



SRC Ordinary Meeting

| 18 April 2023 | DSA 2-17 | 17H30 |

1. Welcoming and Opening:

President opened the meeting at 17H30.

2. Attendance: DSG

2.1 Present:

Njabulo Sibeko – President (Pres)
 Neville Mupita – Deputy President (DP)
 Pheny Matabane – Secretary (SG) (Late with Apology)
 Christo Pretorius – Deputy Secretary (DSG)
 Lauren Thabethe – Treasurer (TG) (Late without Apology)
 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
 Sandile Manoni – Academics 2
 Vhutshilo Muambadzi – Residences 1
 Thokozane Zwane – Media, Marketing and Communications (MMC)
 Lesedi Ngoibeni – Chief Justice

2.2 Absent with apology:

Jaryd Grobler – Culture
 Zeenat Patel – Academics 1

2.3 Absent without apology:

None

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

3.1 Acceptance of previous minutes

No Activity

3.2 Adoption of agenda



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Chief Justice Point was added.

3.3 Noting of Matters Arising:

Student Sport - Buses around 5 am.
 Study Finance – DESA
 TSS – TikTok activation
 Academics 2 - Graduation
 Deputy Secretary – Student Culture's name change.
 Societies - SAUJS
 Treasurer – Food Garden, Mam Fundi's request.

4. Student Forum and Chief Justice:

Chief Justice and Constitutional Tribunal brought forward the proposal to rehost the 1st Quarter Student Forum.

Academics 2: Mentioned that in the previous meeting we have discussed what to do already when the SRC decided on a mass meeting. There is no need to have another forum which will collapse.

Treasurer: Responded and inquired if it will still be based on task team, or will it be individual reports.

President: The purpose for Mass meeting is because they cannot dictate how we should do it. It is too close to the next forum.

Chief Justice: Mentioned and said that it can be postponed, it is crucial that we have a 1st quarter forum, and regarding the reports, it can go the same way, there is no way the CSG says it should be determined.

Deputy Secretary: Said that he does see the need for it, and we do present ourselves with another opportunity to be held accountable to the students. However, I will not be able to fund the forum with my cost-centre.

Deputy President: Mentioned that there will probably be a collapsed again, what is the plan then.

Chief Justice: With confidence said that student forum may collapse but they do not feel it will.

Transformation and Student Success: Inquired if the chief justice will cover it with your cost centre.

Study Finance: Inquired if the President determines reports. If the same thing happens, we have a response to them then.

Residences 1: Mentioned that we do have an answer to the reason why student forum was collapsed.

Academics 2: Mentioned that what we are suggesting is a Mass Meeting for the same reason of answering the questions. We can control Mass Meetings much easier to prevent a collapse.



President: Mentioned and said that the Chief Justice is giving us a guarantee by correcting his way of dealing with Forum.

Societies: Mentioned that we cannot have a forum with the exact same reason it was collapsed we need to go for individual reports then, however if we do a mass meeting, we can still do things our way.

Deputy President: Responded and said that the answer was there, there is a guarantee in the CSG, so the same thing will not collapse student forum.

President: Mentioned that we will chat with the DSG, and then we will then address it.

Sport: Mentioned that they will bring the issue at the mass meeting too.

Chief Justice was excused

Study Finance: Mentioned that in the mass meeting, the danger is there is no order. At student forum there is order.

Transformation: Expressed the need that students need to hold us accountable. The opportunity is presenting itself to us. We can have a mass meeting the next day if it doesn't work out. With a mass meeting, we are going into a battlefield. It will cause a crisis.

Academics 2: Mentioned that we must have Student Forum, but because of the trend of the former forum, there might be this sentiment that because the presiding officer is wanting to pay for it, they might feel an urge to be in charge. We will go to our students on the ground if we do a mass meeting at least.

Treasurer: Stated that we should have another forum and be held accountable. We should give students that platform.

Residences 1: Building on TSS's point, Students wanted to hold us accountable, a platform is being presented again. The mass meeting is used as a platform out of fear of the collapse of Student Forum.

Deputy Secretary: Noted that they will be discussing it with the Constitutional Tribunal.

5. Portfolio-specific agenda points:

5.1 POAs

Deputy Secretary: Mentioned that Mam Fundi was not satisfied with the format of our progress reports and has requested progress reports in the new format which will be sent out at 20:00 tonight.

