



SRC Special Meeting

| 26 January | DSA 1-7 | 17H00 |

1. Welcoming and Opening:

The President welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 17:18

2. Attendance:

2.1 Present:

Njabulo Sibeko – President
 Neville Mupita – Deputy President (DP)
 Lauren Thabethe – Treasurer (TG)
 Captain Shongwe – Facilities, Safety and Security (FSS)
 Thokozane Zwane – Media, Marketing and Communications (MMC)
 Khanyi Mahlangu – Study Finance (SF)
 Karabo Lefete – Day Student and External Campus Affairs (DSEC)
 Karabo Mogale - Societies
 Sphesihle Makhanya – Transformation and Student Success (TSS)
 Katlego Modise – Sport
 Pule Nkadimeng – RAG
 Jaryd Grobler – Culture
 Sandile Manoni – Academics 2
 Vhutshilo Muambadzi – Residences 1
 Francois du Plessis – Residences 2

2.2 Absent with apology:

Phenyo Matabane – Secretary (SG) – Absent due to illness
 Zeenat Patel – Academics 1 (Attended online, but had some connection issues)

2.3 Absent without apology:

Christo Pretorius – Deputy
 Secretary (DSG)

3. Acceptance of previous minutes and adoption of agenda:

3.1 Acceptance of previous minutes



It was noted that the amended draft of the minutes sent out by the SG was still not correct.

Culture: Pointed out that the first draft was not correct due to them being misgendered, and that the first draft was sent out on the 19th of January, with the amended draft being sent out on the 26th of January, which was 4 days late.

Residences 1: Enquired about what process needs to be followed whenever meeting minutes are rejected.

President: Suggested we check the Constitution of Student Governance (CSG) or Code of Conduct to resolve this matter.

Deputy President: The DP noted that he rejects the minutes of the Executive Meeting, on the grounds that several points discussed in the meeting were not present in the actual minutes. He pointed out two examples:

The first was regarding the statement “The SG enquired about the R3 000 000 given to the SRC”. He pointed out that this money was not given to the SRC, but to the financial aid office. Additionally, this money was a loan debited to the student account, and it was meant for students who could pay R5000 for registration fee, but not the additional R2500.

The second was regarding the SG’s decision to go to a media interview. He said that it was his duty as the SG, and he has 5 years of experience. The matter was voted on by the present Executive SRC Members and the President, DP and TG all voted against it, with only the SG voting for it (DSG was not present for the voting). It was concluded that the SG could go in his personal capacity and not in the capacity as an SRC Member and not with his SRC Uniform.

FSS: Requested that the Executive Meeting Minutes be discussed in Executive Meetings. The other SRC Members were not present and cannot add to it. This was noted by the President.

Academics 2: Added onto the FSS’s point by saying that he does not want to be misrepresented somewhere he was not even present, and wants the Executive to agree on the minutes of their meeting before they give the SRC feedback so that the SRC receives accurate feedback.

TG: Said that the matter was brought up in this meeting as not even the ordinary minutes were done properly, and this appears to be a common issue.

Academics 2: This issue needs to be fixed as a matter of emergency.

3.2 Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3.3 Noting of Matters Arising:

- 3.3.1 **Sports:** New Date for TuksSport Invite
- 3.3.2 **DP:** Meals Arrangements for Helpdesk
- 3.3.3 **TSS:** Adoption of New Constitution
- 3.3.4 **TG:** Health Sciences Registration Closing Today
- 3.3.5 **Academics 1:** Plan of Action’s and Budget
- 3.3.6 **Academics 2:** A Luta Continua and documents from the executive.

4. Meeting with SAUJS Representative:



President: Welcomed Sasha Said, a representative from the South African Union of Jewish Students, UP Branch. He opened the floor for her to speak, and then said that he would open the floor to two rounds of questions from the SRC.

Sasha: Sasha introduced herself and said this proposal is brought forward for two reasons: to build relations with the UP SRC and to talk about some issues relating to Israel-Apartheid Week; not to have it shut down but to discuss it. She notes that she does not fully support Israel, and that she wants there to be a conversation during the Israel Apartheid Week. Her students need to be protected as it sometimes gets violent. She finally said she is happy to take any questions regarding this.

