

SRC Ordinary Meeting Agenda

03 March 2020 | Roosmaryn Building | 18:00

***These minutes were taken by the SRC Deputy Secretary***

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. Wits participation
      1. Student sports is gathering students for the rugby game in Wits. Transport will be organised; students just need to contribute R50. The office needs names by tomorrow before 15:30
   2. Feedback from office of External campuses
      1. Office space: office can be provided in all campuses except Prinshof because the clinic doesn’t have an extra office
         1. Office of external campuses further emphasises that these schedules should be made before time so that offices are made available to SRC members. Office of Sports encourages the MMC to work with media offices on other campuses.
   3. Ex-officio budget.
      1. The office of Sports spoke to JP in regard to ex-officio budget. Ex officio get money from the SRC to perform tasks and events that are done in their SRC capacities
3. **Feedback from the Executive Committee:**
   1. Meeting with university executive
      1. There was a mobilization of students on campus today who have different issues regarding registration, historical debt and accommodation.
      2. Accommodation: Landlords are problematic and making it to verify so that NSFAS can pay-out. The problem is there is no database to show exactly who exactly is struggling with this.
      3. Historical debt: The university empathised that they do not have money. NSFAS only covers historical debt for student who were funded by NSFAS the previous year.
      4. University says they have hired additional staff so that money allocations are done faster
      5. NSFAS is having a crisis as they have chosen to unfund students, and those students are not known yet.
   2. Meetings with student political formations
      1. Formations want students registered
      2. Formations are requesting a mass meeting tomorrow (05/03)
         1. The SRC executive pointed out that a mass meeting will not be possible the next day
         2. SRC president to release statement engaging students on these matters.
      3. RAG officer: Strongly disagrees with the notion of a mass meeting. If the mass meeting does happen, the RAG officer will not attend
      4. Transformation officer: States that she has an event in weeks to come but is thinking of cancelling it because it could be hijacked for another matter by political formations. The office will not be pressured by political formations (comrades). The office says it will not surrender to political formations.
      5. Deputy secretary: the point of the mass meeting was to gather data, a database to know and identify these students. Faculty houses too should help in identifying these students. Further clarity was given that this data is for the SRC to give to the university management.
      6. RAG officer: Can deans come to assist with Senate. President emphasis that deputy deans do assist.
4. **Portfolio-specific agenda points:**
   1. Residences 1
      1. Avenues for grievances with sub councils and other faculty houses
         1. RAG Officer: Sends email to key committee then CC JP
      2. Clarity on Office Hours
         1. President: You work 6 hours. Indicate 6 hours on Mam’ Fundy’s paper
         2. RAG Officer: This system is an inconvenience to ex officio portfolio holders because they don’t spend all the 6 hours in their office.
         3. President: Suggestion to the floor. The list must indicate all 6 hours but put a disclaimer that not all hours will not be spent in the office, so communicate to the office.
         4. RAG officer: Can we get the poster on our doors to indicate availability or not
         5. External campuses: Could the office hours be published on social media to be available for all. Academics officer further suggests that in the caption mention that ex-officio members should be contacted if needed.
      3. Security Service Protocols
         1. Can we have security schedules
      4. Residence Portfolio Task
         1. Plan for Residences for 2020: Res should have cooking facilities. Emphasis on facilities. The office would want support from the SRC
         2. STUKU officer: Great plan but it takes TuksRes a long time to implement. They bring up matter of high risk, burning down risk, some residences are historical site so should be valued. Though with the new renovations there is hope, last year it was said that there will be cooking facilities
         3. RAG: For Groenkloof pans should be allowed
         4. Residence: Assign SRC members to different residences.
         5. The floor: The workload would increase. Clarity from Residence officer is that SRC member will not be required to work but mainly observe and engage where necessary.
         6. Some residence is far (Postgrad): There is transport
         7. Office of residence cautions SRC not to burn out.
   2. President
      1. Africa Day Presentation
         1. Done
      2. Staff Appreciation Day
         1. A student came with suggestion that we should have a staff appreciation day. An awareness day of the non-academic staff, e.g. Security and cleaners
         2. STUKU: Suggests that faculties should implement this. This empowers faculties.
         3. RAG: What is the purpose of this? For RAG they give them sustainable things, we can’t take selfies with them and just put a hashtag. We need to give it purpose, give them meaningful things.
         4. Deputy President: Speak to heads of departments to find out what staff needs so that we can give them something meaningful.
         5. Academics officer: Things it’s a lot to execute all this because in some faculties there are a lot of departments so how are we to cater for all those people.
         6. STUKU: In regard to Academics officer this is for the underappreciated staff like the cleaners and security guards. The lecturers usually have lunches and dinners, they get nothing.
         7. President: the purpose of this is just for recognition, so it’s just making them aware that we see. So, the hashtags on social media will encourage other students to do the same. Let’s keep it simple.
         8. Dates: Most likely be in the second quarter
      3. Mamelodi Campus Motivation
         1. Day students officer: OPV has lunch times at 10:20-10:50. GK available from11:30. Mam’ Fundy has said she will plan the transport. Office of Postgrad asks that how the transport work will, we have different timetables. Day student officer respond that logistics will be communicated. Deputy Pres. Suggests that we should have an eternal campus timetable for SRC.
         2. The money logistics of transport: Money for transport comes out of cost centres of SRC members who will be going to different. Suggestion from RAG let’s use busses and not use extra money. Floor agrees.