5.2 Climate Launch Pad-

Deputy Secretary: Mentioned that a non-profit company which strives for innovation, inclusivity and a green future wants students to participate in a competition and they would like the SRC to spread the word.

Academics 2: Inquired on what students where to benefit from them, why do they want to do this.



Deputy Secretary: Inquired if it is a competition where students can win money.

Treasurer: Mentioned that previously we have said we are not advertising for other individuals, why are we advertising now.

President: Mentioned that climate change is real, and we should consider it.

MMC: Mentioned that as much as we want to solve climate change, we cannot become an advertising company for people.

Deputy President: Mentioned that there is a poster process, we can direct them to them.

Academics 2: Stated that we need not shut them out, however we must investigate how they will benefit students, suggested a collaboration. We must not block progress for students.

5.3 World Malaria Day-

President: Requested that it be forwarded to members so they can read it, but MMC will reply to them

Deputy Secretary: Mentioned about the UP institute for sustainable control wants to have an activation on the 25th of April and would like the SRC to be present had hand out pamphlets.

Council: Concluded that the SRC will discuss it with them and inquire and perhaps then split the SRC between the Malaria and Fly@UP activation.

5.4 Transformation Plan 2023-2027-

Deputy Secretary: Asked to step down of Institutional Forum, due to seeing the need for the Transformation Officer to be a part of the Institutional Forum, and subsequently endorsed the Transformation and Student Success member. Furthermore, the edit of the Institutional Forum has to be given to the Transformation office.

Deputy President: Inquired about what the IF members thought?

MMC: Mentioned that they did not read the Transformation Plan.

Sport: Mentioned that they did not read the Transformation Plan.

Deputy Secretary: Mentioned that he had no problem on the transformation presentation.

Societies: Suggested more gender-neutral terms in the plan.

Deputy President: Stated that more time should be given to members to read.

Facilities, Safety and Security: Mentioned that if there is a discussion of Gender-Neutral Bathrooms, I would like to discuss it with the Director of Facilities.

Societies: Stated that in the Institutional Forum they seem to only report, not discuss.

President: Mentioned that a google doc be created, and then members can recommend their suggestions. Then we can ask for an extension. If tomorrow, we do not have responses, then we have failed the students.

5.5 Accommodation



Pres: Inquired about any possible solutions to the NSFAS provisionally funded students.

SF: Mentioned that the SRC has a templet from the Finance department, where students who are funded and have not yet received their living allowances.

Pres: Responded to say he does not know how possible it would be. A guaranteed document to mention that a student is covered by NSFAS.

Residences 2: Inquired if a Google form can be made to acquire academically excluded or provisionally, on the form they going to put their personal details and will receive an option of what is applicable.

Residences 1: Added and said the whole point of the Google form was to get the numbers of these students. They will put posters across all campuses. In terms of specific solutions. In terms of academically excluded is to send them home and in terms of the debt, they are trying to negotiate with the accommodations. The biggest issue was students who are being rejected by NSFAS.

SF: Mentioned that a student is incorrectly rejected by NSFAS, others are rejected because they are academically wrongly rejected.

Pres: Mentioned that if the student says they are provisionally funded, we check on the list. The names to be sent to the Finance to double check.

DP: Mentioned of the case where on the list where they say she is funded but on the university list they are not funded.

SF: Mentioned that the Finance department is cautious of the students who are provisionally funded but at the end they might not be funded.

Pres: Mentioned of a suggestion of having students to be released without paying. Inquired to TG about tax exemption, will it be possible for them to change the student accommodation debt into donations.

Pres: Inquired of the accommodation for rejected students, where can they go from now. Spoke to the CRC church, where they were keen to provide emergency accommodation for students who will not pay. It's a bit late.

SG: Inquire on if the SRC has been updated.

Pres: Noted that we should also push from our side to assist in this crisis.

DP: Mentioned for the SRC to use faculty houses.

Academics 2: Mentioned that they will also need transport to these external campuses.

6. Other matters arising: President.

6.1 Student Sport - Buses around 5 am.



Academics 2: Noted of an issue faced by the students where they had to go for accommodations that are affordable. Pick up points for student teachers which is Groenkloof and Hatfield. Because it is cold and dark, where students are far away from Sunnyside and Arcadia, they need to see means which they are not able as most they walk, as it is dangerous in the a.m.'s, where some they Bolt or Uber which is not sustainable. They were asking for the SRC facilities to intervene. Alluded and said FSS is a non-thinker. For the already existing pick-up points, he needs to intervene.

