



SRC 2018

**MINUTES FROM THE SRC MASS MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2018 IN THE PIAZZA AT 12:00PM**

**1. Opening and Welcome**

1.1 Duane (Chair of the Mass Meeting) welcomed all the students and officially opened the meeting. He apologised for the miscommunication on behalf the SRC on the Mass Meeting and even though the SRC mass meeting is unconstitutional, the SRC is adamant to hear the concerns of students. The concerns will be tabled and addressed.

Disputes were raised as students were not pleased with Duane chairing the meeting.

Soraia assembled to the podium and commenced to chair the meeting.

**2. Confirmation of the agenda**

2.1 The agenda was adopted

The agenda was adopted by the students present.

**3. Matters to discuss**

3.1 Students to come forward with any matters they may have

3.1.1. First Concern: The student raised the question with regards to the biometric system and the entire security measures that the university has implemented.

3.1.2. Second Concern: The student was not happy with the procedural flaws regarding the constitutionality of the meeting. Soraia noted that the SRC was aware of the Unconstitutionality and held that it was important for the SRC to address the students today.

3.1.3. Third Concern: The student had a problem that the President was not present due his City of Tshwane obligations, and held that the President must be held accountable in this respect.

3.1.4. Fourth Concern: The student stated that the SRC does not take students serious, that the SRC has not address nor fight for their issues. She stated that the SRC must address issues of the food prices, accommodation, the virtual Open day, Hybrid Learning, and sexual offences of students on campus. She held that management has oppressed them and now it seems as if the SRC is following suite. She held that SRC members don't attend to their office hours and that this position had to change. She held that they will rebel against the SRC if nothing is done about the issues that she raised. She also raised a problem with International Student's having go pay double the tuition fees and the need to address this matter as a matter of urgency.

3.1.5. Fifth Concern: The student raised clarity as to the validity of the meeting and how binding would the resolutions taken by this meeting be.

#### SRC's Response

1. Soraria stated that the SRC member for facilities is busy engaging with management regarding this issue and that mabnagnmenr is trying ththeir best rto make the new system user friendly.
2. Soria further stated that although the meeting is unconstitutional the resolutions will be binding on the SRC and students would be able to hold the SRC accountable.
3. Soria held that disciplinary measures will be instituted against all members who were not present at this meeting today.
4. SOriua hjeld that the SRC has various fpood drives to address the food issue, food trucks will be implemmented and also stated that the SRC

might have secured a sponsor and are in the finalising stages of the funding. Soria invited Kutlwano to address the residence matters.

The virtual day will be addressed through a statement but in essence the SRC wants to have both physical and virtual open day.

Soria further stated that House Humanities is currently in the process of having a speak out office for all students and staff that wish to address issues of sexual violations.

Soria held that she always in her office assisting students and that such rumors are baseless.

Soraia stated that the double international levies are a part of the International Conventions that the Republic of South Africa has entered into.

#### Second Round of Queires

1. The student Raised an issue that a particular student who was an SRC member who was suspended and ewxpelled and taken to court for rasist remarks. He asked how this situation differs from Kyle and what measures are being taken to hold him to account. The student also raised a coincern as to why the marketing portfolioreveieved such a high allocation

The student also raised an issue pertaining to busses that will operate from UP campuses to SunnySide and what the SRC has bneen doing about this situation.

2. The student raised a concern with regards to the fees and accommodation prices. She state that Duane has promised that prices wouldn't increase but they are seeing the contraty happening.

3. The student raised that the SRC has been aware of the virtual open day for over a month and asked what the SRC has done about this matter.

The student also raised a concern with regards to historical debts and what the SRC is doing to address issues of financial exclusions, academic exclusions and a fundraising initiative.

The student in conclusion registered her dissatisfaction that the src has suspended sasco but cant do their jobs.

4. The student stated that they are disappointed with the manner in which the SRC evades accountability measures. He further stated that the SRC does not take concerns from students which is an approach that needs to change. The student stated lastly that the Fundi card allowance should be increased as students cannot survive over R240 per month. Urged the SRC to take mandate from the students and table them with management
5. The student raised a concern with the SRC not addressing the issue of having sexual violation perpetrators roaming around campus and not assisting students that are victims

#### Responses

1. Soraria held that the process followed with Kyle's hearing was dealt with by the constitutional tribunal and Director: Student Affairs, and not through the SRC Code of conduct.
2. Duane held that the budget is to cover uniform and repair various SRC assets which previous SRC's have damaged.