She then noted that the aid that can be offered to the SRC comes from the Alumni they have, as they got a lot of funding from them. They met with the SRC last year to discuss helping with a Fresher's event, but the National SAUJS organization has not yet gotten back to them. They can however look into donors that include assistance such as venues, funding, merchandise, food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) as well as stationary packs (which can also be used in the future). The rationale behind the support is purely to build relationships with the SRC, as they are aware that getting funding support from UP can be difficult.

She finally noted that they can also potentially offer support on Protests: she has met with the person who started the #FeesMustFall movement and they have offered to have a meeting with the SRC. The goals of the SAUJS and UP SRC align in the sense that they are both here for the students; the UP SAUJS has amended its constitution to reflect that it is for all students.

President: Noted that TuksFM is already hosting a Freshers and hosting another one alongside it will cause issues.

Sasha: Suggested we have a Cultural Picnic instead where people of different Cultures and backgrounds can just come together for a Picnic.

Questions: Israel-Apartheid Week:

Day Students: Enquired about what happens during Israel-Apartheid Week?

Sasha: Answers from the side of PSC and SAUJS. The PSC – often have protests, which is fine, but they say threatening things i.e. “Kill all Jews”. She notes that students who wore “Heal over Hate” shirts were targeted, and their shirts were torn and painted over in red. PSC refused the opportunity to have a discussion on the matter. They vandalized the wall that SAUJS painted over, and many Jewish students said that they do not feel comfortable coming onto campus this week.

SAUJS chose not to do anything in 2022, but for 2023 they are going to focus on distraction, and not defense. On the 2nd day of the week, they will have a Cultural Day. On Day 3, they would have a Stand in Solidarity day, where many speakers, including Holocaust Survivors, survivors of the Rwandan Genocide and people to discuss other matters like mental health would be coming. She then noted that the SAUJS definition of Zionism is that Jewish people should have a state. We believe in a two-state solution.

FSS: Enquired about the demographics in SAUJS and what we can call the state of Israel if not an Apartheid.

Sasha: Answered that there are a variety of people on the SAUJS EC, including Christians, Catholics and Muslims as well as Black and Indian people. This is not the same for the SAUJS Wits Branch She then said that she does not have the right to define what an Apartheid is, but it would not be fair to describe Israel as one to South Africa, as every citizen has the right to vote, even if the requirements for citizenship are strict. She also noted that Israel has 4 main demographics as well.

TSS: Enquired on the request of the SRC not releasing statements; does this mean



that the SRC must stand for what SAUJS stands for.

Sasha: Answered that the SRC need not say that SAUJS is right or take a side, but rather they are trying to avoid a repeat of what happened in the past. The Wits SRC used to release negative statements that stand with PSC and against Jewish people. This is not a hard agreement, but rather a request from the SAUJS.

TSS: Enquired if SAUJS minds being a silent partner? Do you want the SRC to disclose that the SAUJS sponsored us?

Sasha: Answered that they are okay with being a silent partner; the purpose is to build a relationship with the SRC.

SF: Asked about the possibility of providing funding for the SRC Study Aid fund, as we are in dire need of funds.

Sasha: Answered that although she does not control the money, their sponsors would be much happier providing funding for that over merchandise.

TG: Asked if there is a catch

Sasha: Answered that there is no catch, just what was requested earlier. They expect nothing, they just want the SRC to have a relationship with SAUJS and trust them.

President: Asked what SAUJS is expected to benefit from this? The SRC aims to benefit by creating support for their students.

Sasha: To build a relationship with the SRC.

Academics 1: Noted that the idea that the SRC should work with SAUJS and not release statements regarding Palestine feels like being silenced by an external party. She notes that she has heard the stories from Wits but does not believe the UP stories are true. She also notes that since the SRC is secular in nature, working with a religious society goes against that. She agrees that the SRC needs to protect everyone. She further notes that although SAUJS has its own definition of Zionism, this term has been defined by international organizations and the fact that the SAUJS supports the state of Israel, which has many Human Rights Violations is unethical.

