



UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

08 August 2018

Venue: General Committee Room

Time: 18:00 - 22:35



SRC 2018

Attendees:

Kwena Moloto – President

Mamello Molotsi – Deputy President

Kutlwano Mositi – Deputy Secretary

Akhona Mdunge – Study Finance

Obakeng Sepeng – Societies

Lindi Mtsweni – Facilities, Safety and Security

Romario Roman – Academics

Aaron Masemola – Residences

Heldi Davis – Residences

Phindile Makhomboti – RAG

Morne Erasmus – Student Culture

Janle Geldenhuys – Academics

Theresa Rodink – Student's Sports Committee

Jodle Chikowi – Post Graduate and Student Affairs

Stanford Ndlovu – Day Students & External Campus Affairs

Excused:

Sorala Machado – Secretary

Duane-Jeffery van Wyk – Treasurer (Late)

Kyle Goosen – Marketing, Media and Communications

Lihle Ngubane – Transformation and Student Success

Item	Points Discussed	Person Responsible
1.	<p>Opening and Welcome</p> <p>The President welcomed the SRC members to the meeting and thanked everyone for being in attendance. Kwena further welcomed Adam Brown to the meeting.</p> <p>As per Lihle's request, Kwena asked that we have a moment of silence for Khensani and the lady that passed away from Magritjie.</p> <p>The SRC all uttered the words "May their soul's rest in power" and the meeting commenced.</p>	Kwena
2.	<p>Attendance</p> <p>The following members have been excused from the meeting:</p> <p>Soraia and Kyle submitted an apology on the basis that they would be on holiday that was planned in advance.</p> <p>Duane had to fetch his grandmother from the airport and Lihle was requested to assist STUKU by MCing at UP Acapela</p> <p>Romario requested that the house to reject Soraia's apology on the basis that a member cannot take a holiday whilst we serve students.</p> <p>Kwena reminded everyone that the prerogative to reject apologies lies with the office of the secretary and thus referred the matter back to the Deputy Secretary for his consideration. The same will apply to Kyle's apology.</p>	Kutlwano
3.	<p>Acceptance of Previous Minutes and Agenda</p> <p>The previous minutes were adopted.</p> <p>The proposed agenda is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening and Welcome 2. Attendance 3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes and Agenda 4. Matters to discuss <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Presentation from Adam Brown 4.2. POA / Feedback Session 4.3. UP Library Meeting 4.4. SRC Banner 4.5. TEDx Request for Funding 4.6. Feedback from Transformation Events (Moved) 4.7. POA for Upcoming Events 4.8. Renaming of Roosmaryn 4.9. Buses 4.10. Academic Appeals 	Kwena & Kutlwano

	<p>4.11. Faculty House Elections</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Other matters arising (see point 6 for additions by SRC Members) 6. Date of next meeting 7. Closing <p>It was suggested that we move the POA feedback session be moved for the second time because three people are absent.</p> <p>Therese and Jodie requested that we continue and then Soraia, Duane, Kyle and Lihle will just report next week. The House moved in favour with this suggestion.</p> <p>The agenda and previous meeting minutes were adopted by Obakeng and Romario seconded the agenda and the meeting commenced.</p>	
<p>4.1.</p>	<p>Student Food Market</p> <p>The SRC received a presentation from Adam Brown regarding a student initiative to address student hunger problems on campus.</p> <p>He raised problems relating to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of student run food outlets and opportunities for financial growth 2. Health and quality of food 3. Campus food outlets and monopolized 4. UPBI focuses on large enterprise and IT <p>His initiative strives to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote self-growth and skill development 2. Promote entrepreneurship 3. Provide student financial opportunities 4. Provide other unforeseen opportunities 5. Promote healthy diets <p>He stated that he had a problem with receiving an endorsement from UP management.</p> <p>He stated that we don't have vegetarian meals, Boerewors Rolls, Doughnuts, Pap n Vlies etc.</p> <p>He conducted research on a sample of 63 students and he had 15 student vendors who would be willing to join the initiative. He received endorsements from UPBI, Consumer Sciences Department and from Hazel Food Market.</p>	<p>Adam Brown</p>

