

# **University of Pretoria Temporary Student Committee**

**Minutes of a meeting as held at 17:00 on Thursday 4 February 2010 in the Committee Room, Tukkieurf**

**1. Opening and welcome**

The chairperson opened with prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Attendance**

Marius Ellis	Chairperson
Mario Fasondini	Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours
Armand Goutondjie	International Students & Relations & External Campuses
Natasha Gresse	Secretary-General
Megan Howard	Marketing & Projects
Nyasha Kuzinya	Societies
Tiyani Majoko	Deputy Chairperson, Service Providers & Com. Development
Zwelakhe Makuhleni	Student Affairs & PRO
Hanri Niemand	Residences
Michael Shackleton	Safety, Security & Facilities
Dineo Siko	Treasurer
Tiyani Sithole	Justice & Constitutions

**3. Confirmation of agenda**

3.1 Point 8.1 to 9.6 should be moved to before Matters Forthcoming and the rest of the points should then be re-numbered.

3.2 Add the following points:

9.2 Mission statement (Marius)

9.3 Chakalaka (Marius)

9.5 MPC Proposal (Marius)

9.6 Internet (Marius)

9.7 Communication (Mario)

## **TSC 4/2010**

**4. Announcements and correspondence**

- Prof. Speckman was supposed to address the TSC about the future of Tukkieurf but he is not here yet. As soon as he arrives he will be given the opportunity to address the TSC. This matter is carried forward to the next meeting.
- The Protocol (etiquette) training will take place on Wednesday 10 February 2010 at 16:00.
- The photos for the web site will be taken after the function.
- Office hours will be checked as from Monday 8 February 2010.
- An Institutional Forum meeting will take place on 9 February 2010 at 16:00, Council Chambers, Admin.
- A compulsory training session (Leadership Conference) will take place on Saturday 13 February 2010 08:00 – 12:00.
- Please check and clear out your post box on a regular basis.
- If you have not done so yet, please report to the Tuks Toonbank for financial training.
- **Megan** – A fashion show to introduce the TSC to the student community will take place on 16 February 2010 at 12:00.

## 5. **Approval of the minutes of previous meetings**

### 5.1 **20 January 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on the above date were approved as a true account of the meeting.

### 5.2 **27 January 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on the above date were approved as a true account of the meeting.

## 6. **Election of a 13<sup>th</sup> TSC member**

This matter was discussed in depth and the feeling was that:

- A 13<sup>th</sup> member is not needed as the TSC do not have the authority to co-opt a 13<sup>th</sup> member.
- Dineo is prepared to take over the duties of another portfolio rather than let the MPC decision desolve but Armand believed that this may not be a wise decision and the chairperson was of the opinion that Dineo already has too much to do. According to him the TSC have the prerogative to elect a 13<sup>th</sup> member in order to take care of the day to day activities of the SRC (if the

Coordinator Daily Student Life is in favour of electing a 13<sup>th</sup> member then it should be done).

- According to Natasha the TSC previously decided to discuss this matter once Mario is back and it should therefore be discussed now. According to the chairperson Ms Viljoen from Top Management indicated that, because the availability of candidates who formed part of the MPC has been exhausted, the TSC may appoint a 13<sup>th</sup> member on condition that he/she served on the Student Assembly or SRC and was one of the nominees to serve on the TSC.
- Matters such as these should not be discussed in front of non TSC-members and therefore the candidates should be requested to leave the meeting so that a decision can be made or else they should wait for the next session of the MPC to resolve the matter. The chairperson proposed that the matter whether or not to appoint a 13<sup>th</sup> member should be put to the vote and this was approved. Awie, Millet and Nerima were given the opportunity to address the meeting.

⇒ **Voting took place by secret ballot and Awie Erasmus was appointed as the 13<sup>th</sup> member of the TSC.**

## **7. Matters forthcoming**

### **7.1 Election of TSC representatives to serve on the MPC**

Carried forward.