Sasha: Answered that SAUJS is only requesting that statements not be made, it is not forced. She also answered that many Jewish students have experienced problems at UP during the week, and that there are recordings of this. She further explained that she does not agree with everything happening in Israel and believes that Israel-Apartheid Week should be allowed to happen, and that she is open to having a conversation with Zeenat on the matter. She finally noted that SAUJS stands by its own definition of Zionism and supports the two-state solution; the two cultures can live in harmony.

Residences 1: Explained to Academics 1 that SAUJS approached them on this, and the SRC did not go to SAUJS, so it isn't the SRC violating its secular nature. It wouldn't be fair for the SRC to outright reject them because of this.

Academics 1: Notes that she agrees that everyone should be given a chance, but that working with SAUJS will severely hurt our image. The SRC needs to seriously consider this. She also noted that she knows what video SAUJS is talking about, and has evidence showing it is taken out of context. She finally notes that this is a bad idea and is against it.

Societies: Noted that we should not be discussing our standpoints with Sasha present.

DP: Enquired about how much influence SAUJS has done at Wits; what has it done there that UP should consider.

Sasha: Noted that she is a UP student so she cannot answer this fully, but SAUJS has raised around R60 million for Wits Students through various sponsors. They had also taken the Wits SRC to Israel to illustrate what happens in Israel, and some changed their stances while others kept theirs.

SF: Asked if it would be possible for SAUJS and the PSC to meet up before Israel-Apartheid week to discuss concerns and preserve the safety of students.

President: Said that no further comments on this matter would be taken. He thanked Sasha for attending and granted her leave, and that the SRC would give her feedback



when they are ready

Questions

Societies: Asked when the SRC would discuss their stance on this, which the President stated would be in this meeting.

Academics 1: Noted that she stands strongly against this, and that this is the start of the process of changing the stance of the SRC to that of a Pro-Israel one.

SF: Asked when the SRC would vote on this and if it would be closed ballot, as she does not want there to be tensions between SRC members because of this.

Day Students: Noted that the voting does not actually represent our stances on the Israel-Palestine situation.

FSS: Answered that we are in the SRC now and we need to be mature and respect others' stances and choices. He also pointed out that the SAUJS is bound to their constitution, and that working with them shows a degree of support to it, and we should read it first.

TG: Agreed with Day Students and said that we should put the students first in our decision making.

DP: Said that we can say this is for the students, but we must listen to what Sasha said. It is never okay to threaten students and pointed out that Section 6 of the CSG states that all students are entitled to equal protection; no structure may unfairly discriminate against anyone. The SRC won't take demands from other structures, and we won't take stances as we have many people of different stance; SAUJS is asking us to do what we already do. It is wrong to look at equality from only one side. He finally said that we should consider that we need the funding, as that is what students need at this moment.

SF: Noted that it is going to be open ballot. She also reminded everyone that this can be a silent partnership.

Societies: Pointed out that FSS knows some information about SAUJS that could make working with them harmful. She also asked if there would be a formal written agreement should we choose to work with them.

President: Noted that there will be a formal agreement, and this can be discussed with Dr. Jorissen.

FSS: Said that SAUJS is connected with Dlamini in the ANCYL and working with them is very concerning.

Voting: Work with SAUJS to raise money for students

Yes: 11

No: 3

Abstain: 1

It is decided that the SRC is working with SAUJS.

5. Meeting with other Stakeholders Present

5.1 No other Stakeholders were attending

6. Feedback from the Executive

6.1 Hillcrest Logistics: This is what the SRC has been doing the past week; and that there will now be a shift system for helpdesks. There is a car available for transport.

6.2 PISA: It was noted that DP (Neville) was the best person to take this portfolio as he has done it in 2022. However, Dr. Jorissen noted that two portfolios are too much for a single person, and this has been taken to Prof. Mosia for discussion.

6.3 Meeting Requests: The SRC has just met with SAUJUS, and the others are

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awaiting confirmation for a meeting.

