



SRC Ordinary Meeting

10 February 2021 | Google Meets & Room 1-7 |

1. Welcoming and Opening:

1.1 The president welcomes the council to the meeting.

2. Attendance:

2.1 Present:

President	Lerato Ndlovu
Deputy President	Rameeza Abdool Sattar
Secretary General	Jaco van Jaarsveld
Deputy Secretary	Thandi Mabala
Treasurer	Jozias Mahube-Reinecke
Facilities Safety and Security	Njabulo Sibeko
Marketing, Media & Communications	Chanel Brown
Study Finance	Melvin van Rooyen
Postgraduate & International Student Affairs	Thando Dhlamini
Day Students & External Campus Affairs	Nothando Ngubeni
Societies	Hannah le Roux
Transformation and Student Success	Thuto Mashila
Academic Representatives Ex-officio	Uwaiza Abdool Sattar
Academic Representatives Ex-officio	Stéfan Steenekamp
Residence Representatives Ex-officio	Chané Williamson
Residence Representatives Ex-officio	Wehan Viljoen
Sport Representative Ex-officio	Tarik Lalla
RAG Representative Ex-officio	Tshego Kgoele
Student Culture Representative Ex-officio	Thando Mtimkulu

2.2 Absent with apology:



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2.2.1 No apologies were made.

2.3 Late without apology:

2.3.1 All members were present.

3. Acknowledgement of other matters arising:

3.1 Shutdown

3.2 Faculty Houses

4. Acceptance of previous minutes and adoption of agenda:

4.1 Acceptance of previous Minutes – Confirmed

4.2 Adoption of agenda -

5. Feedback from the Executive Committee:

5.1 President to give an update.

5.2 P: The feedback was that the help desk should be revisited as per the previous conclusion. In the meeting it came up why are we not advertising the help desk? And the need to revisit the decision that we took.

5.3 Societies: Registration has been extended how does that look for the SRC? There is nothing we should do extra or that we can do less.

5.4 P: Classes are resuming but registration will continue. The suggestion was to submit a timetable, submit it to the SG and we will make a helpdesk from that. Include your study times in the timetable that you submit to the SG.

5.5 FSS: The helpdesk should be advertised taking into consideration the people that we have helped. I have a question about first years that are unable to register. What is the SRC doing with the student that is being excluded from this?

5.6 P: The suggestion is to advertise. The Helpdesk schedule will be set up around our time table. A lot of students will come to the gate I assume that we are all fine with it.

5.7 FSS: The security received training on how the contracts should be handled. It should also be given to us.

5.8 P: DSA filed a complaint due to our helpdesk. We are not a part of the actual training for registration. They say we are disruptive. If we ask for training, we can put in a request, the training will take time what do we do in that time?



5.9 FSS: We go to SSC and they say the contract is wrong. We do not know that. They can send a picture of an example of how contact should look like.

5.10 A1: The form says please initial here, students still have a hold because they sign where they should only provide their initials. Also can we not make a video to show the students how to register?

5.11 P: Can the office of FSS please confirm how this contact should look like. Once the office of DSECA makes a video we can send it to all students and res students. The MMC and DSECA are making that video and it can then be shared.

5.12 PISA: Follow the contract instructions. The first pages must be initial and thereafter they sign.

5.13 P: We will formulate a timetable if our classes start. We will also have fewer stations to maintain only the prospect and main gate. We will advertise the help desk to the students.

5.14 Societies: There is no single structure. Some people are being helped while others in the same situation are not being helped. There are cracks in the system that need our attention.

5.15 P: It has been noticed. Some staff help some members and others not. We can report it. The issue comes that people have relationships. We can and should address it but we speak to how people choose to operate. If you say there is no space in residences there must be no space for all students

5.16 Societies: It comes to the point that it should be noted and escalated.

5.17 R1: When we ask our placement head what are the procedure. We are waiting to change the number and if they going to change it. If it is full and a student says I am on the waiting list that should be communicated. The reason it differs from student to student is that it differs from residence to residence.

5.18 P: The second point was the issue of key committees of particular concerns. The response to take was that an invitation was given to the residence sub-council to discuss the matter. Student Culture had an event for 1st-year students. Due to covid-19 a new event was formulated. Beg1nners were initiated for all student and it was committed to different committees and residences. The residences send back communication to JP that the residences are pulling out of the event. That caused friction in the student body. The Key committees must send out formal communication. The letter was not sent because the matter must still be dealt with on Friday with their sub-council.

5.19 R1: When the Beg1nners thing came out it was sent out to culture external. The HC took it to the chairs and they asked what they wanted. Everyone should



be able to make that decision. The guidelines do not align with residences values. We had a meeting with certain changes so the residences can start to practice.

