

SRC Ordinary Meeting Agenda

10 January 2020 | Roosmaryn Building | 8:30

1. **Welcoming and Opening:**
   1. The SRC President opened the meeting and mentioned that lunch will be provided and recommended opening the meeting with the election of SRC representatives on the Statutory Committees at the University of Pretoria.
2. **Attendance:**
   1. **Present:**

2.1.1 The entire 2020 SRC was present at commencement of the meeting. The Marketing, Media & Communications; as well as the Deputy President left upon commencement to collect SRC merchandise and will be joining again shortly. **No attendance register was circulated during the meeting**.

* 1. **Absent with apology:** N/A

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1. **Acceptance of previous minutes and adoption of agenda:**
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      1. N/A
   2. Adoption of agenda
      1. N/A
2. **Other matters arising:**
   1. Deputy Secretary
      1. **NSFAS (no longer funds unaccredited accommodation)**
         1. UP Management will be meeting TMM on Monday, 13 January 2020 at 14:30 to discuss the matter.
         2. This matter has to be resolved through the office of the Vice-Principal for Student Affairs and Residences (Prof M. Themba Mosia) who is currently on vacation but will be returning shortly.
         3. Study Finance Officer suggested releasing a statement on this issue.
         4. The Transformation Officer stated that she received a text from a student feeling unsafe about Kevin being released (sexual harassment within the residence environment).
   2. President
      1. **Fundraising (Task Team)**
         1. The following SRC members will form part of the Fundraising Task team:
         2. Shaheen Deonarain, Lerato Ndlovu, Bianca Shania Robinson, Thabisile Mtshali, Amogelang Gerald Levert Mokwena
   3. RAG
      1. **RAG of Hope Day**
         1. The RAG Portfolio holder encouraged the SRC to be present and visible at this event
         2. The event will be taking place at Uitspan, Hillcrest Campus on **15th February 2020**.
3. **Feedback from the Executive Committee:**
   1. N/A
4. **Portfolio-specific agenda points:**
   1. Secretary
      1. **Statutory Committee Voting**
         1. The SRC President briefly sketched a background of each Statutory Committee’s functionality.
         2. The SRC President furthermore elucidated the statutory roles of the said committees pursuant to UP Statute.
   2. President
      1. **General Helpdesk Overview & Food Arrangements**
         1. Lunch and Dinner will be provided to SRC members by HPC Catering on a daily basis during the registration period.
         2. SRC Members will be expected to be at help desk at 07:30 in the mornings (excluding weekends).
         3. The SRC will be provided with a computer and internet access.
         4. The President requests that we support each other emotionally, moreover to not belittle one another in public.
         5. Debriefings will be taking place at the end of each day.
         6. The President highlighted the severe strain that will rest on the shoulders of the Ex Officio portfolio holders, in particular the Residence portfolio holders.
         7. The President warned the SRC of the political tension and grandstanding that will probably be taking place during the registration period. Political organisations are welcome to assist the SRC with their duties.
         8. SRC members are discouraged to skip lines to assist people. They are however to consult on behalf of someone.
         9. The President will be working closely with someone from Huurkor with regards to unaccredited accommodation and the effect(s) of NSFAS’ new guidelines and policies thereon.
         10. The University of Pretoria will **NOT be accepting late applications or ‘walk-ins’**. There might however be a situation where students deregister or drop out after which a slight chance exists that late applicants will be admitted. This is not in the hands of the SRC but we will be taking in necessary supporting documents for a late application e.g. matric results, ID’s etc.
         11. The SRC Secretary highlighted that the SRC should, at no point, give any student hope of potential admission upon late application. He furthermore mentioned that the SRC members will be scrutinized for everything it does, as well as doesn’t do.
         12. The SRC Marketing, Media & Communications Officer recommended effective use of social media platforms when releasing statements. He also recommended releasing an SRC statement containing other (alternative) avenues for funding including bursary opportunities etc.
         13. The Student Sport Officer recommended constructing an FAQ document at the disposal of all SRC members.
      2. SRC Statements
         1. The President, Study Finances, MMC, Treasurer and Secretary will be working together to release a statement before the end of the weekend concerning the current situation with the SRC Study Aid Fund.
         2. The Academics Officer (1) suggested utilizing ClickUP for the purpose of communication and statements. The President responded by stating that the said page is rather inaccessible during the registration period due to the nature of the software but agreed that it could be used effectively throughout the rest of the year.
         3. The Postgraduate and International Student Affairs Officer expressed his concern regarding UP Assist not extending to international students after which the Study Finance Officer answered that the latter’s debts are often to extensive.
      3. **Constitutional Tribunal MOU**
         1. The Deputy President and Secretary presided over this matter.
         2. The President explained the urgency and timing of this matter i.e. that Council has to approve amendments during its first sitting which takes place during March.
         3. The SRC Secretary explained that the CSG requires all SRC members to present during the approval of proposed amendments. Thereafter (if amendments take place), Faculty Constitutions are amended and reviewed by the SRC.
         4. The Deputy President comprehensively explained the MOU as drafted by the Constitutional Tribunal. No objections in terms thereof were raised.
         5. The SRC voted (majority) to have a meeting with Constitutional Tribunal on the **18th of January 2020**. Time is 09:30 for 10:00. The attire has been decided upon to be the navy-blue pants for the males and blue skirts for the females.
