



SRC General Meeting Minutes

| 2 May 2025 | Blue Crane Restaurant | 17:33 |

Attendees:

Name	Portfolio	Attendance
Vhutshilo Muambadzi	President	Present
Tshiamo Makunye	Deputy President	Present
Euléne Bornman	Secretary	Present
Sakhile Masemula	Deputy Secretary	Present
Bongiwe Dlamini	Treasurer	Present
Amish Ntshangase	Facilities, Safety and Security	Absent with excuse
Betrice Mabena	Study Finance	Present
Tumelo Khoabane	Postgraduate and International Student Affairs	Present
Khutso Manyaka	Day students and External campus affairs	Present
Thabo Matsimela	Societies	Present
Zinhle Mankgane	Transformation and Student Success	Present
Nokwazi Nxumalo	RAG	Present
Hareaipha Letsoalo	Sport	Present
Phakamile Tendani	Student Culture	Absent with excuse
Nosikhumbuzo Jali	Residences 1	Present
Tarien Kriel	Residences 2	Present
Miceala Wathen	Academics 1	Present
Anathi Nkomonye	Academics 2	Present

Note: Members arriving more than an hour late was addressed.

Agenda Points:

1. Delegation of MMC Portfolio
2. Student Forum/ EFFYC UP conduct
3. Invitations extended to SRC to come out of SRC cost center
4. Societies training
5. Arising matters

Detailed Minutes:

Agenda Item	Discussions	Decisions
1. Delegation of MMC Portfolio	<p>Content creation will be split up between three SRC members (Chichi, Eulene and Micaela). As of now, we have to create a new system in order to ensure that people are not burdened. We will create an official Google Form where you will submit a request for a poster with all relevant information etc. Where you leave out information, the poster will not be created. The requests need to be made a week in advance before it is needed. The information within the poster is the responsibility of the person requesting the poster. Clickup is delegated to Eulene and Micaela. Where you want a message to be sent to students via Clickup, you have to curate/formulate the message. The only form of editing that will be done is language, spelling and greetings. The larger image of the SRC will be handled by a task team with the DIA,</p>	<p>Everyone agreed. Decided on an automated response system.</p>

	<p>where they will help us with the socialisation of the SRC brand, with the help of DIA staff and/or an intern available. For activations the responsibility lies with each member responsible for the event to organise the material like gazebo's etc. (President will be available to assist where needed) The President asked that all Deepan's emails go to her email and she will be answering these emails directed to the MMC.</p> <p>Consider disabling the direct messaging function on all social media platforms, so that every student learns to contact the relevant SRC member. TG asks why we don't answer comments on our page, and President said we don't want to open dialogue on social media, as a comment is never objective. President clarified that the google form is for content creation in the form of a request, not loading up all the videos and images you have. Another option is not to disable the direct messages but maybe created an automated message system.</p>	
2. Student Forum/ EFFYC UP conduct	<p>President stated that she is saying this in her capacity as President and not as an individual.</p> <p>The SRC looks incompetent as we are allowing subordinate structures to overpower our credible. We need to respond to allegations or defamatory</p>	<p>In light of recent events, the SRC strongly condemns the dissemination of false information, defamatory remarks and personal attacks directed at any</p>

	<p>remarks of our cohorts. Anathi stated that we have minimal operational power and a lot of perceptive power. We are here to represent all students, that's why our external and internal image is of utmost importance. President states we should not ignore these types of situations where a specific structure is making defamatory remarks towards one of our own. She believes that structures should be condemn these behaviors, in our capacity as SRC members. What is frustrating about these statements, is the lack of truth in these statements. For example the false narrative that the Secretary wrote a statement that was actually written by the Deputy Secretary. The AOW statement made by the EFFYCUP was also falsely relayed. False information is something that should be condemned as well. TG states that this youth command works on their own and independently of the SRC members. She also says we must be aware of the fact that condemning the EFFYCUP's actions as it will create dialogue. President further states that in a personal capacity you can do what you want but they are attacking our members. As an SRC we need to take stance. President does not want to create dialogue as we will not be responding but it must reflect in our minutes that we</p>	<p>SRC member or student by the EFFYCUP or any other university structure. Such conduct undermines the values of respect, integrity and accountability that govern our student community. This decision has been taken with the support of a majority vote by the SRC. The vote came down to 9 members in favour and 7 members in disagreement.</p>
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	<p>have had a conversation on this. Our subordinate structures cannot be attacking and undermining the highest student governing structure. President asked for everyone's thoughts. Anathi said that condemning should be specific on what we are not agreeing to. President states that the content of the statement is defamatory and untrue, therefore we as an SRC should condemn the contents of the statements and the conduct at Student Forum. Tumelo states that we do need to take a stance of some sort. One of us was attacked and we need to seem as if we support each other. If we cannot condemn this we will seem as if we don't have a backbone as a structure. Nosi states that we should be careful of condemning situations that were true. Tshiamo says it is not only EFFYCUP releasing these types of statements. Sakhile says that he will never vote to condemn the EFF, as he is deployed by them. He says that the EFF lives outside of the university and that we cannot control them. He knows that the EFF is wrong for releasing statements that are not true, but he will state that he stands with the EFF when it comes to a vote. Tarien says that if we allow structures to personally attack members of the SRC it creates a dangerous precedent and we</p>	
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	<p>need to draw the line in these instances.</p> <p>There has to be some sort of united front when it comes to personal attacks.</p> <p>President states that we cannot control the freedom of expression of others, the only problem is when these expressions are untrue and defamatory. President does not necessarily want a statement to be released. Bongiwe says that the SRC is a political space and we must realize that these types of statements will not stop even if we condemn them. There are legal ways in UP that can deal with issues like this, but because we are public people have opinions on us that we cannot control. The Presidents goal is that we just know where we stand with false allegations and defamatory statements so that we can answer students if it comes up in Student Forum, for example, even if it does not stop these types of statements. The President says that we don't stand for statements that lie about our SRC members – that is our stance. Where a true statement is written, that is a different story. But at the moment these statements are false and the SRC should have an opinion on this, regardless of your personal opinion. DSG recognizes the falseness of one statement, namely the statement made by the EFFYC on the SRC Secretary. He</p>	
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	furthermore says that if a person feels personally attacked they should go to the university to open a case. Nosi states that we just don't support the statement we are not defending anyone. As an SRC we all don't agree with the action of a statement released falsely.	
3. Invitations extended to SRC to come out of SRC cost center	Any person who invites you to an event, and you want to attend that event, that money comes out of your cost centre. The MMC's budget is absorbed into the Executive's budget. Excursions and last-minute events should be approved by the Treasurer to be taken out of the Executive budget.	In agreement
4. Societies training	The DSA will be creating formal training for Societies. It's not compulsory to attend these trainings as an SRC, but JP wanted to extend the invitation. Anathi says he does not want us to be there as they will need to cater for extra individuals, but the SRC is more than welcome to be of service and assist on the day.	In agreement
5. Arising matters	No arising matters.	

Meeting closed at 18:39

Approval:

We, the President of the SRC; Vhutshilo Muambadzi, and Secretariat; Euléne Bornman, hereby declare that these minutes are an accurate and true reflection of this general SRC meeting.



Vhutshilo Muambadzi

SRC President



Secretary



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