



# SRC Ordinary Meeting

| 14 March 2023 | DSA 2-17 | 17H30 |

## 1. Welcoming and Opening: President

The President opened the meeting promptly at 17:35.

## 2. Attendance: DSG

### 2.1 Present:

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

### 2.2 Absent with apology:

Zeenat Patel – Academics 1  
 Sandile Manoni – Academics 2

### 2.3 Absent without apology:

None

## 3. Acceptance of previous minutes and adoption of agenda: SG

### 3.1 Acceptance of previous minutes

Minutes are accepted unanimously.

### 3.2 Adoption of agenda

Impromptu Updates on task teams were missing from the agenda.



### 3.3 Noting of Matters Arising:

- NSFAS provisionally Funded Students – **Study Finance**
- Elim emergency placement Procedure – **Transformation and Student Success**
- 10% of Honorarium- **Treasurer**

#### **Enactus UP Proposal – Academics 1:**

**Student Culture:** (Delegated by Academics 1 to put agenda point on the floor.) Said that Enactus UP has their annual ‘*carwash*’, and Enactus UP has asked the SRC to promote their event. In return the SRC would get a portion of the funds from the event.

**Treasurer:** Comedically said in agreement, “Good”.

**Deputy President:** Mentioned that it is a great idea, however, does mean that we are opening for other structures to advertise through us?

**Treasurer:** Noted that it might be a good idea; but raised concerns that we can’t expect people to promote us, and we don’t promote them not in return.

**Deputy President:** Mentioned their concerns: “If you open it for one structure, you open it up for all structures.” “It is wrong for the SRC to be an advertising service”, he noted, and mentioned that if we are going that way, we open it up for every structure.

**President:** “It’s a special committee, and MMC must refer to marketing guidelines.” Suggested that we could divert them to structures and socials who dies promoting and pay them for the services. Alternatively, they should be referred to the Department of Student Affairs. “I agree it will cause conflict with other structures if we promote them.”

**Media, Marketing and Communication:** Noted that it is not possible for the SRC to promote the structure, because the SRC pages are only for student issues. “We are currently working with DSA, so they might not be willing to help Enactus UP.”

**Deputy President:** Inquired about whether we can just repost it on our social media.

**Media Marketing and Communication:** Said that the SRC cannot do that and choose favourites.

**President:** Noted that Enactus will have to contact MMC regarding the matter. MMC needs to find the marketing guidelines and refer them to that.

#### **1. Valid Excuses Announcement – Deputy Secretary:**



**Deputy Secretary:** The list of valid excuses by the secretary were sent unfortunately only moments before the meeting started, and due to the Deputy Secretary doing the minutes, he did not have any knowledge of the list being sent.

## **2. Updates From the Secretariat – Deputy Secretary:**

(Secretary was not yet present, due to him attending his classes. Deputy Secretary was asked to give the feedback.)

### **Agenda points:**

**Deputy Secretary:** The secretary has requested that the Deputy Secretary communicate that he (Secretary) will not send agenda points after Fridays, for the following reasons: 1. "No one works on weekends, 2. Mondays are too late to receive points, 3. It sets the formality of the meeting." The council had disagreements with what the Secretary communicated and was told by the Deputy Secretary to bring it up when the Secretary arrives for the meeting.

### **Plan of Actions:**

**Deputy Secretary:** Mentioned that the Secretary wishes to communicate that the plan of actions was sent to the language department and will be received back on Friday."

**Treasurer:** Clarified that it was for the fixing of grammar and spelling mistakes.

**Deputy President:** Noted that the language department is not usually effective, and it still has its issues.

### **Student Forums:**

**Deputy Secretary:** Mentioned that the Quarterly Reports by task teams need to be sent to me by next week Tuesday. Audio and Visual Equipment is being booked for the Forum. I am working with Media, Marketing and Communication regarding posters for Student Forum. There will be a register to mark off each society. We are looking into the possibility of seating allocations, especially for people who do not consent to be filmed. Tuks FM and PDBY will be covering the forum as well."

### **Secretary and use of WhatsApp:**

**Deputy Secretary:** Mentioned that the Secretary has asked him to inform the council that he does not use WhatsApp for official SRC business, and he only uses his emails." "Any matters regarding this, will be addressed to the secretary when he gets back."

### **Office Register form:**



**Deputy Secretary:** Requested the members to fill in the office register form to assure you have all the right equipment in your office in order to assist students.”

### 3. Impromptu updates from Task Teams:

#### Social Media task team:

**Media, Marketing and Communication:** Updates included general queries, regarding pay-outs, as well as senate appeals etc. on the social media, numbers are significantly lower from the beginning of the year. Most questions relate to the Senate appeals and queries about the NAS faculty.