P: It is feedback from the executive meeting. The details were not disclosed because we have not sat down with the sub-council of residences to hear their part of the matter. This is for notice purposes for the council to know what is happening. We have not sat with residences to make solutions. We will not sit on it because people do not have the material. I think we need to have a sitting as the SRC with residences that we understand their governance. Meetings can happen without Lanche. Lanche is the guardian and you can operate outside of him. We can as an SRC engage with the CSG. Creating policy work of sub-councils and the relationship with the SRC.

5.20 A2: We always include Lanche and ask him for his opinion. It is just better to work with him rather than working against him.

5.21 RAG: If we are having a meeting with residences why are key committees not invited?

5.22 P: The key committees submitted the issue. Now we first corollate that message and then we can get back to you. We first need to hear their side of the matter.

5.23 T: Can the key committees not join?

5.24 P: We will have a meeting with everyone. We just give a platform for them to send their responses first then we can have a sitting with everyone.

5.25 T: Residences student is not your students, you represent all students. This will push a form of bias. The residence students are still students of the university. We represent everyone.

5.26 SC: The reason this being discussed is that the meeting was scheduled after the key committees. We submitted the SRC and DSA to intervene. We have been in constant communication and that healed no fruits. We, therefore, ask the executive for intervention. The meeting this afternoon was as a result of this.

5.27 T: The email was also sent out in the capacity of the SRC not in their capacity as the residences. Now, this is a stance of the SRC a stance that was not discussed as the council.

5.28 P: It for the council to be in the know. We will sit with the sub-council. Then we will all meet we are meeting.

5.29 SC: Can they also report on the meeting we have this afternoon and the resolutions that were made?



5.30 P: This report will be made and hope to hear back from the residence office as it seems that resolutions were made.

5.31 A2: We need an agenda to set a time frame with the sub-council.

5.32 RAG: When you deal with this issue, it is also a general matter. We all have grievances. Just bring that up as well.

5.33 A2: Residences are privileges as they have an internal helpdesk. They have access to resources but how are we allowing these resources that all students need. The concern is the student that does not have this access and we allow only a certain population to have access. A1: We have orientation week also. It serves as a disadvantage to get a taste of student life. With the residence hosting this event the day students also want orientation to generate a form of student life.

5.34 T: The issue of religious affairs in residences should also be discussed.

5.35 R1: It has been like this for years to get all students the same treatment. Res management informed us on what is done and if they allow things we give that information through to residences.

5.36 A2: If the residences are allowed to an internal helpdesk we can also have an internal helpdesk for all students. Who gave Tuksres this go ahead and why was this option not been given to us as well. A1: Last year first year where assisted face to face. We have been doing it telephonically. The faculty houses have such an intense workload that we can manage the workload. My friend got the help she is in res but where is our help from faculty houses. These are the questions that we are now facing.

5.37 P: The third issues was also against residences that residences do not allow students to go to churches. However, Lanche and Wehan did respond to this. Do we now request an update on that particular matter?

5.38 R2: The email and the situation was sorted out within the hour. Religion groups were also allowed to introduce them to the residences. The situation where handled and the student that make the complaint thanked us for the response and he is happy after we addressed the issue.

5.39 P: Was there a case in the first place?

5.40 R2: We ask him to provide us with the case but he did not. We dealt with it internally even though they did not give us an update on the residences that were involved.



5.41 Sport: What does it mean to deal with it? Religious freedom is what we want to promote in terms of transformation. Can we not follow up with the residence? I seek clarity of how it was dealt with and if a follow-up has been done?

5.42 T: I assume this person is in the first year and he might be scared. I suggest that you look into this issue more independently and maybe on a face to face to basis.

5.43 DP: The student will appreciate the situation being dealt with. The student reference the constitution. It is likely not that he made it up. It is not about the urgency but how it was handled.

5.44 FSS: Want to find out if there was a proactiveness that was taken by them? Did they try to find out where it came from? Phoned, sat down with him or was it a matter of just replying to the email?

5.45 R1: We get feedback from management at Tuksres every day. We then go back to the HC with what the first years are happy with and what they are not happy with. We address all the residences. We addressed this matter to all the residences. The student said thank you after there was the active change that was brought after our response.

5.46 P: Will you also please give us a report on how this was dealt with.

5.47 R2: Are we allowed to ask the student for information after he chooses not to disclose the matter?

5.48 SF: I understand that you handled the situation. We ask just to do more and to get more information. The details will remain confidential and without information being disclosed.

5.49 DSG: I feel like, what would do justice to this situation. If the two residences give a report back to the council on how it was handled, the procedure thereof and also to state what parties said what. Only then will be able to interrogate the situation to get a clear stance. If we see the matter needs to be escalated then a proper procedure will be followed if it was not followed.

5.50 DSECA: This is a constitutional issue that needs investigation and requires a proper report. This is an urgent matter.

