



# SRC Special Meeting

| 23 February 2023 | DSA 2- 20 | 17H30 |

## 1. Welcoming and Opening:

## 2. Attendance:

### 2.1 Present:

Njabulo Sibeko – President  
 Neville Mupita – Deputy President (DP)  
 Phenyo Matabane – Secretary-General (SG) (Late with apology)  
 Christo Pretorius – Deputy Secretary-General (DSG)  
 Lauren Thabethe – Treasurer (TG)  
 Captain Shongwe – Facilities, Safety and Security (FSS)  
 Thokozane Zwane – Media, Marketing and Communications (MMC)  
 Khanyi Mahlangu – Study Finance (SF)  
 Sphesihle Makhanya – Transformation and Student Success (TSS)  
 Katlego Modise – Sport  
 Pule Nkadimeng – RAG  
 Jaryd Grobler – Culture  
 Zeenat Patel – Academics 1  
 Sandile Manoni – Academics 2

### 2.2 Absent with apology:

Lauren Thabethe – Treasurer: Excuses to come late  
 Vhuthilo Muambadzi – Residences 1  
 Karabo Lefete – Day Student and External Campus affairs  
 Francois du Plessis – Residences 2

### 2.3 Absent without apology:

None

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

### 3.1 Acceptance of previous minutes

Unanimously adopted by the council.

### 3.2 Adoption of agenda

No activity



### 3.3 Noting of Matters Arising:

#### 3.3.1 **President:** Costumer experience policy and language policy.

## 4. Costumer experience policy and language policy:

### **Costumer experience policy committee:**

**President:** “Prof Nicholson has asked for representation from the SRC for the customer experience committee and language policy committee. They need one post-Graduate and one Undergraduate student.

#### *Nominations:*

Transformation and Student Success nominated the Deputy President. (Declined)

Academics 2 nominated academics 1. (Accepted)

Student Culture nominated themselves.

Societies nominated Facilities, Safety and Security. (Accepted)

**Study Finance:** “Can people withdraw? Or once the names are sent is it done?”

Voting tally as follows:

Academics 1: 7 (post-Graduate)

Undergrad Facilities: 7 (Undergraduate)

Ug: 5 (Undergraduate)

Thus, making **Academics 1** the Post-Graduate representative and **Facilities, Safety and Security** the undergraduate representative.

### **Language policy committee:**

“Language policies and issues has been a thing since 2016. This committee decides what is supposed to be the language policy of the University. It all stems from the down with Afrikaans movement.” The President gave brief history about the exclusionary nature of the language committee. If you sit on this committee, you need to know your work regarding language policies.

#### *Nominations:*

Study Finance nominated Transformation and Student Success. (Accepted)



Student Culture was nominated by Academics 1. (Accepted)

Transformation and Student Success nominated Sandile. (Accepted)

Sport nominated Study Finance. (Declined)

*Tally of the votes:*

Unanimously decided on Academics two and Transformation.

**Societies:** “Do these members need to be prepared, also do what do we prepare for institutional forum on Monday?”

Deputy President: “If you go there you need to represent us because we have been cut down, so please be prepared. You need to be well spoken and know what is happening regarding the matter and the university for example issues that happen in Residences etc.”

**President:** (To Transformation and Student Success) Any news on the GBV email?

**Transformation and Student Success:** I do not have access yet.

**President:** “Noted, if any of you need help with preparation, we can help you.”

Members brought up concerns about the wrong emails and no emails at all regarding the committees. The Deputy Secretary will follow up on it.

## **5. Private Accommodation and Leases:**

**President:** “We asked for meeting with the private accommodation. In summary, students on leases are not allowed to re-sign or cancel. AOW buildings are terrible. There are issues with Top Up’s. Students want to cancel their leases. May the task team communicate and fill us in?”

**Transformation and Student Success:** “Residences 2 created a google document for students at the fields, their top up rates are absorbent. The google document has all the information of the students affected. We don’t have access to it, but Residences 2 does. Pastor Emmanuel met with Feenstra group and Respublica, however we are awaiting feedback.”

**RAG:** To add on what Transformation and Student Success said, the field needs to meet with their executive board, so they will meet with them tomorrow.

**Transformation and Student Success:** “TMM will have a gradual decrease, however they did not stipulate by how much.”

**President:** Yes, they claimed they will subsidise but not how exactly.



**Transformation and Student Success:** “AOW has introduced beds that are not acceptable. Respublica has dropped. Festivals edge has dropped their rates, and Burnett has agreed to drop their rates.” (Further, the concessions prices for different rooms were mentioned to the council).

**RAG:** “Campus Key said that occupants need to pay half of what NSFAS pays, or have their services cut. Avida, claims that it’s been accredited.”