6.4 PoA: *Shifted to later in the meeting*

6.5 Interview: The President noted that the SG had received an invite from SABC and ENCA to speak on a discussion about DHET and NSFAS. However, the SRC Executive decided it would not be a good idea to speak, as there are many UP policies regarding media talks. SG and TSS both failed to attend helpdesk as they went to this, and noted that TSS excused himself through the SG, which was not fair in this situation. HE finally noted that anyone who speaks with the media without approval will be suspended from the UP SRC, and that includes SG if his interview airs.

6.6 Freshers: The President noted that TuksFM is working on a Freshers, thus the SRC cannot do one. It became a conversation of can we join and help. The Executive decided to discuss the with the entire SRC; should the SRC help or should it host its own event later in the year.

SF: Noted that we would seem opportunistic if we jump in now to help TuksFM.

Societies: Suggested we work with them, as hosting our own now is too much for the SRC. We could perhaps use this to get the student body to know the SRC. We can later host our own social with SAUJS assisting us as a silent partner.

Academics 2: Noted that societies covered most of his points, but that created the same event multiple times is pointless and we should just help TuksFM and the structure they are already working with; three is better than two.

Culture: Noted that they agree with what was said earlier; the SRC should host its own events. They also pointed out that this could greatly improve the SRC's image, should we be successful.

President: Asked if the SRC agrees with Societies.

DP: Suggested we consider the possibility they do not want to work with us. We should plan another low budget event with a chiller atmosphere as a Plan B.

President: Noted that we should deal with Plan A for now.

President: Asked MMC to try and liaison with TuksFM and see how the SRC can join and help, with a request not to oversee selling tickets. Expects a response by the 1st of February.

Academics 2: Suggested that MMC and he meet informally with the director of TuksFM during helpdesk.

7. Queer Working Committee

Culture: Noted that the DSG is absent and will explain the purpose of the Queer Working Committee on his behalf. However, the President noted that this initiative seems a smore of a POA one, and it is a better idea to move this to the discussion of the PoAs.



8. Code of Conduct

DP: Noted that the Code of Conduct is nearly done with amendments and is with Dr Jorissen. Once completed it will be signed by us.

FSS: Asked the DP to read section 10(2) on the Code of Conduct.

DP: Read the relevant section of the Code of Conduct

FSS: asked if it was changed.

DP: Noted that it was changed.

SF: Asked on what grounds this section changed, noting she believes this is referring to the fact that the President currently sits on the DC.

DP: Answered that some changes were made after Dr Madiba said there needs to be changed. I.e. changes like amounts deducting from honoraria. He then proceeded to read the section from the amended Code of Conduct.

TSS: Enquired which Code of Conduct that the UP SRC is working under.

DP: Answered that it is the old one until we sign the new one.

Culture: Asked about if gender neutral terms are being used in the new Code of Conduct.

DP: Answered that they are, and asked Culture to let him know if there are any more errors to fix before they sign.

President: Noted that since the President cannot form part of the DC, it causes an issue.

SF: Asked if it is possible to change the Code of Conduct such that the president can sit on the DC.

DP: Answered that the document is made by the DSA and their own guidelines. The SRC needs to wait for it to be finalized and signed before we can take up queries with the DSA.

President: Suggested the DC be put on hold due to its unconstitutionality. The SRC will then vote on a new DC once the new Code of Conduct is signed.

SF: Asked that if there is no DC, where she needs to direct her complaint.

DP: Answered that the DSA's hierarchy needs to be followed. The complaint must go to Dr Jorissen and then to Prof Mosia.

SF: Noted that she has an issue she needs taken up, and if she should email Prof Mosia about it.

President: Asked how long it will be before they can enact the new Code of Conduct.

DP: Explained that it is with Dr Jorissen now.

President: Asked if the process can be sped up. He does not want SF to wait too long for the matter to be resolved, such that we have a DC that can sit on Monday.