	<p>Obakeng stated that UP had procedural backlog and office space, so he wanted to know how Adam was going to succeed in this regard.</p> <p>Adam stated that the vendors had to get street vendor licences and stated that this was not needed according to his sources.</p> <p>Lindi requested clarity as to who Adam approached from the University management, he responded by saying no one and the SRC was his hope to bridge the gap.</p> <p>Kwena requested clarity as to whether Adam had any benefit to this initiative and Adam stated that he wouldn't because the stalls will be operated by students.</p> <p>Kwena requested that Adam send a business proposal to Lindi as she is responsible for Facilities, Safety and Security, who could refer him to the appropriate members from management.</p>	
<p>4.2.</p>	<p>POA Feedback Session</p> <p>Kwena asked Mamello to chair this aspect of the meeting.</p> <p>Kwena's POA included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraising, and he had meetings with DUR and the head of Alumni relations. They are looking to form a system where the SRC can raise funds through Alumni, even though not all funds will be going towards the SRC. - Working class budget, and he raised that on his instruction, Duane cut the SRC budget significantly so that the money could go towards Study Finance. - Student Hunger, he has been in talks with various stakeholders in terms of the R10 meals he promised. He said the next step should be to approach management and that he believes this problem will be realized in the near future. - Transformation of Tuks Res, he stated that he wanted to have a seminar between the SRC and the Res Sub council, but it's too late at this point, and its an idea that can be transferred to the incoming SRC. <p>Obakeng sought clarity in regards to the R10000 that was allocated to the President for community engagement and he also sought clarity as to whether the President has called a meeting with DUR regarding fundraising training, he wanted to know what other initiatives the President had been involved in,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In regards to the community engagement fund, part of it was for the Transformation seminar with Tuks Res and the Orange Dustbins downstairs. 	<p>ALL</p>

- With regards to DUR training, this training ought to have been arranged with the Secretary and not necessarily him.
- With regards to food trucks and R10 meals, he has approached CRC in order to ensure the realization of this goal, through the purchase of food trucks etc. he mentioned that he had various tasting sessions with the SRC and what's left is the funding and management approval.
- He stated that he would engage with the City of Tshwane regarding a foodbank that distributes foods to NGO's and wants to establish one here at the university.

Mone sought clarity with regards to the high food prices for residence students

- Kwena stated that he dealt with this above. He said the conversation is there, especially from Prof. Mosia's office, but the realization thereof is something that could be achieved by future SRC's.
- He submitted that all levels of management including the Vice-Chancellor has tasted the R10 meals and all that's left is for him to keep pushing the idea.

Mamello's POA Feedback

- Included more administrative work as she's deputizing.
- Mamello immediately ensured that the 2018 Constitutional Tribunal were appointed
- She had done the food drive and admissions during the help desk.
- She attended a meeting with NSFAS in January regarding the complications that were present at that time.
- Mamello chaired and successfully led to the amendment of the CSG which was approved on the 25th June 2018. She stated that the only problem she had was the involving students and would ensure that the incoming DP included students.
- Mamello chairs the Disciplinary Hearing and has successfully had 1 hearing which in her view was her success.
- Mamello also deals with academic cases in order to assist the academic portfolio holders.
- Mamello wanted to have an outreach, however due to lack of funds, this might not materialize.

Obakeng requested an update with regards to the SAUS Disaffiliation and SRC Help Desk statistics

- Mamello had stats, but her hard drive crashed, and she is still waiting on IT to assist.
- She will send the report to all the SRC by email.