### **7.2 Traditions at Maroela**

Hanri discussed the matter with the chairperson of Maroela and he could not find any problems. She wanted to know from Zwelakhe whether he has the contact details of the students who complained. He will discuss it with them and if the matter cannot be resolved they will be invited to address the TSC (after obtaining permission first). According to Dineo discussions were held today to discuss racial issues (there are problems everywhere with traditions). According to Hanri it is not the duty of the security guards at residences to do telephone duty but in some residences first year students have to perform desk duty (approximately 30 – 60 minutes per week and this does not form part of their initiation). Tiyani Majoko suggested that set rules should be compiled for all residences. The matter was discussed and the feeling was that:

- The word “traditions” should be defined.
- Residences have rules for a reason i.e. name tags, greeting seniors and the reason behind this is to get them to form a team (Tiyani S).
- Justifiable traditions are acceptable but Dineo agrees with Megan that the word “traditions” should be defined.
- Nyasha disagrees that uniform rules should be applicable on all residences because each residence has its own personality, traditions etc. According to

her a new tradition has to be approved beforehand and all HC-members have to sign a code of conduct about initiation ceremonies and that the traditions will not interfere with academics. Tiyani M suggested that first year students should be informed that they can choose whether they want to participate or not. According to Hanri the student who collapsed during lenk practice should have informed the HC that she did not want to take part or did not feel comfortable about it (Nobody is forced to take part). First years find residence life difficult at first but as soon as they have adapted they do not have problems with what they originally did.

### 7.3 Enduro Varsity

This will take place from 5 – 7 March 2010 starting at 13:00 on 5 March 2010.

### 7.4 Food prices in Residences - Hanri

Prof. Visser is sick and she could not make an appointment which he could attend to discuss the matter. She attended the Orientation Week meetings and the complaints were brought to the attention of Food Services who also attended the meetings. According to them the amount allocated/budgeted for food is not enough to purchase three meals per day for a whole year. The following came out of the discussions:

- Hanri should make an appointment with the relevant people to discuss the matter urgently as something needs to be done.
- The quantity and quality of food has decreased.
- Why is it different at some residences?
- Hanri should do everything in her power to resolve the matter urgently (without the help of Prof. Visser if need be).
- It was suggested that hot plates/stoves be installed in residences to allow students to prepare food for themselves.
- The focus should be on prices re quality.
- Maybe the decrease in quality and the increase in food prices has to do with financial status (recession) in the country.
- It was suggested that Hanri should compile a petition and discuss the matter with the Residence Sub-Council.

## 8. Feedback by portfolios

Tiyani S.	He Drafted a proposal for the MPC.
Armand	He had a meeting with the international societies and the chairpersons of the faculty houses of the external campuses and will compile reports in this regard.
Dineo	The budget has been completed.
Nyasha	Some societies only handed in their management reports now

	(although the closing date was in October). Should they be allowed to re-register and what criteria should be used? Tiyani M suggested that they should provide a reason why they did not hand in their reports on time and the matter should then be taken from there. Armand suggested that the criteria set by the previous SRC member should be taken into account. Those who did not hand in reports must be allowed to register as new societies.
Mario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He handed in his budget and POA.</li> <li>• TSC members need to be present at graduation ceremonies.</li> <li>• He suggested placing motivational messages on ClickUp.</li> <li>• An architecture student wants his re-exam evaluated again.</li> </ul>
Zwelakhe	The Hot Spot meetings are going better.
Tiyani M.	The service providers have problems with their honorariums.
Megan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing of the TSC during Rag went well (especially amongst first year students). From now on the focus will shift to marketing the TSC amongst all students.</li> <li>• The TSC photos will be placed on the internet after next week's training session.</li> <li>• Will hand out sweets for Valentines Day and the Soccer World Cup will be discussed soon.</li> </ul>
Hanri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She and Marius attended the Residence Sub-Council meeting.</li> <li>• No problems were encountered during Rag Week (except for a person at the side of the road during the procession).</li> <li>• Madelief wants to know whether the TSC will fund them for certain things (according to Dineo they must apply for funds).</li> </ul>
Michael	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He has been in contact with Rozanne Steenkamp (last year's SRC member) to get the contact number for Hatfield CID.</li> <li>• He will try to work with them to coordinate an awareness campaign as was suggested in last year's annual report by Coert Erasmus.</li> </ul>
Natasha	Everyone should fill in the TRF form and hand it back to her (she will send out new forms). Marius suggested that members should write down the numbers they call when using their office phones. Tiyani M suggested that they should rather get a telephone record from Mrs. Krige - Natasha must find out from Mrs. Krige how the telephone records work and report back next week.