He held that the RAG Budget was done in consultation with management as RAG cannot get funded double. He held that RAG receives all its funding from the University

3. Duane stated that the SRC has noted the various transportation issues on UP campuses and assured students that management is currently dealing with getting transport through buses,

Also held that respublica ...

4. Duane stated that the SRC has received a donor who will be spending R11 Million rands which will be used to address the food crisis as well as financial exclusions.

He further held that students will be updated as the SRC procures more sponsorships from management.

5. Duane states that he never made such a promise, and further held that the SRC is tried challenging the food increment which did not materialize, and stated that all food services providers are currently being reevaluated by Facilities Management and a report will be concluded by the end of May 2018.

He held that all financially excluded students have been dealt with and that no student has been left behind. He further stated that subject to the availability of funds.

Lastly Duane stated that the SRC has challenged Tuks Res with regards to the Fundi limit and that the SRC is still engaging all relevant stakeholders to have this changed. And that the SRC is dealing with the issue of rapists on campus and urged the students to continue approaching the SRC with all issues that they face.

### Third Round of Queries

1. The student raised a concern with the disgusting tendency of the SRC not to fundraise for the students. The student held that the university has a lot of poor black students, who cannot afford fees and resorted to striking. He held that the SRC has conformed to the top bottom approach.

The student instructed the SRC to support Ubuntu Box and piggy banks as a fundraising initiatives. He instructed the SRC to create a fundraising initiative. He further his motion of no confidence in the President and requested him to

resign tomorrow morning. He said they have lost confidence in the President because he has used his power to kill student structures e.g SASCO.

The student lastly stated that the SRC should take all the service providers to the competition common for the review of prices on campus and the issue of Kyle and disciplinary measures.

The student held that students should not subject themselves to the Vice Principle: Student Affairs and Residences but to listen to the students and that the political parties present at the meeting should come up with a way forward.

2. The student held that she is financially excluded and has been denied access to campus and UP services, she said the SRC promised to assist with R10000 but to date such money has not been allocated to her student account, she further stated her disappointment in the SRC in that the SRC suggests them to find employment and to apply for a UP loan which has not materialized.

She also raised a concern that the SRC suspended certain political structures under the pretext that the SRC is capable of handling all student queries however has failed and urged the SRC to change its attitude.

She registered her disappointment that DASO would rather fight for parking on campus instead of addressing the issue of financial exclusions and instructed the SRC to stop grandstanding and to start working on financial exclusions.

3. The student stated that the SRC is failing to represent that black marginalized students, and called on all progressive formations to come together and forge a way forward because they have lost their confidence in the SRC. The student urged the different parties to put their political formations aside and to pave a way forward.
4. The student requested the SRC to stop painting a perfect picture and to start representing students. She has requested an update as to what the SRC has done during the 8 months they've been in office.

5. The student raised a concern that the SRC should scrap the issue of online voting and held that the SRC should stop responding to questions on the spot and to rather take their concerns to management.
6. What the SRC is doing about the issue of sanitary pads being issued for free on campus.
7. A student raised the concern about challenging the university about the illegal gathering policy within the university that allows students to protest. Kutlwano says the SRC cannot challenge the interdict as the SRC is not a juristic body. However Kutlwano said the SRC welcome any suggestions from students to challenge the interdict.

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#### Responses

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A concern was raised that timelines should be set on the various resolutions taken by the students.

Duane read out the resolutions to the students.

#### 6. Other matters arising

6.1. A student raised a concern as to why the SRC is not challenging anti discrimination policies and how the src PLANS TO DEAL with homophobic individuals on campus.

- the SRC will deal with this issue,

6.2. The student requested the SRC Treasurer to apologize for speaking over the students.

- The Treasurer respnded.

6.3 The student raised a concern that the SRC does not pay attention to Groenkloof Campus in terms of the Study Centre and the fact that the facilities are not disable-students friendly.

- Soraia stated that the SRC member for External Campuses will deal with this matter.

6.4. The student says she needs answers with regards to her access to campus so that she can interact with the SRC regarding her financial exclusion

- Duane stated that many students are in the same situation and the SRC notes that. He says its difficult to pay hevly amounts at one go and that the SRC will try by all means to ensure that they fiundraise to assist as many students as they possibly can.

6.5. The student requested that financially excluded studentys should be assisted by allow students access to campus and allow them to complete their respective qualifications.

- Soraia stated that the SRC will raise this matter with the relevant parties concerened.

6.6. the student requested the SRC to deal with certain matters immediately and not to postpone matters.

- Soraia requested that the student come to the SRC after the meeting to ensure that the student has been assisted today.

## **7. Closure**

7.1 Soraia thanked everyone for attending and officially closed the meeting.