**Study Finance:** “How is it accredited there are so many issues?”

**Study Finance:** “The Laundry does not work. 9 people share the same bathrooms, like tub and showers. They clean once a month and having to share with 9 people and one tub is a problem. The study area ventilation was not okay. In winter it would be difficult to breath. Some areas don’t have proper lighting. It’s proper compared to Hantra. Safety issues on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor, no protection barriers. No security fire escape points, gym doors don’t close. Very small garages. 3 washers and dryers, no plumbing.”

**Societies:** Mentioned that garage, and the gym is small. “AOW is unacceptable. The metal is weak, and they need stools to get up and the rooms are too small for two people. It’s a problem.”

**RAG:** “We visited Avida, Glyn, campus key, Brooklyn Studios. Campus Key showed the stove that caused a fire was replaced, the whole kitchen. The building gym is open to everyone, access to Wi-Fi and a Television.”

**Study Finance:** “The question I asked, was regarding the hazard of having wood cupboards above a stove.” (Made a visual display of how unsafe wood is above a stove.”

**Societies:** “The problem was that the stove did not switch off, so the stove was the problem. The girl went out to party, thinking that the stove turned off.”

**Transformation and Student Success:** “I foresee a problem that students will be forced to pay off damages to the beds in AOW. We need to make it a point to go and deal with these people.”

**Study Finance:** “Brooklyn studios is where planned kids go, it’s very nice. We gave them our concerns. The place wants to be accredited, but NSFAS students want to go and sign leases and live posh. They don’t consider the cap and will sign a lease they can’t afford to pay off. So, we need to consider this as well.”

**Societies:** “Regarding AOW, we need to go to AOW as soon as possible, because this is *bullshit*.”

**Academics 2:** “The first thing is that beds are not proper; we need to go there prepared. They will use arguments like rooms are spacious and you can move around. So, we really need to prepare ourselves. Secondly, I don’t like the closet, it’s a joke. The point is we can’t just go there and say “bunk beds” we need to have a proper argument. They can more you with a document and they will counter your arguments if we are not prepared. And Brooklyn Studios can’t be accredited. We ask who can be accredited for NSFAS, if you approve for NSFAS, we can’t accept, because the prices are too high and the top up does not make





sense, because the prices are too high. Even in Brooklyn House, you feel like a criminal, it just does not sit right.”

President inquired from SG on the reports on the accommodation reports.

**President:** Noted Transformation to lead a delegation to private accommodations. The first part is the visits, at Campus Key, if there are pros, at Brooklyn Studios these are the items identity. Recommendations should be in detail on the report. The already accredited accommodations. Leases, the top up is too high at the fields. Explained on the logistics and components of the details on different accommodations. AOW must have its own special section on the report. These accommodations are evil and greedy. The visiting policy should be of concern. Surprise visits for these should be planned on Monday. On Tuesday can we hit the visits? Spread the whole SRC in groups of twos as a compliance check. Instructed that we start with one of them which is AOW.

**Societies:** Mentioned that we should find a list of communes

**SG:** We should request for the fire certification and municipality utility documents during these visits.

**Societies:** We should have a brief tick not list for such things.

**President:** Any document and source for the document, Monday we send an email to the Director and his staff.

Tuesday we visit these accommodations.

Wednesday: we convey a meeting for report on the meeting.

**Societies:** Mentioned that Brooklyn Studios checks your pay slip and if a student can't afford, they should not be there. There is proper service, the benefits received are worth the price getting. There are 26 Laundry rooms per floor.

**Academics 2:** Noted that students are not clear on what they want and they do not understand details on these accommodations. We as students might not be clear on those. Someone may say they may not use. We are not saying NSFAS accredited but Tuks accredited.

**President:** Mentioned that we are saying they should drop prices as they are housing the poor students.

**President:** Nominations for Disciplinary committee (DC), hands on the floor.

**Sports** declined.

Agreed:

**Societies**

**Rag**



DP

DSG

TG

It will be a closed ballot. It will be as.

**President:** Noted about the photo shoot

**MMC:** Replied and said that we need a new date,

**Deputy President:** Replied and said that the MMC should use the timetable to allocate the time.

**MMC:** Replied and said that it will be in a studio

**MMC:** Noted of the date for the photo shoot which will be 11th March, on a Saturday.

**President:** Mentioned that Office Space for the Study Finance office should be discussed with Mam Fundi.

**President:** On the issue of the piazza DP, MMC and FSS, you have to book it. We must find a way to fight it. UCT SRC controls their Piazza. Even at this University it supposed to be the case, they have taken it away from us, that cannot happen. The SRC must have a stands of who takes the Piazza.

**6. Time and date of next meeting:**

Executive Meeting to sit on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> and the first ordinary meeting on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

**7. Closing:**

The President closed the meeting at 19H47

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