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9. Disciplinary Procedure

DP: Noted that the Disciplinary Procedure is not to be used unjustly or to solve personal issues, and then proceeded to read the Disciplinary Procedure to the SRC. (Section 10)



SF: Noted that regarding her issue, the first steps have already been taking and a complaint has been made in writing. It has been taken to Dr Jorissen, but he has not assisted in the matter.

President: Asked about who can take the matter to the Constitutional Tribunal for further assistance.

DP: Answered that Dr Jorissen has to do that.

10. Constitutional Tribunal Constitution Amendments

DP: Noted that last December the President was approached by the Constitutional Tribunal (ConTri) to look at their constitutional amendments and approve it. The SRC needs to read them and approve/engage on it with ConTri.

President: Asked if we could only engage on the amendments on the entire constitution (DP answered the entire constitution). He also noted that we need to read it and have a discussion on it. He originally wanted the SG to get a date but that has not worked so far and asked if we can get a date now.

DP: Noted that he will send it via email. He then asked that we get someone from the SRC who can sit on the interviewing panel for their next bench.

Academics 2: Nominated Residences 1, which was declined

SF: Nominated TSS, which was accepted, but noted he was unsure of the dates he would be needed to work.

Residences 1: Nominated Academics 2, which was accepted.

President: Noted that the SRC needs to vote on this.

DP: Noted that Academics 2 has a lot of commitments, which is something that must be considered.

President: Said that we should let democracy take its course.

Majority voted for TSS

President: Announced the results and DP said he would send it to ConTri.

11. Internal Communication between SRC Members: WhatsApp and Email

SG was absent, so this agenda point was skipped.

12. Budget and Study Aid Fund

TG: Noted that the SRC has received the operational budget for 2023: R470 000. We were requested to cut R200 000 from our budget to give to the Study Aid Fund. However, this will only help 26 students. She noted that we are unhappy with this and will write a proposal to get additional funds. Dr Madiba suggested we request last year's leftover budget to use for the Study Aid Fund.

President: Asked where the extra R70 000 comes from.

TG: Answered that it comes with the whole budget

SF: Noted that we have over two thousand students who need assistance, and that the R200 000 is not enough.

TG: Requests that the SRC donates more than 50% of its budget to help cover the Study Aid funds, and due to their lack of events, asks the Ex-Officio's to donate more. The SRC will also use a format where each member has two events; one alone and one collaboration.

President: Noted that one of the requirements for the Study Aid Fund is more students to have applied for UP Financial Aid. We will pay R5000 of the Registration Fee, and UP will cover the remaining R2500 from the R3 000 000. We will be refunded this as students get aid.

SF: Added that the R2.5 will be put into the fees of the students.

Culture: Asked for clarity on how much the Ex-Officio's would need to give, and for clarity on UP refunding the SRC the Study Aid Fund money.

SF: Answered that if the students register, and donor funds from the Study Aid fund



come through, we will get the money we gave to them back.

TG: Answered that the amount we donate is up to each SRC Member, and that we are hoping to get it back from the Financial Aid.

Societies: Noted that many students apply for the Study Aid Fund, and asked how it is determined who receives it – are people with historical debt considered?

TG: Answered that the finance task team decides, and they are working on criteria.

Societies: Asked if we can ask societies to donate some funds; they don't use all their funds.

TSS: Asked when the Executive decided that we are getting only two events and noted that some portfolios very diverse and cover multiple events.

Academics 2: Noted that we need to come up with long term solutions and not just entry level ones – we cannot let a student register for them ending up with a R150 000 debt they cannot pay. He further noted that students need to have a holistic experience – we do not end our terms with just the Registration Period; we need to have funds for the entire year. We cannot host an activation to give out a handful of fizzers, for example. We need to consider the holistic student experience.

SF: Noted that the Former SF Officer informed her of the difficulty to liaison with NSFAS and advised her to go directly to NSFAS HQ with the list of students with issues. She notes that R10 000 is simply not enough for her portfolio to do this.

Sports: Noted that the DSA covers Key Committee expenses, but that Ex-Officio portfolios are not limited to their Key Committees For example, the Sports Officers needs to hire buses, of which R5000 is simply not enough.