## 9. Matters to be discussed

### 9.1 Meetings

- Written apologies (giving the reason for being absent) must please be handed in at least six hours before an event via e-mail or handing it to her personally (it should preferably not be placed in her post box).

- The only apologies that will be accepted for non-attendance of events are illness & academics (writing a test on that specific time). The following fines are set out in the Code of Conduct:
  - Absence from a meeting/event/training session for the third time – R100,00.
  - Absence from all following meetings/events/training sessions – R75,00 each.
  - Absent without apology – R100,00 each.
- Because the agenda must be send out 24 hours beforehand agenda points should be in by 15:00 two days before a meeting i.e. if a meeting takes place on a Wednesday agenda points should be in by 15:00 on the Monday before.
- **Meeting times** – Need to decide on a day and time for general meetings during the first quarter. It was suggested that meetings should take place on Wednesdays at 17:00.

⇒ **Approved.**

## 9.2 **Photo Shoot – Megan**

She suggested that the photos should be taken after next week's protocol training (official clothing). Those who have blazers must bring them along to share with others who do not have blazers yet (won't wear the blazers for the group photo).

## 9.3 **Mission statement – Marius**

The amendments to the Mission Statement were approved.

## 9.4 **Chakalaka**

The TSC agreed to support them to communicate information to the student community.

## 9.5 **Internet access – Marius**

Because it will not be possible for the TSC to use the internet without a special username and password he suggested that credits should be loaded onto members' personal accounts (costs to be deducted from the internet budget). Receipts must be presented to Dineo within three days after purchase.

⇒ **Approved.**

## 9.6 **MPC Proposal – Marius**

Proposals in this regard must please be handed in to Tiyani S. The matter was discussed in depth and the feeling was that:

- The core problems with the constitutions should be addressed and the merits and demerits of the old constitution should be discussed (Armand suggested that another proposal should be compiled and in order for it to be independent, it should be drafted by people who do not have any connection with political parties/societies).
  - The Student Assembly should be part of it and the academic requirements to serve on the SRC and SA must be considered (Armand believes the academic pre-requisite should be maintained). The Student Assembly should have more power and should be able to recall SRC members.
  - Does the 20-30% societies include political parties only or does it consist of political and apolitical societies?
  - The number of Student Assembly meetings should be increased.
  - According to the constitution the SRC only serves in an advisory capacity. The TSC should try to change that so that the SRC can have more influence over decisions.
  - Groenkloof has four SA representatives and it was suggested that each representative should take the opportunity to have discussions with a specific a study year and the class representatives.
  - There should be different SRC's for the different campuses.
  - Accountability is connected to communication and communication should come from the Student Assembly and therefore the Student Assembly should have the highest power.
  - How will you get individuals involved? It was suggested that the individuals who make themselves available should come from faculty houses.
- ⇒ **There will be an informal meeting on 8 February 2010 at 17:00 to discuss the MPC proposal.**

#### 9.7 Communicaton – Mario

The TSC should communicate with students via the following channels:

- TSC website
- ClickUp – Should have separate links for each portfolio as well as a general link so that students are able to fill in complaint forms on line for each portfolio.

Dineo suggested that a mass meeting should be held before the MPC to inform students of the proposal (Megan is willing to assist). Several suggestions were made on how to get students involved in an orderly manner.

#### 10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 10 February 2010 after the protocol training and photo shoot.

11. **Closing**

The chairperson closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned.

**CHAIRPERSON:** .....

**SECRETARY-GENERAL:** .....

**DATE:** .....