Akhona asked if Mamello would be willing to open initiating the process of a constitutional review

- **Kwena stated that we needed as many students to agree with such a review. The SRC would therefore need to obtain 10500 students to agree to this proposal.**
- **Kutlwano stated that whoever complied the final amendments, whether it was Soraia or Prof Mosia, that has led to many aspects which the SRC did not amend which are in the Constitution and stated that part of those entailed that amendments would take place once a year.**

Kutlwano:

- **Wanted SRC meetings to be broadcasted live however due to not getting majority that could not happen.**
- **Ensuring collective involvement: sent out reminders and**
- **Increasing availability: He thinks he has done a good job in terms of accessibility always directing students to the relevant portfolios students have requested and also via their respective email addresses.**
- **Transparency: Kutlwano argued that his minutes are always accurate and aim to report back on everything that had transpired in a particular meeting.**
- **Student forum: Kutlwano has been working extremely hard to ensure that the SRC is held accountable and has done so through his meeting minutes and the attempt to host the student forum. Kutlwano has managed to host the very first successful student forum since 2015 in May 2018 and will continue doing so for the upcoming.**
- **Kutlwano has also dealt with various residences and academic cases which he managed to complete successfully.**
- **Kutlwano has assisted everyone who has requested his assistance, especially by working with Akhona and ensuring that his cases receive the attention they receive.**

Obakeng stated a lot of committees have been formed, but not have materialized, therefore he requests that the office of the secretary report the administrative report of the SRC.

- **Kutlwano will ask the SG to go through her archives and determine all committees that were formed by the SRC, its objectives etc.**
- **Kutlwano has also committed to give an administrative report at the following meeting, where the office of the secretary will establish a list of fines owed to the SRC and a list of absentism.**

The house tasked Kutlwano to enquire who sits on which statutory structure etc and they requested that we fix it ASAP.

	<p>Duane's POA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The treasurer's office contains a lot more roles than one to fundraise - Cutting budgets by at least 33% less than previous SRC's and this has been transferred to study finance - Has consistently tried to ensure that the Study Finance cost centre has enough money. - Has authorized all payments that needed to be made by the SRC. - Has drafted and sent the SRC budget for approval. - Has seen to it that all sub-structures have been allocated the amounts they have been allocated. - Societies received an increase in their budgets and had access to their funds quicker than before. - He conducted a financial audit on all faculty houses. - He wants to request the university to assist in obtaining tax rebates - Duane ended off by stating that the SRC is not in debt, which is good. <p>Obakeng requested an update on implementing the SMS fundraising system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duane said this approach was expensive and that he will follow a corporate approach. - Duane stated that he has raised more money than the R10 Million Rand game was able to raise and shall continue to do so. - Phoenix approached Duane, and together with Standard Bank, they will assist students in creating profiles and he will submit them to external companies, that could assist in the funding of tuition fees. <p>Akhona stated that there are many fundraising initiatives that the SRC could make use of and requested that Duane ensures that they materialize.</p> <p>Lihle's POA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had incredible plans, but after feedback from Prof Mosia, her plans for student success were already being done with Education Innovation. - She wanted to collaborate with learning communities, but that project has unfortunately been taken out of DSA's hands. - Received a lot of complaints regarding the OP transformation problems and stated that these issues were tackled through institutional forum. Lihle stated that she has sent various emails to the secretary to request for a mass meeting to no avail - Transformation of student governance structure 	
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- Policy for trans students, in collaboration with the CSA&G etc including a transgender student, who's views were captured in the formation of the policy.
- Lihle's events ought to have been seminars and not necessarily events but due to the abovementioned problems, she did what she could.
- Going forward, events needs to accommodate students from external campuses, meaning having events away from the Hatfield Campus.
- Is going to have a seminar with Brothers for Life, who will come monthly (if an agreement is concluded) to all universities across the country.

