

SRC Zoom Meeting Minutes

09 April 2020 | Zoom | 8:30

1. **Welcoming and Opening:**
   1. David welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.
2. **Attendance:**
   1. **Present:**
   2. **Absent with apology:**

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1. **Acceptance of previous minutes and adoption of agenda:**
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   2. Adoption of agenda
2. **Other matters arising:**
   1. Online Learning and **Residences**
      1. The Residences (Lara) received communication (email) that says that the University will function according to the guidelines of online learning for the remainder of the semester (until 17 July 2020).
      2. This agenda point aims to facilitate a discussion of the implication of this on students residing in residences.
      3. The SRC Facilities, Safety and Security officer highlighted that all students’ marks will necessarily drop during this period of online learning.
      4. The Deputy Secretary posted a circular on the group that has been leaked.
      5. The Facilities, Safety and Security believes that we should first wait for official communication before we make our own decisions.
      6. Lara read out the information that was posted to the sub council group.
      7. The Student Culture member asked (assuming that lockdown is extended and online learning is implemented) whether it would be possible to allow students into residences that definitely don’t have access thereto upon meeting certain stringent requirements.
      8. The Residences SRC member mentioned that the dining halls have been closed and have not been operational for the lockdown period.
      9. The SRC Secretary raised a point submitted by the Day Student and External Campus Affairs member relating to implication of lockdown on the contracts that students have entered into with private accommodations.
      10. The SRC Secretary highlighted that our decisions are made within the parameters set by higher authorities. It’s very important that we ascertain the view of the President, as communicated to the Department of Higher Education, as communicated to the University of Pretoria.
      11. The SRC President mentioned that the President will be addressing the country tonight (apparently).
      12. For now, we will assume that the leaked documents that have been circulating numerous groups to be an accurate reflection of the view of the Department.
      13. The SRC President will be writing a **letter** to the Executive inquiring about an official stance on a way forward together with any other relevant queries.
      14. This letter should include a stance on the financial implications of this situation (e.g. meal card money).
      15. It is imperative that tuition fees are revisited and amended where necessary.
      16. The Marketing, Media and Communications member asked whether it is possible to draft a **statement** on the SRC’s accessibility and views of the lockdown period.
      17. The Treasurer asked about students that don’t have access to online learning that live outside of UP residences.
      18. As much as we can make recommendations, directives come from higher places and levels (Lara).
      19. The SRC Secretary suggested awaiting the President’s response or address tonight before drafting a letter.
      20. The Student Culture representative asked about day students that are not able to return to residences and have to rely on their own resources for accessing online learning.
      21. It was suggested that the library is opened up as a centre for study during the lockdown period (assuming it is extended).
      22. The Deputy Secretary believes that we should push for students to be given resources instead of expecting them to return.
      23. The Student Culture SRC member said it is extremely impractical to distribute such resources amongst students, especially students living in rural communities.
      24. The Deputy Secretary responded that resources should be regarded as essentials and that this matter is vouched for by the SRC and escalated to the task team within the higher education sector.
      25. The SRC President asked members to keep an eye out for the President’s speech at 16:00.
3. **Feedback from the Executive Committee:**
   1. N/A.
4. **Portfolio-specific agenda points:**
   1. Covid-19 Discussion
      1. The President called the meeting to order at 14:13.
      2. Quorum was not met so the meeting was deemed an SRC Executive Meeting extended to the rest of the Council.
      3. The SRC Secretary gave a brief layout of the agenda points.
      4. The Residences (Lara) received communication (email) that says that the University will function according to the guidelines of online learning for the remainder of the semester (until 17 July 2020).
5. **Time and date of next meeting:**
6. **Closing:**

**I, David Kabwa and Ryan Haines, hereby declare that these minutes serve as a true reflection of what transpired during this particular SRC meeting.**