#### Finance task team:

**Study Finance:** Noted that things have been on fire, there are delays with the study aid fund, especially with last minute students. Students cannot register for first semester modules, faculties and departments says it's too late and the students will academically fall behind. There is a trend of various students who are provisionally funded; however, they are not on the list sent to the university by NSFAS. Tried calling NSFAS, however they hung up a few times. We will need to submit those names to the university. Google sheet being created and run by the task team.

**President:** The Finance department had to stretch their staff thin. Now everyone is back, by next week they will have dispersed payments. NSFAS appeals are set to reopen, not sure when. More than 100 000 appeals. 1174 appeals are done so far. Provisionally funded and funded are not the same, NSFAS can still withdraw funding for provisionally funded. Huge problems regarding residences as well. It's not a guarantee that students will be funded if it is sent to finance. “We are honestly working against the devil.”

**Treasurer:** Students who have not registered, tomorrow is the final day, however they will be forwarded to Faculty houses so they can assist in their registration.

**Study Finance:** Please do not ask me for favours, don't text me and ask for favours, the study aid fund is depleted, the fund does not exist anymore. The last day is tomorrow and there are special cases that I am dealing with. Additionally, we don't buy students textbooks; we help with older version of textbooks, if they are available to us. The CSG is using the wrong wording. Students want books and send quotations. The money was for registration fees, not for textbooks.

**President:** “That is not a task team related matter, it is a portfolio related matter. Please may you will deal with it in your portfolio.”

#### Residences Task Team:





**Residences 1:** Noted that the issues don't stop and emphasised that, every single day, new cases arise. Here are the big ones. 50+ students are appealing NSFAS, and currently they don't have funding, nor do they have accommodation. People who apply now, will not get into TuksRes. We are referring students to Elim, however there is no solution. We can't go to Private Accommodations because they require deposits. There is a need to disband the accommodation task team, my reason is the bigger the task team is the less work gets done. It is not that people are incapable, it is just that, the team was expanded for the "Elephant in the room" situation, and that issue is temporarily solved now.

**Transformation and Student Success:** We do refer people to Elim, and they do meet with the pastor, however when they arrive there is a disconnect between the pastor and the ladies who take care of the property. Please follow procedure, after meeting the pastor and then contact the ladies, so they are aware of students coming to stay there. Enquired whether there is a way we can talk to Snapp to get food parcels; we send students there without any food items.

**Societies:** "There are societies who give donations, perhaps it can be a solution, however I cannot promise. We can talk to them."

**President:** "(To Residences 1) Yes, trim the task team, members who are not OG's leave the group. (To Transformation and Student Success) The procedure needs to be practiced by the residences task team; the process will be fixed by task team. We might have to pay for the students at the end of the year. Snapp can give food, however the church has no means to cook, however we can sort out and donate to the church and, we need to donate sanitary towels."

**Residences 1:** "UP does donate sanitary pads to Tuks Res, however we will find the person to ask for them."

**Reach out And Give:** Noted that there are sanitary towels and is in RAG's office, so I will talk to the team, and the food still needs to be taken to Snapp and give the rest to the church.

**Deputy President:** "We need to have a working document and figure out the logistics of drives and donations to students."

**Facilities, Safety and Security:** (On Residences 1's point of cutting the task team) "I don't see the cutting of the task team improves my situation. I don't see how me being removed helps me do my work with what I have accomplished and who I work with."

**President:** "If you want to work with the task team there is no problem, you can use your portfolio to justify working with the task team. Any portfolio with interest in the task team, may work with the group."



**Residences 1:** Mentioned that it is another reason for cutting the task team back to its original shape, everyone is pushing their own agenda in task teams, however it causes a conflict of agenda and goals. It has gotten to a point where things are stagnant and there is no common agreed goal.

**Transformation and Student Success:** “I want to raise my concerns, the residences portfolios were chosen to be the heads of the task team because they are the heads of TuksRes, however the CSG says that I am the head of Private Accommodations, and why was I not also considered to be the head of the task team?”

**Study Finance:** “Can Captain not just stay on the group, a storm is coming, if it is portfolio related, then those portfolios can be made aware?”

**President:** Mentioned that: “The CSG does not differentiate between Tuks residences and private accommodations, so the assumption was just that their portfolio was assumed to be chairs, it was split in the past that people were delegated certain task. Having a head is technically pointless. You can’t bring it up now.”

**Treasurer:** “Being in a task team does not matter, it’s not going to stop you from doing your duties. You will be informed regardless.”

**Deputy President:** “The reason the task teams were divided into two, was because of issues then that we faced. The moment the issue was solved, task teams go back to normal, because other task teams are suffering. The executive made the decisions at the conception. Apologies to the Transformation not being told about the Private Accommodation.”

**Facilities, safety, and security:** “The reason for me to be in the task team was because of the buses, I can shoot from the hip, if I am in the task team. If you want to remove me from the task team, it is fine.”

**Treasurer:** “If you are not in the task team, will you lack capabilities?”

**President:** “You can be invited to discuss with the task team you do not necessarily have to be in the task team.”

**Deputy President:** Agreed with the President and said that Facilities, Safety and Security can call a meeting with the task team when the need arises.