Obakeng stated that Lihle had a lot of ideas at the start of her term, but has requested an update as to whether Lihle has visited OP and SONOP

- In terms of SONOP, she has never been invited to their meetings, therefore she couldn't assist SONOP, but if necessary and after being mandated by the SRC she will try to assist.
- She has been unsuccessful in going back because her requests for mass meetings have never been approved and requested.

Duane stated that the WITS SRC has managed to get gender non-conforming titles called "MX" and requested Lihle to assist.

- Lihle stated that this SRC is not on the same level as the Wits SRC.
- She stated that people would don't understand that we don't have just two genders and wants to create a series of educational material before implementation can take place.
- Duane requested that Lihle begin the conscientization process with residences.
- Lihle stated that with the establishment of her new sub council, these are ideas they could pursue.
- Aaron stated that nothing is compulsory in the residences and that the SRC should rather find another approach regarding this aspect. He further stated that anyone can approach the residences.
- Aaron stated that there is a big problem with student support and requested that Lihle assist in this regard, especially in terms of emergency situations.
- Stanford received complaints that SONOP created a new society "Blossom Delights" from day houses regarding participating in student events.
- Kwena stated that SONOP has been banned from all student events until they transform. He said he will forward JP's email to the SRC, so that everyone could understand why Blossoms Delight was not allowed to perform through STUKU.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kwena said the aim is not to punish students and that they should be allowed to participate in such events however SRC should bear in mind that the structure SONOP is banned and not it students. - Obakeng stated Blossoms Delight and SONOP are two different structures which should not be confused to be one. - Mone stated that they don't check where someone resides unless they are from residences. She stated that they are a society and they don't care where they reside. - Duane suggested that all SRC members should attend training with the CSA&G in order to be able to assist students should emergency situations arise. Obakeng has volunteered to organize this session. - Kwena has requested that should a suicide emergency arise, the relevant SRC member should contact the University, regardless of the training one has attended. <p>UP Debating Union has 6 guest speakers and asked if she can mandate the (get more clarity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lihle requested that they should approach her office in this regard. <p>Stanford requested that we move POA's to next week, and Lindi requested that there be a time limit at the upcoming meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For: 13 - Against: 3 - Abstain: 0 <p>Obakeng requested that we maybe do the POA's randomly (Max 5 per week) so as to allow everyone to exercise their freedom of speech.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For: 9 - Against: 0 - Abstain: 7 <p>Kwena suggested that we discuss it all next week and have this as a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For: 4 - Against: 10 - Abstain: 2 	
4.3.	<p>#ChooseUP Day</p> <p>Obakeng said after consulting various students and sub structures, that the #ChooseUP day is not working as it was beneficial to the residences than the actual academic departments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mamello requested that Obakeng and Heidi should draft a statement and send it to the SRC Executive. 	Mamello

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lindi suggested that management rather returns the open day as it was opened to everyone and not what happened last week Saturday. - Heidi stated that inviting provisionally accepted students only did not work out because students who have been admitted into residences have already been placed and will have their own open day later in the year. - Stanford stated that this day IS NOT WORKING!! And that the SRC should advocate for the return of the traditional open day as it has always been. - Kwena suggested that we request feedback from all student governance structures that were present and had a stall at the open day, to obtain proper feedback before we release a statement. - Janie requested that we establish a short survey in order to get a feeling of what student leaders feel. - Mamello stated that a report would be better, and Janie and Stanford requested that we rather do both in order to get a more detailed expression from our substructures. - Lindi asked who this survey would be aimed to, and Janie stated that it should be to all student leaders that were present and participated on the day. 	
4.3.	<p>UP Library Meeting</p> <p>Mamello reminded all SRC members that the meeting with the library will take place next week Thursday, 16 August 2018 at 18:00.</p> <p>Janie asked why we are meeting with the library and Mamello stated that it is to discuss the SRC Library Collection and to establish a working relationship with the SRC.</p>	Mamello
4.4.	<p>SRC Banner</p> <p>Mamello reminded everyone of the email that Mam Fundi has sent to the SRC and has requested members to provide their inputs rather than having a plain and simple one.</p> <p>Duane suggested that the banner should be plain and simple as the one provided for financial reasons.</p> <p>Akhona suggested that we add 'Baithuthi Pele' slogan on the poster.</p> <p>Mone suggested that we have a picture of the building instead of the SRC and it was agreed that since the SRC could be moved, that wouldn't be a great idea.</p>	Mamello
4.5.	TEDx Request for Funding	Mamello