5.51 P: There is a consensus to request a formal report on this matter.

5.52 R2: None of this can be done if I do not receive permission to contact the student again. Then we can start this but the report will not include the student's matters.



5.53 FSS: Matter of procedure, it is necessary to report on what action was taken by the management not only the residence officers.

5.54 DP: Why contact him again? Was the student's name mentioned? They can only say a query has been raised by a student. If there are other details they have to ask the student because of the POPI Act. Just say we dealt with the situation due to this it calls for further information and asks if we can ask for more information.

5.55 P: Draft an email saying it is a serious matter and want to make sure it does not happen again. If he says no he says no. But we still require a report to see how Tuksres dealt with this matter of breaking constitutionality. We will wait on the report and you submit it through the council to the SG. We also put a request that faculties come back to assist with the help desk as more students are returning. We need regular task team reports to share with the rest of the SRC so we all are I know how to deal with a particular matter. We need formal reports as well that will be the file of what is being happened in the task team. Another matter is that the disciplinary committee will work on policy with the relationship between the SRC and sub-council because currently it does not stipulate anything and we ask the tribunal to assist with this. The parties involved must involve all parties and give a clear outline of how the project will work. When will the deadline be for the report on the church matter?

5.56 R1: It will be done on Friday 12 March 2021.

6. Portfolio-specific agenda points:

6.1 SRC Marketing Media & Communications – Social Media Advertising Guidelines

6.2 MMC: I send the guidelines by email last week Tuesday. We should finalise the guidelines of the criteria. Please look at it and can I get feedback so that we can finalise it.

6.3 P: Did you receive any submission of changes? What we can discuss is if someone wants to discuss a point that you do not agree with.

6.4 MMC: Can we make a deadline for Friday to submit additions or edits and submit this via email before Friday. Then we can discuss it on Monday.

6.5 DP: Can we move it to Sunday so people can respond properly. Because everybody is busy now.

6.6 P: The deadline will then be on Sunday.

6.7 SRC Student Culture – Presentation



6.8 SC: We receive a proposal from a company of performing arts and they want to encourage young people to participate in it to open up career opportunities. They want to host an event on campus once it is open or even outside of campus.

6.9 Floor is open.

6.10 Societies: We need to see what we can do within before we can go out. We can do it without outsourcing it. I think student culture has everything to host their events similar to this.

6.11 T: I am against the proposal. Cannot see how it benefit young students. We have the platform and they are not stipulating anything and just trying to jump on the name of UP.

6.12 SC: I am against it because we can easily host something similar. They said other universities are hopping on and that is why they wanted to do it. For the sake of integrity, I brought this to the council.

6.13 P: Do we need to have a similar project? What are the benefits of this for the students?

6.14 SC: I can pose that to them because it sounds like they just want our facilities and has access to our students. It will be a drain on us because they did not give us any benefits.

6.15 P: The feeling in the council is against this proposal. If they give us money we can ask. The point is closed.

6.16 SRC President – March Logistics

6.17 FSS: Tomorrow we meeting at 8 am and we move from 9 am. We cannot move from prospect to DHET. We need to move from the nearest point. They say it is too far and will cause traffic. From here to there we need to make use of private or public transport. We need to gather there, no one can gather at the university. They asked how will they get there? And we said public transport. We suggest that we will use informal taxi's to drop us off if they pay. We need to move from Strubert to DHET.

6.18 DSECA: Where is the spot?

6.19 RAG: The march starts at Old Deport. We meet at 8 am then we move at 9 am.

6.20 DSG: Who is paying for the taxies? DO we assume that students will come with money?



6.21 Societies: People have the freedom of assembly. Will a student be able to pay for the transport?

6.22 SC: It will be cheaper if we arrange with Taxi. Pay at their prerogative. We say this is the trip here is an R 150 can you take the students? This is why we cannot ask the student to pay for their selves.

6.23 DP: Does this mean that the SRC pay for it, are we all walking from here to there or how does the SRC go about it?

6.24 MMC: Must I take the post off that they must meet at prospect gate? With regards to the clothing, we will be wearing our white t-shirt and denim.

6.25 P: The branded caps are not SRC caps that is the only problem. May we have caps? And do not remove the post is has already been circulating.

6.26 DSG: If they do ask, prospect is not the meeting place but we can give them directions. Denim is not a good idea. And who is paying for the taxi?

6.27 A2: How many students are we expecting for tomorrow? It will answer the question on the taxi money from the SRC funds.

6.28 T: Why can we not walk to the destination. We can walk and break it up and lead people in different manners. The funding, we do not know how long it can take for the funds to be loosed.