\*The Secretary enters\*

#### 10% Honorarium:

**Treasurer:** “I have a request; can we donate 10% of our Honorarium to the churches to thank them for everything they have done for us so far.”

**Deputy President:** “People with multiple streams of income will donate their honorariums. I am paying me fees myself; I need that money.”



**Facilities, Safety and Security:** “Does it have to be 10%?”

**Treasurer:** “We can negotiate the percentage.”

**Societies:** “The churches wanted a partnership, not money, let’s keep it at donations.”

**Secretary:** “It is unacceptable, in fact we need an increase, other SRC gets paid what we get paid in 3 months.”

**Treasurer:** “Honorarium related matters need to be sent to me.”

**Transformation and Student Success:** “Can we please donate from our hearts, and not from our cost centres.”

**President:** Noted that there is a general feeling of the answer “No. We can find alternative ways of thanking them. I would like to thank them from our cost centres.”

Questions to the Secretary about his updates:

*Regarding Agenda Points:*

**Secretary:** “I will not work on weekends, I have a lot of work to do, I please ask for respect, I will tend to them on Mondays, I repeat, I do not work on weekends. I want to advocate for everyone not to work on weekends, it is not fair to expect that from us.”

**President:** “If we won’t work on weekends nothing will get done, you will need to be available on weekends.”

*Regarding the WhatsApp communications:*

**President:** “The WhatsApp issues is regarding to your claim that you do not work on WhatsApp, you are lying. You do work on WhatsApp you cannot claim you cannot work on WhatsApp; your number was made available to students.”

**Secretary:** “We have 5 days to work, even our office hours are only in the week. I will not work on weekends, please refer everything to my email. Just don’t expect any efficiency on WhatsApp and on the weekend.”

**Secretary:** The secretary proceeded to tell Study Finance to “shut up” when an off the record argument erupted, the president had to shut the situation down.

**Study Finance:** “If things were only done on the weekdays, thousands of student’s issues will not have been solved. You are not the only student here; other students also must balance the pressures. It’s not a personal attack, it shows your immaturity when you tell people to “shut up”, you can’t take accountability, had it happened to you, statements would have been released, it would have been escalated to DR. J. You have time to hike, we don’t. We know why we are here, now when you are





confronted with these matters, you act like a child. When you get cornered, you tell people to “shut up.” You are the second highest office in the SRC, and you are not available on weekends. You are not the only student Phenyol!”

**Societies:** “If you don’t work on weekends, does that include events and activities that relate to the SRC? You need to be available on WhatsApp too, because it makes you more reachable. Even when I was [on leave] you reached me via WhatsApp, I helped you as a student and I showed up to assist you. As an SRC member, things keep going. I know it’s a preference, but I don’t think it’s going to work.”

**Residences 1:** “The Secretary is the glue of the committee [Council]. We knew it included people having restless nights. It is unfair for you to highlight that you need breaks or will need to take weekends off. No one forced you. When students need help, we avail ourselves.”

**Deputy President:** “The office of the secretariat is two people, if the secretary is not available, then we need to go to the DSG.”

**Treasurer:** Reiterated what DP said, “I will approach DSG on weekends.”

**President:** “The weekend DSG thing can’t work.” The Deputy Secretary and even Student Culture already does your job for you. They have their own portfolio responsibilities as well. The Deputy Secretary is essentially doing your work and you’re just receiving an honorarium.”

**Secretary:** Apologised to Study Finance and explained he was frustrated. “We are not superheroes. Weekends are what it is, however in emergencies, I will avail myself. The President compounded me, that is why I reacted the way I did. Monday to Friday I will be available.”

**President:** “Send it to me in an email, we will discuss it in other channels. Even me, I am in every task team, I overwork myself, you need to be available.”

#### Events:

**Deputy President:** “SRC members are not notified of events and members do not avail themselves, activations are SRC activations. The office of the Secretariat needs to get a calendar out by tomorrow. If you see an email, from a portfolio, it is a council event and needs to be treated as such. I will be complying reports for events and the contributions made by members. If members have reports, please compile reports. This year is no lacking.”

**President:** “We will be doing portfolio check-ups on everyone. The Presidency will be tending to them in the next week.”

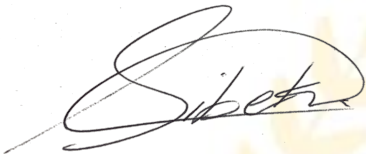
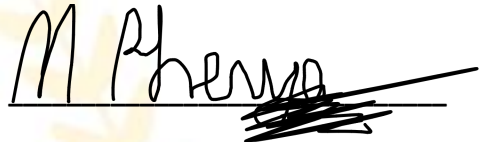




6. **Time and date of next meeting:** President  
28th of March 2023 at 17:30.

7. **Closing:**  
President closes the meeting at 19:30

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

  
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