	<p>Mamello stated that TEDx is having an event titled ‘dare to dream’ which has a community engagement aspect and wanted to partner and obtain sponsorship from the SRC.</p> <p>Duane stated that the ‘X’ should independence and that they are not lined with Ted Talk, and further stated that they have made their request at a bad time and that the SRC could not sponsor the request made.</p> <p>Phindile suggested that we refer them to organizations that could fund them instead of dismissing them. Akhona suggested that they be referred to the Business Incubator.</p> <p>The SRC will support the establishment and not necessarily financially as we are currently and unable to and Duane has suggested that they maybe register as a society for 2019.</p>	
4.6.	<p>Feedback from Transformation Events</p> <p>Lihle was not available to comment, the point has been moved to the following week.</p>	Lihle
4.7.	<p>POA for upcoming Events</p> <p>Obakeng stated that the SRC is spending a lot of money on the Women of the Worth event and urged the SRC to support in this regard.</p> <p>Mamello stated that students were complaining about the tickets being sold out and Obakeng stated that they venue is packed to capacity.</p> <p>The SRC Gentlemen will be working as ushers and general administration instead of being guests.</p>	Obakeng Lihle
5	Other Matters Arlsing	
5.1.	<p>Renaming Roosmaryn</p> <p>Kwena stated that the DSA suggested renaming Roosmaryn the Student Affairs Building / Student Life Building.</p> <p>Kwena suggested that BIKO was the most fundamental student leader of our time as would have loved to see the building being named after him, however the rules do not allow.</p> <p>Duane suggested that we translate we translate Student Affairs Building / Student Life Building into Sepedi.</p> <p>Stanford suggested that we perhaps use another language because in future the university will be filled with Sepedi names.</p>	

	<p>Obakeng suggested that we be given time to think about names before giving the DSA an answer. The final 3 names will be voted on through the WhatsApp group.</p> <p>Kutlwano suggested that we involve all students in this process and Kwena stated that he could do so in his personal capacity and not in his capacity as an SRC member.</p> <p>Student Affairs Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For: 4 - Against: 11 - Abstain: 1 <p>Student Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For: 10 - Against: 5 - Abstain: 1 <p>The office of the secretary should communicate the SRC's preference to the DSA.</p> <p>Therese requested that we be sent the rules.</p>	
5.2	<p>Buses</p> <p>Akhona was approached by a member of Tuks Sport regarding transportation from external campuses to the home games. The issue is that the busses they procured does not go to LC but ends at the Hatfield Campus.</p> <p>Akhona has therefore requested that we intervene in this matter.</p> <p>Obakeng stated that students from OP feel excluded from student life and he had then promised to give busses to those students to take them to malls when on specific dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lindi requested clarity in this regard and Obakeng stated that they had lack of funds, only a few students were afforded the opportunity. - Duane suggested that Obakeng approach Tanya Niemann and request her to assist with the busses. Duane stated that the SRC would not pay but Facilities <p>Stanford will be making visits to external campuses and request that members be accompany him.</p>	Akhona
5.3.	<p>Academic Appeals</p> <p>Obakeng requested clarity as to what must happen when a student has been excluded based on their mid-year results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Romario suggested that they be referred to them and accommodation to the Aaron and Heidi 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Romario suggested that the students should request their faculty admins to send their applications be reviewed. - Romario also requested that the office of the President approach the registrar to request one more meeting to review all appeals. - Stanford stated that almost 60% of students have been excluded and they have never received feedback from the appeals committee regarding their conditions etc. He requested that Romario and Janie should follow up on the matter. - Lindi stated that Mamelodi students are not allowed to fail even one module and suggested that this could be the reason. - Mamello requested the academics reps to create a document that guides students when they have been excluded including the stages of the appeals. - Lindi suggested that students should be advised to bring their appeal letters before they submit. - Janie stated that at the admissions training, they were informed that excluded students will not be allowed to change faculties. - Obakeng have been excluded and suggested that something be done to ensure that another senate review meeting sit. 	
5.4.	<p>Faculty House Elections</p> <p>Kutlwano informed the SRC that the DSA has unilaterally decided to conduct faculty house elections electronic and the respective circuses.</p> <p>He went to Dr Madiba that the constitutions also make no means of an electronic process. Dr Madiba justified using the CSG and Kutlwano clarified her that faculty houses are regulated by their own constitution(s) which is made provision for in the CSG.</p> <p>Students will not be able to interact with the candidates and requested both, but Dr Madiba refused. Kutlwano requested urgent an advisory opinion from Constitutional Tribunal and to question constitutionality of the process and Kutlwano questioned this.</p> <p>Romario stated that the sub council was forced to vote in favour of the electronic elections and circuses. They were told by JP and Carel that ‘whether they like it or not’ the system will prevail nonetheless. Romario stated that they’ve also approached</p>	