         3. President: Student came with suggestion that we should go motivate students in Mamelodi campus. Wednesdays at 12 is when most students are available. The suggestion is to go the 18th of March.
         4. Deputy secretary: We should have a list of all people going so that proper, so transportation is organised
      4. Feedback about Botswana Benchmarking
         1. Postponed
      5. CHE Presentation
         1. Council of Higher education.
      6. UNASA Issues
         1. UNASA UP what chaired by Bradley. The was an accusation from the mother body to the EC of UP that they are misusing funds. The mother body felt the need to discipline. In the last meeting they decided to leave the mother body and join UNYA, this caused more pressure from UNASA UP. Meetings have been happening. Stance of SRC: any structure that meets all criteria they are allowed to register. UNASA UP is currently under forensic audit, they activities of UNASA UP has been paused because of these accusations. The current chair of UNASA UP was wrongfully put by mother body of UNASA.
      7. Printer Setup
         1. Members should avail themselves to configure their printers to Mam’ Fundy’s
         2. Office computers are broken they also need to be fixed before computers are configured to the printer.
         3. Golf cart: Was collected a week ago by an anonymous person.
   3. Deputy President
      1. Portfolio office Functionality
         1. Students are not approaching relevant offices but rather approach the president which is problematic. This now takes away the relevance of other SRC members. So, the president should refer students to the relevant offices.
            1. RAG: It is a shame because students want the president and they insist. So, the president should actually tell us who to call for particular cases.
            2. External campus: We should figure out a way to communicate this to students. Office of MMC emphasizes that referral is very important, keep referring students to right office. Office of Postgrad suggests that before a member consults with a student they should ask the student if they have spoken to the relevant office. It is about teamwork.
            3. Deputy president: advises president to refer students to relevant offices so that the president can invest more time in the vision of the SRC, this will give the presidency time to engage with every office and its vision.
         2. In regard to the POAs deputy president requests that members type up a short report on how far they are with their first event, this should be handed in on the 19th of March
            1. RAG: suggests that instead of reports being typed, the deputy president should conduct interviews with members. The deputy president agrees.
      2. Benchmark Visit at Wits with DP
         1. Deputy president is consulting the whole SRC with this benchmark because there are currently problems at Wits. The date for the benchmark is next week Tuesday or Wednesday. The floor is not open for suggestions on the trip there. A lot of relevant matters (e.g. Fundraising, to help student debt) will be discussed on this trip.
            1. RAG: This should be open to the whole of the SRC so that all offices can engage on that side too.
            2. Logistics around this: If a member is interested should contact the office of MMC
      3. Mindset Mental education
         1. [document sent to SRC members by DP]. Bophelo initiative by the DP. This initiative is about planning, vision and time management. 1-month workshop for faculties. It is for first years. DP took time in looking at the DSA leadership programs and found them non inclusive thus the emergence of Bophelo initiative. Various structures will also be involved in this, aiming to empower 1st years. This support is to avoid mental problems. (whole year initiative)
            1. RAG: We should caution against blowing up mental health. It shouldn’t be advised as epidemic so that students start to panic. Further the SRC should work with faculty houses so that it does not seem like the SRC is working in isolation and overlooking faculties.
            2. MMC office: It would be helpful to identify those who are affected to help them directly. We should stay away from once off events, metal health is continuous.
         2. The DP has engaged with IYF in regard to mental health. This organisation teaches on mental health. This event is a camp. The issue in regards of this matter is that the organisation is Korean, the guest speakers are from Asia and there is currently a Corona virus scare. (first event of Bophelo initiative)
         3. President commends the deputy president.
         4. DP further emphasises that Bophelo initiative is an initiative that can function in every office of the SRC so every mental health event could be under the Bophelo initiative.
         5. Office of Postgrad suggests that close to election time this Bophelo initiative should help running candidates with their mental wellbeing.
   4. Treasurer
      1. Fundraising Committee
         1. Deputy secretary: Could students be involved in this; it shouldn’t just be for members of the SRC
            1. President: a lot of matters are confidential so students can’t sit on the actual committee, there could be a sub-committee. DP suggests that students should rather suggest then SRC implements
      2. Tuks FM
         1. Treasurer wants to revisit the TuksFM and SRC agreement. The SRC receives money from the Piazza as they have authority over the Piazza
         2. Office of Postgrad: requesting the specifics of the deal
         3. Treasurer will further engage TuksFM on the matter, SRC agrees
   5. Academics 1
      1. Parking on Campus
         1. Parking off campus is not safe, so the university needs to assist in that.
         2. President: there is no space on campus. Treasurer emphasises that there will never be enough parking so the conversation will have to be around the security for the cars.
            1. RAG: We shouldn’t stress ourselves about this matter because it is out of our hands. Office of Sports reminds the floor that the university cannot look outside the university their jurisdiction is over the university only so the office of security should engage with the CICD about the outside safety.
   6. Student Sport
      1. UPLympics Cancelled
         1. Event cancelled because TuksRes decided to have the athletics day tonight, so the event would be redundant and also there was interruption from TuksRes in the application process. The office of Sports asks for the support of the SRC in calling out TuksRes and addressing the matter with them. This TuksRes athletics night is also problematic because it is not inclusive to all.
         2. MMC office suggests that the office of sports should still carry on with the event. Academics officer further advises that the office should use faculties
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.**



