



SRC General Meeting Minutes

| 27 February 2025 | HB 3-24 | 17:30 |

Attendees:

Name	Portfolio	Attendance
Vhutshilo Muambadzi	President	Present
Tshiamo Makunye	Deputy President (DP)	Present
Euléne Bornman	Secretary (SG)	Present
Sakhile Masemula	Deputy Secretary (DSG)	Present
Bongiwe Dlamini	Treasurer (TG)	Present
Amish Ntshangase	Facilities, Safety and Security	Present
Deepan Valla	Marketing, Media and Communication	Present
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 – Excuse given
Nosikhumbuzo Jali	Residences 1	Present
Tarien Kriel	Residences 2	Present
Miceala Wathen	Academics 1	Present
Anathi Nkomonye	Academics 2	Present

Note: The meeting started at 17:45 and the President reminded the SRC that the meeting starts at 17:30 and running late will no longer be accepted as an excuse. The meeting ended at 20:23.

Agenda Points:

1. Welcoming and Attendance
2. Bus Routes
3. Deregistered students
4. Office Tidiness and issues
5. POA Collaborative execution discussion
6. Arising matters

Detailed Minutes:

Agenda Item	Discussions	Decisions
1. Attendance		Only Student Culture was absent but provided an excuse to the President.
2. Bus Routes	Groenkloof and Prinshof received additional busses and the Sunnyside bus is being approved. In terms of routes, certain bus companies do not have stops in their jurisdiction. TG said her concern is not the number of busses but the routes, because students currently have to walk from drop-off points to their residences, and in semester test season, it will be late at night. DSG stated that the Transport office said the routes were accepted previously. The previous bus service added their own stops which the students now need. DSG thinks we are not being taken seriously, as	SRC Facilities will take this up with the necessary department: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The busses should be filled up before they leave based on time- Stops near Sunnyside.

	<p>this is not a matter of budget but student safety.</p> <p>Another issue is that busses are moving according to time and not when they are full. Previously it moved when they were full. President asks if this is an actual rule or just something that previous bus services do. She said that the times are for students to make sure that they can get to busses in time according to their schedules. DSG said that if a bus is full, they must leave and then another bus should be made available in the same time frame.</p>	
3. Deregistered Students	<p>The students that are currently being deregistered are transferring students. As a part of your application, you must disclose if you were once registered at a previous institution even if you did not finish your degree. A lot of transferring students who did not perform academically well at previous institutions omitted that they were registered at another institution, as this amounts to fraud.</p> <p>Anathi explained that when you apply you have to declare that all the info on the document is true as it is a legal document. The students that omitted</p>	<p>President said that no one is defending what they did was right but all students should be given a case-by-case opportunity to have the SRC fight for them.</p> <p>So, we should not move forward with a blanket approach. President stated that with every student that has reached out already, before they are given a generic response that they have committed fraud, they should be given the</p>