6.29 P: On this point, we need to be strategic in how we walk then.

6.30 PISA: Can we still take a train from point A to port B?

6.31 FSS: We need to discuss this. The time of this thing must also be considered. At 9 am we supposed to arrive at Struben and start at 09:30 with the demonstration to 10:30. At 11:00 we need to hand over the memorandum. At 11:30 we need to be done and walk back at midday.

6.32 P: We can walk an hour and a half if we leave here at 08:00.

6.33 RAG: We should have posted when the actual time is that the march commences.

6.34 Societies: The nature of protest is following similar dynamics. We cannot plan out a protest. We cannot choose 100 people. We can set a president with the hope that 100 people will follow. The topic is legitimate.



6.35 P: There will be a student at 08:00 they will wait for people to come. We are waiting for the rest to come.

6.36 SF: If we walk it is an hour and a half. The latest students should leave is at 08:00.

6.37 Societies: What happens in a hypothetical case if we decide to leave at 08:00 and people rock up here at 10:00?

6.38 P: If we leave at 08:00 we leave people behind and said they left in that direction.

6.39 SF: What is the last time that an SRC Member will leave here?

6.40 P: Are we leaving out the taxi? It is R 450 to send 30 people. This is a long process. Can we have R 450 as a contingency plan from us? If we have a huge mass then we will have the plan that at least 30 people to leave.

6.41 FSS: If we walk there can I please have ten people for ten groups to marshal that group?

6.42 P: The council agrees that there will be a contingency plan. What time do we leave? We leave at 08:15 here from Prospect gate moving forward. We will leave a security guard behind with instruction for the student that arrives late. Names of student that will Marshall the different groups will be submitted to the office of FSS. With regards to media. SABC will be there at 09:00 requesting someone to give a summary of what is going on. SG will be going earlier if the media ask questions. The Treasurer, the SF and the President will speak when they handover the document. All members to be here tomorrow at 06:30.

7. Other matters arising:

7.1 Shutdown SAUS

7.2 P: Demands were made at 10:00 during an emergency meeting. If the demands are not met by Monday universities will be shutting down. Today students are being able to register. The pressing matters that allow for a shutdown are being attended to. What does the shutdown mean for UP?

7.3 T: They are still not making it clear if people will receive funding if they can register now. Yes, they can register but we do not know if these students will have debt next year. We must shut down.

7.4 SC: Let us not be unreasonable. How do we shut down online classes?



7.5 DSECA: We still have a problem that classes are staring without some students that have not been registered. If we were to shut down we can have a sit down at the gate that no one can enter the universities.

7.6 PISA: If we shut down we must shut down Prinshoff.

7.7 SC: If we shut down the streets people will get arrested. We cannot lead them in harm's way.

7.8 SF: No, we cannot shut down hospitals. The student is still online. The residences are the only thing on Prinshoff we can shut down.

7.9 T: If we shutdown admin.

7.10 P: They have been running admin online. They can and will continue online. Again what will a shutdown look for UP?

7.11 T: We are marching tomorrow but then we do not shutdown.

7.12 P: We do not shut down just because. The tangible reason to shutdown is the fact that student start class some student still have not yet registered.

7.13 DSECA: Can we not have a student from the IT department to help shutdown it online.

7.14 A1: It is too risky.

7.15 SC: The university did make progress with online system IT protections.

7.16 P: The difference now is the registrations, so students will be able to register. The R 20 million is for financial aid and the agreement that the second payment is due in June and they reduced the 50% - 40%.

7.17 SC: Can we please read out the demands. There have been improvements made from DHET.

7.18 P: If we do not know what a shutdown looks like do we still want a shutdown?

7.19 T: They make it look nice at face value but not telling people how it is being disrupted.

7.20 PISA: Our shutdown is not possible.

7.21 R1: How the shutdown work will affect the students that study medicine.



7.22 P: The hospital cannot shut-down because we are still in a global pandemic. Can we brainstorm how it will look like? And how can we shut down? We normalized injustice but the fact is that there are still a lot of students that cannot register. This will be adorned, to an emergency meeting again tomorrow.

7.23 Faculty Houses

7.24 A2: We touched on the faculty part and received confirmation that the faculty activities will take place on an online platform. The only events that were taken into consideration were the key committee's events. At GK all residences and the faculty house of GK are on campus. We thus require that the other 8 faculties also get access to campus. It will be a benefit to have faculty representatives with the SRC at the two gates to assist with the helpdesk. They are valuable resources. Some of their EC members are in immediate areas to come and assist.

8. Time and date of next meeting:

8.1 Next week Wednesday.

9. Closing:

9.1 President, adjourned the meeting and remind the council that we will meet again tomorrow for the emergency meeting to discuss the Shutdown.

I, Lerato Ndlovu and Jaco van Jaarsveld, hereby declare that these minutes serve as a true reflection of what transpired during this particular SRC meeting.



Lerato Ndlovu
SRC President



Jaco van Jaarsveld
SRC Secretary

