

SRC Executive Meeting

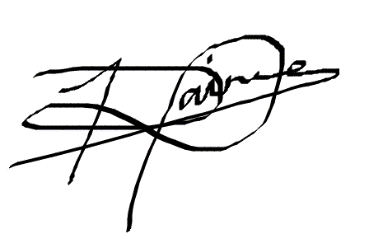
30 July 2020 | Google Meet | 09:00

1. **Welcoming and Opening:**
   1. Due to connectivity issues on behalf of the SRC Secretary, the meeting commenced at 09:14. The SRC President has extended invitations to SRC members who do not form part of the SRC Executive. The President asked that the minutes of this meeting be made available to the rest of the team after this meeting.
2. **Attendance:**
   1. **Present:**
      1. SRC President
      2. SRC Deputy President
      3. SRC Secretary
      4. SRC Deputy Secretary
   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. N/A
3. **Feedback from the Executive Committee:**
   1. N/A
4. **Portfolio-specific agenda points:**
   1. SRC President
      1. **Strategic Objectives to Professor Mosia**
         1. The SRC President amalgamated several points (from SRC members, including himself) in terms of the strategic objectives that will be submitted to the Vice Principal for Residences and Student Life.
         2. Under the Covid-19 restrictions imposed on the Higher Education sector, many students will have (unique) issues that only culminate and materialise in 2021, including academic related concerns etc. These students should be accommodated to the best of UP’s ability.
         3. Insofar as possible, students who have been disadvantaged by the lockdown restrictions, should enjoy accessible (and flexible) assistance with any issues that arise from such restrictions.
         4. The SRC President clarified that the strategic objectives essentially amount to goals that UP should strive towards in the future (in terms of which the UP Executive invited the SRC to give input).
         5. The SRC Deputy President inquired about how we will be navigating academic exclusions i.e. will student be automatically put through to the next year or will they have to write a special exam to pass?
         6. The SRC President responded that academic exclusions will not be applied as is ordinarily done.
         7. The SRC Deputy President asked whether the current SRC will be responsible for help desk next year. The President responded that he will still address this matter (under discussions revolving around SRC elections).
         8. The SRC President will compile a document with all input and forward it to the SRC.
         9. The SRC Deputy President proposed that all affiliated accommodations (with the university) must discount rent for the five months that students have not been at residences. The SRC President responded that this was largely covered by the recent SRC Study Finance statement.
      2. **Nomination of Mr Shingange to serve on NSFAS Board [Appendix A]**
         1. The SRC President shared a document (via screen sharing) dealing with the said NSFAS Board, its function, composition etc.
         2. The SRC Deputy President, Secretary and Deputy Secretary supported the nomination.
         3. The SRC President asked who will be responsible for the nomination – the entire SRC, the SRC Executive, the SRC President, or the institution?
         4. The SRC Deputy Secretary asked about the case where another student at UP wishes to be nominated, moreover who would be able to nominate such a student.
         5. The SRC President explained that you could either nominate a person in your personal capacity (as a member of the public) or in your official capacity (as a member of the SRC).
      3. **Proposals Received**
         1. The SRC President discussed a ‘Finsavvy’ proposal which the SRC has recently received. The SRC President also briefly explained the engagement that he has had with the senders of the proposal. See <https://www.fin-savvy.co.za/Initaitive.php>.
         2. The SRC President is wary of any proposals if it does not entail any **direct benefit** for students.
         3. The SRC Deputy President does not support the proposal. The SRC Secretary is also wary thereof.
         4. The SRC will not be entering into any formal agreements i.e. will not advertise or conclude an MOU (as was proposed).
         5. Another proposal received by the SRC Secretary was from ‘Konekto’. See **Appendix B**.
         6. The SRC is not able to identify any direct benefit to students.
         7. The SRC Deputy President does not think it would be harmful to (to a small extent) advertise the product.
         8. The SRC Secretary and SRC Deputy President is wary of the proposal.
         9. The SRC President has many unanswered questions and has not properly engaged the persons behind the proposal.
      4. **Contact Sessions**
         1. The SRC President commended the Deputy Secretary for the way in which the Student Forum was conducted.
         2. The SRC President received a request from PDBY to have an online contact session.
         3. The SRC President is aware that a lot of the information that students are receiving originate from meme pages on social media. The SRC President has been informing students that (1) it is currently recess, and (2) it is untrue that the SRC is completely unresponsive, notwithstanding undeniable delays.
         4. The President has contemplated an online engagement session (as an accountability mechanism). The SRC Deputy President has found a way to conduct a contact session during lockdown.
         5. This contact session (after liaising with the MMC representative) will be held during on the appropriate SRC platform.
         6. The SRC Deputy Secretary recommended strengthening our engagement with student via social media.
      5. **Elections**
         1. The SRC President has emailed the Director of the Department of Student Affairs (DSA) and is awaiting a response.
         2. It is highly unlikely that an online election will take place.
         3. There is no communicable, real update now.
         4. The SRC Deputy President made a closing remark that the next SRC meeting should be held on Wednesday, 5 August. The SRC President said that we will be looking at the availability of all SRC members this week.
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.**





**Appendix A:**

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**Appendix B:**

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