Residences 1: Noted that she needs permission from Residences 2, but that their portfolio is not event based, and they may not need their budget.

Residences 2: Noted that if they do not have any funds, they cannot do anything at all. Some of it can be taken, but we need some in case we want to do something with it.

TG: Noted that this is just a solution discussed in the Executive meeting; no one is being forced to give up their entire budget. If there are other solutions, she asked that they be proposed.

DP: Said that we need to consider the number of days in the year with the number of events we have – we cannot have events every single day. We should also look to collaborate with other SRC Members for our events, as we do events as an SRC, not Members. We should look for internal Sponsors for our events as well and combine them where we can to save money.

TG: Noted that the Executive plans on sitting together and discussing all the PoAs over the weekend and see where events can be combined.

TSS: Suggested we first propose our PoAs and budgets, and after the Executive reviews them, we can cut costs.

Academics 2: Noted that there are many avenues for funding we can explore. Societies that have not used their funds, as well as Faculty Houses, Day Houses and Key Committees.

RAG: Noted that some portfolios require massive events, but his does not and can donate money to the Study Aid fund. He also said that his largest event is the Save the Semester initiative.

TG: Said that time is an issue – classes start in February, so we have less than two weeks to get this done. The suggestions are appreciated, however.

President: Asked if we can complete the process in a week.

TG: Said that we should be able to, and we can get the R200 000. *Data*

President: Asked how long we need for the Study Aid fund. He also said that he is unsure of societies (as they do not exist yet) but approaching faculty houses and key committees are a good idea.

Academics 2: Asked if we can access the Societies' cost centers from last year.

President: Said that we can try asking Faculty houses, Day Houses, Societies, Key Committees and TuksRes for some funds. He asked for a week to look for additional



money for the Study Aid Fund.

Societies: Suggested that event hosted by the SRC try and recoup the funds they use, as to prevent them from running out of funds quickly (i.e. through ticketing and snacks).

President: Answered that we are trying to enhance student life, charging students might be an issue.

Societies: Said that not all events would cost money to the students.

DP: Noted that we do not have time to do this, and that the way money works in Faculty Houses is that they budget for their money, and then it is provided to them. He then asked whether we should ask Sipho or the Faculty Houses for money.

Academics 2: Agreed with DP that this is the way money is worked with in Student Development. He then said we would need to approach the people in charge of the Structures to ask for money.

TG: Said that a week is too long, and that we should look into sending these emails tomorrow.

Societies: Enquired about how to access leftover funds from societies.

TG: Suggested she contact Paulina.

SF: Noted that there is currently no money for Postgraduate students.

TSS: Asked about the events in the PoA again.

President: Asked that we limit the costed events to two. One is a solo event and one is a collab. The remainder of the events should be free.

TSS: Asked if this was final, and that we need to limit our events and budgets even though we do not know the final amounts yet.

TG: Answered yes, and that the Executive will look through the PoAs this weekend and see where they can recoup the costs and hope we can recoup the Study Aid fund costs as well later in the year.

13. Students Living with Disabilities

TSS: Noted that this was a pressing issue he raised at the camp. Students with physical disabilities struggle to access the SRC, and he requested permission to contact the stakeholders needed to resolve this.

President: Suggested that this be put as a free initiative in his PoA, and that he can work with FSS on it.

14. Updates from Task Teams

President: Said that we will skip Task Team updates for this week, as he is aware of what the Task Teams are currently busy with.

15. Matters Arising

15.1 Sports: Noted that he received an email from TuksSport about the Meet and Greet. He said that it is postponed, and the new available dates are Friday the 3rd of February and Monday the 6th of February.

Residences 1: Said that the TuksRes Meet and Greet is 11:00 on the 6th of February

President: Noted that he does not think that this will be an issue.

Sport: Asked that people vote on the times by tomorrow at midday.

15.2 DP: Informed everyone about the changes to the meal plans for help desk.

Everyone has had funds loaded onto their student card until the end of help desk.

Residences 2: asked if its cash or just loaded into our student cards.

DP: Confirmed that it was the student card.

