council would contact the Midlands College's SRC to involve them in the protest.

-The Council would get the municipality to involve the youth from the township.

-Ms Media relayed to Council that the Vice-Chancellor requested to do a second video, whereby he would provide more information.

-If the Vice-Chancellor does not send the motivational letter by tomorrow, then the Council will draft the letter themselves and get it signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

-Ms Media would do a “coming soon” post to inform students of the protest.

2023.18.06 Reports

2023.18.6.1 Intervarsity

-The SRC’s duty for the event would be to host the other SRCs and the people attending and to have a colloquium.

-The Projects Manager is to welcome other SRCs.

-The Council has to come up with a topic for the colloquium and bring in a person that will aid in facilitating the colloquium.

-Mr Sports and Societies (hereinafter Mr Sports) relayed to Council that the University did not allow after-parties.

-The Council reached a consensus that they would not have separate colloquiums for Leadership Week and Intervarsity, but if the Sports Council wanted to have a separate colloquium, then they would have to approach the SRC.

2023.18.07 Give 5 handover to SRC

-Mr SBS to have a document with timelines and do a background check on what happened on the previous Give 5.

-Task Team would be started to deal with how the Give 5 money would be used.

-SRC to report to DCA on the money collected from the donations.

2023.18.08 Student Entrepreneurship

-The SRC would be part of the forum developing the entrepreneurship policy.

-Ms President added Ms Postgraduate Affairs to the Ad Hoc Committee of Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (henceforth EDHE).

-The SRC and EDHE media team would meet to create a poster that included all the parties’ logos.

2023.18.09 Housekeeping

-Mr Treasurer-General reported back on the following:

- Mr Projects Manager's tie was already getting done.
- Mr Treasurer-General will go with Mr Projects Manager for his blazer, pants, and shirt tomorrow.
- 9 and Three Quarters was closed for the pocket, therefore, he expects a quote tomorrow.
- Pants from Woolworths should have arrived by 11th April.
- Still to get golfer sizes from Councillors
- To get clarity on the where to get the skirts
- The majority of the Council voted for gold badge pins.
- Each office would get a box of rusks
- Water was ordered and was on its way.
- Mr Treasurer-General to meet with Mrs K to discuss the order for cleaning supplies.
- A lost key costs R140
- Mr Treasurer-General to sort out the keys for each office.

-Ms President implored the Council to reply to their emails on time

-On a Point of Conduct, Ms President urged Council to refrain from naming Councillors as irresponsible.

2023.18.10 Student Development and Support Officer

Graduation

Mr Ofei congratulated the Councillors that graduated and applauded the Media Team for taking quality graduation content.

-IEC Training

-Mr Ofei informed the Council that the Councillors that went with him to the Training made an impression on the IEC, and they want to work with Rhodes University.

-Mr Ofei encouraged Council members to always socialise with people when attending events.

-Constitution Policy

-The 14th of April was the deadline for the Constitution Policy.

-Statements from Councillors

-Councillors to refrain from using “office of” at the end of their emails, but instead, just put their names.

-Institutional Forum

-SRC to have a meeting before the Institutional Forum as it was not only SRC attending the Forum.

-Office hours

-Councillors to publish their office hours, and if students need to see a Councillor outside their consultation times, then the students need to set up a meeting via email.

-Councillors are to send their office hours to Ms President by tomorrow noon.

-Alumni status

-Alumni Board needed to strengthen who qualified for Alumni Status.

-Red Bull

-Mr Ofei informed Council that Red Bull was advertising an event in residences without the knowledge of the SRC.

-SRC to have a meeting with Red Bull to address this.

-Unavailability of Council members

-Council members to make up for the day they could not attend an event.

-Council to balance attendance so that people with religious commitments do not get an unfair advantage over those not religious.

2023.18.11 Other Matters for the Agenda

-Societies Committee

-Mr Sports to send Ms Vice President the document by tonight, and then Ms Vice President to circulate the document to Council.

-Notices of Appreciation

-Mr SBS reverted to Council that the businesses' gratitude letters could not be sent on the 24th of March as Zimkhitha was on leave and could not moderate the letters.

-Mr SBS to meet with Zimkhitha as she has returned from leave so that the letters get moderated and sent to Council.

-Student body meeting

-There must be a student parliament meeting before the student body meeting.

-Mr Treasurer-General to do a budget speech.

-The Council agreed that they would pencil in the 26th of April as the date for the student body meeting but would wait for the parliament speaker to call a Student Parliament meeting.

-Delay in societies sign-ups

-Mr Sports apprised the Council that the Societies Council had problems with data collection, therefore, the Societies Council requested a statement from the SRC stating the delay of the data collection.

-Ms President would be in charge of writing statements.

-Mr Ofei advised that Ross should not be a platform for society sign-ups until societies made a strong presence on social media.

-Society sign-ups to have a deadline.

-Hall Wardens' meeting & consolidated Report sent to Divisions

-Mr Residence would email all Hall Wardens requesting a meeting on Wednesday, the time and venue to still be decided.

- The meeting would be held to discuss the strategies and solutions for maintenance.

-A delegation list of Council members attending the meeting would be made.

-SRC Hall Reps to submit a consolidated report of their Halls to Mr Residence by 14th April.

-On the 17th of April, Mr Residence would send the Council a consolidated report of the Thuma Mina Project.

-Poster for China

-Ms International Affairs informed the Council of the call she received from the International Office to market the China poster.

-Ms Media would put the poster on the SRC social media stories rather than the feed as it was not an SRC collaboration.

-Alcohol policy stance

-Council to gain much information on the issue by having a consultative platform with the student body to get them involved and enquiring from other people as well.

-Mr Ofei to get minutes on alcohol policy and send them to Ms Vice President so the Council could get them by the end of the week.

-Reporting back from committee meetings

-Council to create a Google document for meetings they attended so that everyone could add to the document.

-Council to submit their reports on time and have a uniform approach– everything to come from the office of the Secretary-General.

-SRC year plans

-Tomorrow by 12 pm, Council has to send Ms President two things they needed to work on, the things they were yet to do, and the support they would need for their portfolio.

2023.18.12 Closure

-The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

2023.18.13 Date for next meeting

-11 April 2023, 18h30.