<p>Janie stated that the money needed to have both physical and electronic circuses was not sufficient. Provincial IEC would need to be employed</p> <p>Janie suggested that the post grad portfolio will be included in September.</p> <p>Therese stated that the same applied to sub structures and they were also not given an option. Mone stated this did not work for sub-structures and maybe it could work for the faculty houses.</p> <p>Phindile asked who counts the votes since she encountered a problem where she was cheated off her votes, so she wanted clarity in that regard.</p> <p>Kutlwano stated that there is a problem with the DSA. He went to see Dr Madiba and she made it seem as though Kutlwano was crazy and as though she had been correct.</p> <p>Kutlwano suggested that faculty house election be halted as student leaders were not afforded the opportunity to voice their opinions or rather have circuses both electronically and physically as democracy dictates.</p> <p>Stanford supported Kutlwano’s view and reiterated that the DSA is undermining the authority of the SRC.</p> <p>Aaron and Heidi stated that the online system at residences has been working until they realized that online circuses do not work but they then have manifesto nights. Heidi is of the view that the online works,</p> <p>Romario stated the online voting is okay, but the problem is the holding of circuses online, which is a big issue and suggested that the SRC continue engaging with the DSA.</p> <p>Therese stated that for sub structures the questions can’t be generic and have to be portfolio specific.</p> <p>Kwena requested all ex-officios to report on the DSA’s stance to unilaterally change voting procedures without consulting them.</p>	
<p>ISSA</p> <p>Jodie informed the SRC that they will be having a conference on the 21st August 2018.</p> <p>Jodie explained that ISSA is a structure for international students. She got everyone tickets to the conference. She will send a formal invite to all SRC members.</p>	<p>Jodie</p>

	<p>Kellogg's</p> <p>Mamello has been communicating with the Kellogg's rep and the marketing agent will be sending the documents the SRC is required to peruse on Monday.</p> <p>Obakeng suggested that Phindile assist Mamello in the process.</p>	<p>Mamello</p>
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on the 15 August 2018 at 18:00 in the General Committee Room.</p>	<p>Kutlwano</p>
8.	<p>Closure</p> <p>The President thanked all members for attending the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 22:35.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

We, Kwena (President) & Kutlwano (Deputy- Secretary), accept these minutes as a true reflection of what had transpired at the SRC Meeting dated 08 August 2018.

Kwena Moloto
SRC President

Kutlwano Mositi
SRC Deputy Secretary

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