TSS: Asked that since we have a R100 daily limit, will the R120 be added to the R100 limit, or will it just be changed to that.

DP: Said that he will confirm this.

Academics 2: Asked if TuksRes SRC Members will get this money added to their meal accounts, as they are already eating from it.



Sports: Said that he's asked about it and that we will not.

President: Asked the DP to raise this concern as TuksRes SRC Members are eating into their own money.

DP: Noted that he will.

- 15.3 TSS:** Asked that since we have a new Code of Conduct, is there also a new CSG we are following.

President: Yes

DP: Noted that we are using the 2018 documents, but the 2021 SRC amended it, but approvals were delayed. The CSG goes to Council and sits there with major delays. Amending it again will delay it even further. I will ask ConTri what is happening, and which version we must amend.

President: Answered that we are using and amending the 2021 CSG. We need to put pressure on Council to approve amendments as soon as possible.

TSS: Asked for clarity on Section 29(3) of the CSG, which was read by the DP. TSS then asked if the President has voting power if there is no split.

DP: DP answered that he does not, and then enquired about whether this stands true for Council and Senate votes.

President: Asked if everyone gets a vote here.

DP: Reread the whole section and said that his interpretation is that everyone gets a vote here.

TSS: Said that he wanted clarity on this.

DP: Said that the CSG is a skeleton of the Statute, and sometimes conflicting interpretations may happen. He asked that if anyone has a different interpretation, they bring it forward and discuss it, and if necessary, they can go to ConTri to get an answer.

TSS: Asked how that will work.

DP: Answered that someone brings their argument forward, and then they go to ConTri.

President: Noted that the President only gets a deciding vote when there is a robust discussion that he chairs. He did not chair the voting at camp, and the voting did not have a robust discussion.

DP: Said that the CSG speaks about decision making in that section; the Council and Senate votes are an election and not a decision.

TSS: Said that this is why he asked for his interpretation of that part of the CSG.

- 15.4 TG:** Noted that Health Sciences decided they are closing registrations tomorrow. They said they gave them 6 months to decide on it; anyone not registered will forfeit their place. She noted that she heard this at the Helpdesk and wanted to confirm it with the Academic Officers.

Academic 2: Noted that he has not seen any communication on this so he cannot confirm it, but he will check with the Faculty and revert to the SRC. Faculties should not be cutting off registration so early.

President: Noted that NSFAS applications have not even closed yet, and that this decision is very anti-poor.

Academics 2: Said that he will investigate it and escalate where necessary.

- 15.5 Academics 2:** Noted that he has an issue with ending our Statements with "A Luta Continua". It means "The Struggle Continues" but may not accurately represent our team and our students, regardless of our political affiliations. He said that we should not be held back by the words of past teams who have failed in their terms and should propose a replacement to it. He then said that we should discontinue the use of the SRC Logo with "VSR" immediately.

President: Asked if the SRC rejects the use of "A Luta Continua".

Residences 1: Asked what it would be replaced with.

DP: Said that we should refrain from replacing it with something else that is politically affiliated.



President: Said that we need to vote on it. There are four options: Replace, Remove, Keep and Abstain

Replace: 8
Remove: 0
Keep: 0
Abstain: 6

It was decided that "A Luta Continua" would be replaced.

SF: Asked if the statement we replace it with represent us, the students and the fact that we are a resilient student centered SRC.

President: Asked that we send replacement suggestions to the group, and then vote on it. Until then, A Luta Continua will be removed from statements with immediate effect.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

It will be a Special Meeting and decided on at a later date.

17. Closing:

TG: Reminded everyone that their PoAs are due tomorrow at 18:00

DP: Reminded everyone that the VC requested a photoshoot with the SRC on 1st Feb Wednesday at 11:00. It will take place at the front of the Admin building.

President: Noted that he will be stricter in future meetings. Members should not be stating their agreement on adding onto other statements unnecessarily as it adds time.

The President then closed the meeting.

I, "President and SG", hereby declare that these minutes serve as a true reflection of what transpired during this particular SRC meeting.

