

SRC Ordinary Meeting Minutes

12 August 2020 | Google Meet | 16:30

1. **Welcoming and Opening:**
	1. The SRC President welcomed all members present. The meeting commenced at 16:35. The SRC President highlighted that members who are not present at this time will be marked as either late or absent without excuse.
2. **Attendance:**
	1. **Present:**
		1. SRC President
		2. SRC Secretary
		3. SRC Academics 2
		4. SRC Study Finances
		5. SRC Student Culture
		6. SRC Deputy Secretary
		7. SRC Academics 1
		8. SRC Residences 1
		9. SRC Day Student & External Campus Affairs
		10. SRC Residences 2
		11. SRC Postgraduate & International Student Affairs (hereafter ‘PI officer’)
		12. SRC Societies
		13. SRC Student Sport
		14. SRC Treasurer (joined at 16:36 due to connectivity issues)
		15. SRC Facilities, Safety, and Security (hereafter ‘FSS officer’)
		16. SRC Deputy President (late)
		17. SRC Marketing, Media & Communications (hereafter ‘MMC officer’)
	2. **Absent with apology:**

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1. **Acceptance of previous minutes and adoption of agenda:**
	1. Acceptance of previous Minutes
	2. Adoption of agenda
2. **Other matters arising:**
	1. SRC Study Finance Officer
		1. PDBY Interview (discussed at the end of the meeting)
			1. She asked whether it would be necessary to submit a revised POA, if your current POA is still in line with what you are currently doing.
			2. In addition, she has been made aware that minutes have not been uploaded to the website (at the time).
			3. The SRC President responded that updates should only be made insofar as necessary, and that you should indicate if that is the case.
			4. All minutes have been signed by the SRC President and SRC Secretary and it will be uploaded to the SRC webpage by tomorrow.
			5. The quarterly reports have been uploaded to the website.
			6. The SRC Secretary added that minutes will be uploaded on a weekly basis and not at the end of the semester or quarter.
	2. SRC Residences 1
		1. Residence Update (Queries and Responses)
			1. Email TuksRes to inform them of your situation.
			2. Many students have been sending queries regarding their return to residences.
			3. If your residence does not appear in the drop-down menu, the residence has reached its capacity and the student will (probably) have to wait for a lower alert level to be announced, upon which more students will be allowed to return back to residences.
			4. If students are in a desperate situation, students will have to continue emailing TuksRes. Unfortunately, the SRC will not be able to assist in this regard.
			5. The SRC Societies member asked why residences must be filled.
			6. The SRC Residences 1 member responded that many students are returning because of the conducive environment that residence facilities offer.
			7. The SRC Residence 1 member explained the situation surrounding meal accounts.
			8. Meal accounts can be topped up with cash.
			9. As soon as students return to residences, their meal accounts will be active again.
			10. The SRC Postgraduate & International Student Affairs asked whether students who have not been living in residences will receive rebates for the period in which they did not reside there.
			11. The Residences 1 member said a rebate for not living in res would amount to roughly R16 000, but that there is still uncertainty regarding this i.e. the issue of rebates is contingent on other issues.
			12. Students who plan on cancelling are encouraged to do so before 15 August 2020.
			13. The Study Finance Officer suggested that this information be disseminated on our social media platforms, to make students aware.
			14. The Residences 2 member asked for clarity – what more does the SRC Study Finance Officer want to be communicated in addition to the circular that has recently been shared with students.
			15. By cancelling your placement, you will be competing with all other students who have applied (in terms of marks), and not only the students in the residence.
			16. The PI representative
	3. SRC Academics 1
		1. Sub council Meeting
			1. The Academics officer has forwarded minutes of the most recent sub council meeting.
			2. A report will also be compiled by the Academic officers and forwarded to the UP Executive.
			3. The SRC Study Finance officer inquired about fee adjustments (stipulated under point 4 of the minutes). She will email the Academic officer and provide her with clarity in this regard.
			4. The Deputy Secretary requested that the report be forwarded to the SRC prior to being forwarded to the UP Executive.
	4. SRC President
		1. SRC Elections
			1. The Vice Principal for Residences and Student Affairs (Professor Mosia) provided feedback.
			2. The three options (i.e. TSC, term extension, or online SRC elections) will be proposed to the UP Executive.
			3. The SRC President asked that members who will still be registered at UP for 2021, let the SRC Secretary know of this fact (or probability) by the end of this week.
			4. The SRC Student Culture member asked what would happen to SRC ex officio members (who serve on other structures). In addition, she asked about SRC members that are still waiting for confirmation on admission to postgraduate programs.
			5. The SRC President responded that there are no final decisions yet – merely discussion. There have been no logistics that been touched on in relation to ex officio portfolios.
			6. He also answered that members should send the SRC Secretary a mere indication of whether they are planning to study next year.
			7. The PI officer asked whether this is a recommendation or a definite decision.
			8. The President responded that it is merely a recommendation.
			9. The SRC Societies officer inquired about term extension – up until what point will the term be extended, and what would it entail for the incoming SRC.
			10. The SRC President responded that the term will probable be extended to February or March. It is likely that the incoming SRC will serve a consequent shorter term.
			11. The Deputy Secretary referred to a request for input for key goals for the next year. She suggested that this SRC should prepare a plan that can be handed over to the next SRC if things change.
			12. She said that this plan should include a suggestion to reduce the academic exclusion policy.
			13. She suggested that the SRC brainstorm ideas that could be codified into a concrete plan.
			14. The SRC Study Finance officer suggested a plan for fee adjustment to the VP for Finances. She also recommended that registration should not be charged next year. She is awaiting a response to the latter.
			15. The Deputy Secretary asked that information like this (4.4.1.15) be shared with the rest of the SRC.
			16. This matter will be left to the Finances Task team, according to the President.
			17. The MMC officer briefly alluded to the problem of funding for next year.
			18. The SRC Study Finance officer has told her that they do not mind pledging their operational costs towards funding. That could be a possible solution.
			19. The SRC Secretary said that all these different matters should not be discussed under ‘Elections’ because of irrelevance, without detracting from its validity. The SRC Deputy Secretary responded that she was under the impression that the issues being discussed now are not limited to elections but to all issues discussed in the SRC Executive’s meeting with the DSA and VP For Student Affairs earlier on.
			20. The SRC President apologised and added that we will be requesting the minutes of the earlier meeting (4.4.1.19).
3. **Feedback from the Executive Committee:**
	1. N/A
4. **Portfolio-specific agenda points:**
	1. No points were raised in time.
5. **Time and date of next meeting:**
	1. Wednesday, 19 August 2020 (at 16:00).
6. **Closing:**
	1. The meeting was adjourned at 17:32.

**I, David Kabwa and Ryan Haines, hereby declare that these minutes serve as a true reflection of what transpired during this particular SRC meeting.**