         6. The Deputy President furthermore proposed that the Constitutional Tribunal ought to forward us all of its proposed amendments by 15 January 2020.
         7. Suggestions from the SRC is that the Tribunal should make the text easy to read. The wording of the documents should be readable with minimal legal jargon.
         8. The SRC has consented to and accepted the MOU as is.
      4. **Media Importance**
         1. The SRC President emphasised that the SRC should not neglect its image and reputation during the registration period.
      5. **Role Allocation (for the helpdesk period)**
         1. The Deputy President and Secretary will assist as ‘runners’ i.e. the transportation of SRC members and food.
         2. Financial Issues: The Study Finance Officer, Treasure, Secretary and Deputy Secretary.
         3. Academic Issues: Academic Officers, Societies, Postgraduate and International Student Affairs, Day Student and External Campus Affairs.
         4. Residences: Residence Officers, RAG, STUKU, Sport, Safety.
         5. Concierge: Transformation.
         6. The RAG Officer suggest that all SRC members should be knowledgeable about all departments.
         7. SHIFTS: President suggests that rather just avail yourself and indicate if you are not available. Deputy Secretary further suggests that there should be some sort of accountability structure.
         8. The President reminds that help desk is compulsory to SRC members and that all should consequently be available.
      6. **Statutory Committee Votes** – already dealt with
   3. Study Finance & Treasurer
      1. **Financial Assistance**
         1. This agenda point refers to the Financial Assistance Proposal forwarded to the SRC (**Appendix A**). The application process will be online in nature.
         2. The Study Finance Officer explained that the SRC will not be allowed to provide financial assistance in the same manner as has been done during the previous two years i.e. that the SRC cannot distribute fund that it does not have.
         3. The Treasurer explained that other student structures and societies also have a responsibility to support the SRC in its attempt to provide financial assistance, including dormant societies.
         4. The Study Finance Officer recommended consulting the Department of Student Affairs with regards to their willingness to contribute towards financial aid.
         5. The Transformation Officer recommended more stringent requirements regarding the incorporation of societies and provision of funds. She also proposed that the Marketing, Media & Communications portfolio holder construct a poster containing avenues for alternative funding e.g. Feenix etc.
         6. The Deputy Secretary added that the decisions made regarding funds in the Project Pool should not be negotiable but rather definite.
         7. The SRC President commended the proposition.
         8. The Study Finance Officer highlighted that there will never be sufficient resources to assist the high amount of need.
         9. The Deputy Secretary highlighted that she believes more can be done to combat historic debt.
         10. The SRC Secretary opines that the SRC should engage more extensively with UP Management and its willingness to contribute to financial aid. He referred back to 2019 where UP Management allocated (in a rather sudden manner) R20 million rand towards historic debt.
         11. The Study Finance Officer responded to 6.3.1.9 that SRC members are welcome to pledge more than 20% of their respective cost centres.
         12. The Study Finance Officer responded to 6.3.1.11 that the said amount constituted a loan and was dressed up as something which it really was not.
         13. The Residence 1 portfolio holder opines that the SRC should not spend R90 000 on SRC attire (as is the current case) and that it portrays selfishness from the leadership structure.
         14. The SRC President reiterated the insufficiency of our resources.
         15. The SRC President explained the usefulness of SRC attire regarding accessibility and visibility of the structure.
         16. The SRC President stated that the camp referred to in the proposal is absolutely necessary for the purpose of rejuvenation.
         17. The SRC President commented on the allocation of R7 million and R13 million towards undergraduate, post-graduate and international students respectively and that it was a loan dressed up as unconditional financial aid.
         18. The SRC **unanimously voted in favour of the proposal**.
         19. The STUKU Representative mentioned that the Department of University Relations (DUR) has access to all UP Alumni which could be utilized for the purpose of fundraising.
         20. The SRC President mentioned Hernan Finkel, the Deputy Director of Relationship Management and Fundraising at UP. He recommended meeting up with the said person.
   4. Residences
      1. **Residence Accommodation Sheets**
         1. The Residence Portfolio holders briefly relayed their schedules to the rest of the SRC (see 6.2.1.6).
         2. They will be flooded with work and consequently largely unavailable during the week of the 25th of January 2020.
         3. The Residence Accommodation sheets ought to be handed to the SRC Residence Representatives at the end of each day.
         4. FAQ will be constructed (including flow diagrams) to form part of the standard FAQ of the SRC. This standard FAQ will be drafted by the Secretary and the President.
      2. **Temporary Accommodation** (Elim Full Gospel Church)
         1. Elim Full Gospel Church will be offering emergency accommodation (temporarily) during the 2020 registration period. Accommodation will be provided based on emergency and not pursuant to a first-come-first-serve basis.
         2. Arcadia Village Placement is nearly R200-00, rather exorbitant.
         3. The Deputy President is currently in the process of negotiating temporary accommodation at 3C Church in Centurion (distance is a problem in terms of transport).
         4. The President will be constructing and printing out a template letter that will be used as a means for access to Elim.
5. **Time and date of next meeting:**
   1. N/A
6. **Closing:**
   1. The meeting was adjourned late afternoon

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

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**Appendix A:**

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