FSS: Responded and said that this is very concerning, why is it to the council before it comes to him, there has never been any one to mention it, to learn about such an issue in front of the Council it is an issue as it could have been communicated and solved a long time ago.

SG: Stated that members working during meetings instead of having to approach their portfolios during office hours. Stated that this is time wasting, raising such issues should be done not in SRC Meetings but during office hours, as they are portfolio specific.

Rag: Mentioned and said that last year the issue was suggested

Pres: Mentioned and said that we should see how we can sort it out.

Academics 2: Deregister the dissatisfaction, I can argue to say, he is refraining to say it is a portfolio specific, it is an issue that needs divine intervention. It is not sustainable, say that the bus falls. It should be a registered thing. That is why it was brought up into.

6.2 Study Finance – DESA

SF: Mentioned about Mr Sebotho, where he approached her to hear west call college to benchmark with us to see how we do that. Thandeka wants us to host them to

Pres: Before they come, they need to read the constitution.

SG: Mentioned they should communicate and the SRC should be able to benefit monetarily or through charity when hosting them.

DP: Mentioned that NWU came and there was no communication.

6.3 TSS – TikTok activation

Transformation: Mentioned that they were approached by a bank Ambassadors. Activation form where there is a trending game to. They want a rush hour activation.

Pres: Mentioned that for TG to find out what relationship their institution is with banks.

6.4 Academics 2 – Graduation

Academics 2: Stated that for Graduation, please make sure we are punctual where we are at the venue 45 minutes before. If it ever happens that for some reason or other, ensure that you speak to us or the back-up member. The academics officers must approve first. If there is someone you know, know them from a distance.

Pres: Responded that the council to have a poster for graduations.



SF: Mentioned that we shake hands of SRC members who would be graduating.

Transformation: Asked the academic officers if transportation will be provided

Academics 2: Responded and said that during the academic year where there are buses, buses should be used, as they are paid for.

Transformation: Inquired if they mentioned where provision for those with African names

Academics 2: Mentioned that they will ask and inquire about that.

6.5 Deputy Secretary – Student Culture’s name change.

Culture: Mentioned that they are in a process of changing their name from Jayd to Jay.

6.6 Societies – SAUJS

Societies: Mentioned that they were requesting that can they please donate their money to the SRC.

Rag: Inquired if they were any terms and conditions on the money.

6.7 Treasurer – Food Garden, Mam Fundi’s request

TG: Stated that there is a student who is interested in growing food to help and assist students. They mentioned to that they need a letter from SRC for them approve for students to grow food. Inquired if the council is open to the idea of growing food.

DP: Inquired of what the student is studying and will it be possible for it to be donate not to be sold. When we say the SRC is doing this, which portfolio will it be under. With the logistics, water and will they be provisions.

Pres: Mentioned to double check with the people who own the garden.

SG: Mentioned about the complexities of the food issue and logistics.

Academics 2: Mentioned that proper planning, and they have sat what happens to the garbage, do we sell or what happens when food is grown there.

Transformation: Inquired if what is being said we are going to hire someone and shall we need to hire.

DP: Inquire of what happened during recess.

We have been invited to SAUS they have asked for 5 representatives. On the 28th of April until.

Transformation: Inquired about our story with SAUS and where we stand.

SG: Explained about SAUS.



Academics 2: Mentioned and said that we can talk about it and see if, we can help to provide, with regards to that.

Transformation: Further inquired on if we are going to look towards that, are we looking towards benefiting, our relationship is quiet a situation ship.

Pres: Claimed and said that SAUS is not a statutory Body, and it is a useless structure, where the whole mandate is on the fact that they assist with them. They were there when NSFAS came through, and they were never able to assist. They do not do as requested. For the current conference, there will be talks about sustainable models for Historical Debt.

Transformation: Mentioned that in a nutshell, it is useless to discuss this as, it is a decision that has already been made and has been decided upon, who will go and will not.

DP: Mentioned for the SRC to take a decision in an SRC meeting to affiliate or not to affiliate.

DP: Mentioned about the complains against the SRC Secretary, went through the document. Mentioned of the DC recommendations. I'm not responded. Due to it. You.

Pres: Stated that we should reply to it in the next meeting.

Pres: Mentioned a vulgar word "Matsono" to TSS.

7. Time and date of next meeting:

Next Tuesday Evening

8. Closing:

President closed the meeting at 21H00

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