	<p>the fact that they were at another institution before, did receive an email that they must submit their academic transcript and then the faculty will make their decision based on those marks. They want to see if the student can survive the academic pressures at university. Those students were given a last opportunity and the faculty could then make a decision based on those marks. Your application is incomplete without this info so a student will be deregistered. DESA said that allowing the student to continue would be fraudulent and that the SRC should not encourage it. DESA said there is no way that it can be appealed as they were never accepted by the faculty. Most of the students could not have their academic transcripts released because they owed money or they had been excluded. Some students specifically chose to omit the information on purpose. It's a yes or no answer. President said that the students were deregistered because of the repercussions of lying not "bad" transcripts. None of them are applying for the same degree, so they might have had a better chance of being accepted. TG raised the point that</p>	<p>chance to vent out why they did not disclose and then we decide how and if we can assist these students.</p> <p>We are asking DESA for numbers on those who were deregistered and then determine if their reasons could be mitigating factors. If they do not meet mark requirements, we cannot advocate for them. Therefore, we will have a case-by-case analysis.</p> <p>We want to understand the circumstances as to why these students were deregistered.</p>
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	<p>there are students who have taken gap years and the immediate assumption made by these students, is that they were not at a previous institution the year before. TG asked if an affidavit as to why they omitted these documents could be provided as many students have already written tests and moved into residences. DP raised that UP knew that these students were coming to the university in April last year when they applied, so they had ample time to do these investigations and deregister them in time. They need to do their background checks sooner. Some students came from Cape Town or KZN etc. because they were still under the impression that they were admitted. President wrapped up, that as an SRC even though you know a student is in the wrong we should be looking for loopholes based on the consequences of the late deregistration. When someone applies do they just accept them or do they verify the validity? Who is in the wrong? Why was verification done after they had already been registered and admitted? Tarien then raised that some students are opportunistic and she wants to ensure that people do not omit</p>	
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	<p>documents in the future with the hopes that the SRC will fight for them. Anathi says he disagrees in finding a loophole of fight for these students as it amounts to corruption. Secondly, he says that procedurally you can get provisionally accepted and when the university wants to accept you fully and you then register, it's only then the verification and background check happens. The students were also allowed to resubmit their documents. We will be defending people who incorrectly applied and it would be unjust as other students have done things correctly. Micaela said that these checks were only done earlier for students who did not lie on their applications and disclose all information.</p> <p>TG replied that on the point of verification, that UP can type in their ID numbers to get matric certificates and previous results. Students cannot stay at an institution for a month and then be sent home. Final acceptance is usually given (if you are not a grade 11 applicant) the previous year, not in January. Postgrad confirmed that they had 6 months to verify this.</p>	
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	<p>DP said that it must be clear that the SRC is here to represent students, not the institution. Transformation stated that students omitting these documents could be because of misinformation or lack of information, for example, if a student deregistered at a previous institution or they did not get their degree students assumed the disclosure was not needed (bona fide mistake Residences 2 said that we are assuming that students did not understand, but we do not know.</p> <p>Micaela stated that we must speak to DESA and get the background information on these students, and work with DESA case by case. However, if the faculty then decides that you do not meet all the requirements then you will not be admitted – which everyone agreed on we are not fighting against.</p>	
4. Office Tidiness and Issues	<p>Micaela brought up this agenda point stating that food waste and disposals should be disposed of outside of the office and not in the office dustbin.</p> <p>President brought up that we still have not received any desks, signages, laptops, and phones. We have had numerous conversations with JP. She</p>	<p>President said she has noted the dustbin issue and she will follow up with JP in terms of how many times the Kopanong offices are cleaned.</p>

	<p>put to the floor solutions to this. The floor agrees that it should be escalated. TG proposed that all our flyers and gazebos etc. should be put in the Executive office (3).</p> <p>Societies brought up the issue on WiFi and the bad signal in the office. DSG proposed the solution that another router should be added inside the offices. TG said that when they bring the landline lines they must bring wifi routers as well. DP said that it's very hot in the office but the President said we must look at what are our priorities.</p> <p>Societies also brought up the matter that laptops can not leave the university premises (that JP provides), but he wants to propose that these laptops should be taken home. President stated that if you are not an employee you can not take university equipment home. But all laptops will be in the offices 24/7 for our use.</p>	<p>The president will make Dr.Kgadi aware of the office facilities issues.</p> <p>Everything will be moved to Kopanong 3.</p> <p>Wi-Fi will also be added to the list of things we need fixed that will be sent to Dr.Kgadi</p>
5. POA Collaborative execution discussion	<p>Micaela wants to propose to the floor a workshop in terms of collaboration between portfolios and university resources. For example, collaboration between Fly@UP, UP Library etc.</p>	<p>President states that after registration, her vision was to have a two-hour workshop where everyone has their POA's and we work on collaboration etc.</p>

