

SRC Ordinary Meeting Minutes

20 May 2020 | Google Hangouts

1. **Welcoming and Opening:**
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. Facilities, Safety & Security (FSS)
      1. Update from Covid19 Response Team Meetings
         1. Only 5 of the 17 people at TuksSport were considered.
         2. The Task Team considered whom they will be letting back.
         3. If students have connectivity issues, they will be prioritized.
         4. Postgraduate students will not necessarily be prioritized.
         5. The manner in which Medical Residences are dealing with the situation has been successful.
         6. Academic Exclusions are valid for semester 1 but might be applied differently during semester 2 (a contingency plan has not been brought to light).
   2. Academics 2
      1. FAQ and Academic Feedback
         1. An FAQ has been set up on a Google Documents. Staff are adding academic related queries to this document.
         2. The Laptop Task Team will also be following the FAQ procedure.
         3. The SRC Secretary asked whether academic exclusions will use the same criteria. The FSS Officer stated that there is a lot of uncertainty.
         4. The Academics 2 officer raised the issue during last week’s Fly@UP meeting. It has not properly been addressed.
         5. The issue was covered in the memorandum of concerns.
   3. Residences 1
      1. Conduct of SRC members and Task Teams
         1. Withdrawn.
   4. Postgraduate & International Student Affairs (PI Officer)
      1. Contribution to SRC
         1. The President has also been cc’d in the correspondence received from this person in China.
         2. He wants to know he can contribute to UP in light of the lockdown period.
         3. The PI Officer said that the Solidarity Fund could perhaps enjoy support.
         4. He volunteered to supply products from private companies in China.
         5. The FSS Officer briefly said that the Covid19 task team stated that the University will only accept donations from accredited companies.
         6. If the SRC Decides that it is a feasible suggestion, it may be taken up with the team.
         7. The RAG officer believes that we should be open to donations.
         8. The PI Officer said that he is not expecting anything else from the SRC – he merely wants to make a donation (as a former student from the university).
         9. The SRC President asked that the Laptop Device Task Team work with the PI Officer on this matter. He added that the Residence Officers be included insofar as it might relate to the Solidarity Fund.
         10. The Residence 2 Officer asked that the Laptop Task Team is not tasked with this issue (who is already busy).
         11. The Residences 2 officer made a brief contribution (imperceptible).
         12. The FSS Officer said that the RAG portfolio is appropriate for the matter of donations. She is also willing to communicate with Societies and find out whether this portfolio is willing to contribute. The Student Culture member will also be part of this discussions.
         13. The SRC Treasurer also availed himself to assist with any financial donations to the Solidarity Fund.
   5. Secretary
      1. Memorandum of Concerns
         1. No confirmation of receipt or response to the Memorandum of concerns have been received.
         2. The Residence 1 Officer added that this serves as proof of poor communication on their behalf and suggested that the SRC President follow up on this issue.
         3. The RAG Officer recommended that the UP-Executive account for this issue in an online meeting with the SRC.
         4. The Treasurer highlighted that it is not the first time that this happened.
         5. The FSS Officer understands that SRC Executive members have better communication with the UP Executive but recommended that the rest of the SRC be included.
         6. The Residences 2 does not think there should be a hierarchy within the SRC.
         7. The SRC President stated that only one meeting has been held where only the SRC Executive was present. The SRC has not received the minutes of this meeting.
         8. The SRC Secretary is discontent with the poor communication from the UP Executive. They were given a fair opportunity to respond and did not do so accordingly. Moreover, they did not excuse themselves from replying. The SRC should not be lenient towards Management when it fails to account or communicate.
         9. The SRC President proposed that we follow up and ask for a response and that we mention (in publicizing such response) it was received late.
         10. The RAG Officer asked about the Tribunal’s Google Document link and whether we were obliged to fill it out.
         11. The SRC Secretary responded in the negative.
3. **Feedback from the Executive Committee:**
4. **Portfolio-specific agenda points:**
   1. Academics 1
      1. Fly@UP Meeting Feedback
         1. Telephonic Tutoring has been proposed where students may be assisted in this regard.
         2. Management appears to be content with the laptop project.
         3. The FSS Officer mentioned that there is uncertainty from some UP staff on whether Vodacom has capped zero-rating services.
         4. The Academic 1 Officer responded that is has been capped at 1 gigabyte.
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.**