	<p>Exec had a meeting with Redbull a while ago, stating that we will have collaborations with them for example.</p> <p>Nokwazi asked if she could submit a new POA when we start with this collaboration. But the President said that the POA's must be sent to Mosia this week.</p>	<p>As soon as pressing issues are over, we will focus on the materialization of our POA's.</p>
6. Arising matters	<p>Remember – SRC members have a reason as to why this matter was only brought now and not earlier.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Transformation: Something she has noticed throughout our meetings – Meeting Conduct. People are very argumentative and she is calling on members to actively listen and not be too quick to speak. She is asking for the SRC Executive and President to control these meetings and remarks. Agenda points be sent by Wednesday. In 48hours meeting minutes will be sent (excluding weekends) 2) DSG: Only addressing now as she just got feedback from the Finance department on allowances. Students are very hungry now and have not 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) President said we need opposing ideas but we have to be respectful in disagreements. Everyone agreed. 2) President asked who is opposed to going to Finance tomorrow. On Whatsapp tonight we will find a time when everyone is available and then we create a poster saying that the SRC will be walking to Finance, welcoming students to join the walk. We will also be in full uniform.

	<p>eaten for three weeks. Book allowances will only be sms's not money. Which was incorrect information given to TG. Suggesting a "walk" to the Finance or admin building. As this is an emergency. The president stated that Students have been directed to Baviksha if there is a food issue brought to the SRC. Sometimes issues cannot be solved by one quick-fix. TG went to Ronel on Wednesday, and the response was there was a delay because of the accommodation accreditation list. They only recently have been in communication with NSFAS, but can not issue living allowances without rent. Therefore Ronel agreed that the middle ground would be that students get book allowances. At the end of the day, they went to follow up, and Ronel showed them the invoice and the communication was then sent to students through a SRC poster. However today, they changed their story and it</p>	<p>3) President said that this an ex-officio discussion not a SRC discussion.</p> <p>4) President said that she will speak on this matter because it speaks on AOW and it's a very important matter she will address now. On the phones, President did receive that email and will respond.</p> <p>5) DSG is fully in control of Student Forum and the DSG should have a meeting to discuss. But he will in due time send a procedure in terms of student forum.</p> <p>6) Don't overstep and not inform the right portfolio that you overstepped. The President will not stand for this. You will answer for this</p>
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	<p>was actually only SMS's coming Friday latest Monday. She is in support of a "walk" to Finance.</p> <p>3) Sports: Netball. A team that fails to comply will receive a warning and the second transgression will be a warning and a fine (3k). Sports is asking if we agree with the rules. Residences and Academics said that she wants to discuss this with their sub-councils first. SRC Sport ex officio, was excluded from this meeting where these rules were made facilitated by TuksSport.</p> <p>4) Residences 2: Communication between SRC members and phones for students. She was upset that DP did her job as a residence officer. She is asking for communication between each other if you overstep in portfolios.</p> <p>5) Academic 1: Update on Student Forum, had a meeting on it today. They had a conversation with Sipho. The suggestion was a mock student</p>	<p>in student forums. President is not condoning overstepping. Don't make meetings with people when the relevant portfolio does not know.</p> <p>7) The SRC was updated on this meeting sufficiently. What will we say to students / last communication before registration closes? Executive will draft a statement and send communication on the main group.</p>
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	<p>forum to be adequately prepared.</p> <p>6) AOW visit. The president is very upset about members overstepping in their portfolio and taking backlash from something that someone else created. Spoke on Volley Brooklyn, SG contacted the President and then Residences. This is an example of not overstepping and offering the portfolio the respect to at least let them know of what has happened. On the AOW issue: There was a group created and DP promised the AOW students that the SRC would have a meeting with them, but the Residence officer as not informed of this. DP responded that he did let the Executive know, but the President responded that the meeting that he promised that SRC members would attend with management without informing anyone/Residences, was the issue.</p> <p>7) Registration is closing tomorrow, Exec had a meeting with Executive Prof Mosia</p>	
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	<p>today. Of the people who applied to the Study Aid Fund, we assisted everyone with no and under 10k historical debt and some who had under 20k, in terms of registration fees. The R1 million is now depleted. We raised 3k with our fund. Prof Mosia decided that the Finance Department will go through every student on a case-by-case basis to assist those who have good academic marks and most of their debt is from TuksRes. DSG said we must communicate the case-by-case decision and we must not be scared to send communication. We must communicate what Prof Mosia said in this meeting as well as percentages/numbers.</p>	
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Approval:

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

Vhutshilo Muambadzi

SRC President

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Secretary

