

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUDENT PARLIAMENT HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT
18:00 IN THE SRC BOARDROOM (CONTINUED ON 19 OCTOBER 2011)**

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

As a result of this meeting being a special meeting, it will continue without quorum no matter how many members of parliament are present. Welcome to the meeting and please be seated.

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1. Present:

Leona Jonker	Rodney Maseo
Jozua Loots	Thabane Mkhwebane
Tiziana Burtone	Bongiwe Gumede
Kwanda Dlamini	Kwara Kekana
Priscilla Papo	Zamantungwa Khumalo
Nicolus Langa	Kleinbooi Legoabe
Dirk Steenkamp	Andrew Masombuka
Magagula Mandli	Kateryna Ryabchiy
Zamanguni Hlabangane	Hermi Pelser
Lerato Kekana	Peter Sleeman
Vusi Maupa	Francois Cloete
Felicia Snyman	Riaan Becker

2.2. Absent with Apology:

Karlien Muller	Johan Conradie
Tanya de Jager	Nicola Rodink
Amy Visser	

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

This is the second to last meeting held by the Student Parliament 2010/2011 and as a result matters not completed on this agenda will be seen as a continuation of this meeting at our next encounter scheduled on 19 October 2011. As a result that meeting will also be a special meeting and quorum is not required for it to take place.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

4.1. Matters to be moved to the next encounter of Student Parliament:

- 4.1.1. Amendments to the Constitution for Student Governance
- 4.1.2. Feedback by the SRC President
- 4.1.3. Feedback by Student Finance and Transport Portfolio
- 4.1.4. Feedback by Multi-Lingualism and Culture Portfolio

4.2. Matters to be added under General:

- 4.2.1. Student Parliament Awards (Kwanda)
- 4.2.2. Chaos Of Spring Day (Nicholus)
- 4.2.3. Other Amendments to Constitution for Student Governance (Kwanda)
- 4.2.4. HK Election Procedures (Lerato)
- 4.2.5. Recommendations

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (23 MARCH 2011 & 27 JULY 2011)

5.1. Amendment to the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2011:

Kwanda Dlamini was present at the meeting. Please correct this matter

5.2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2011 is accepted.

6. MATTERS FORTHCOMING

6.1. Amendments to the constitution for Student Governance:

This matter is moved to the continuation meeting on 19 October 2011. At the meeting of 19 October 2011 Michael Matlapeng was not present to address this matter and as a result this matter was never resolved.

7. NEW MATTERS

7.1. Ratification of the amendments to the constitution of the Society Sub-Council as approved by the SRC:

Please see the document named "Proposed Amendments to the Society Sub-Council Constitution May 2011." As a result of the needed SRC member, Michael Matlapeng, not being present to explain the amendments to the constitution the Speaker and Deputy Speaker explained the matters as far as possible. Most of the amendments were accepted, but some was moved to be changed.

At the meeting of 19 October 2011 Michael Matlapeng was not present to address this matter and as a result this matter was not completed.

This includes the following to be changed:

- Paragraph 5.1.7
- Paragraph 6.1.8
- Paragraph 7.3.4
- Paragraph 7.3.9 (b)
- Paragraph 7.3.10
- Paragraph 7.3.12

This includes the following that was accepted by the Student Parliament:

- Paragraph 3.3.3 and throughout the document
- Paragraph 7.2.3
- Paragraph 7.3.9.(a)
- Paragraph 7.3.11
- Paragraph 7.3.17

Here follow the comments made in regard to these matters:

a. On Paragraph 5.1.7 and Paragraph 6.1.8:

Kleinbooi – on Section 6.1.8. stated that this will not work, because the forms are not scrutinized and it does not go into detail. He also states that this is organised to sabotage some of the societies. He also enquired on how the group are determined and what can be seen as a “political” or “social” society. Amendment to this should be put into place to keep societies from being sabotaged.

Kwara – Peter is not objective in this matter and should be.

Tiziana – This is a good proposal, because one society can do more than two societies trying to do the same thing.

Kwanda – This will result in societies registering themselves as –for example social societies when they are political societies- just to avoid not being registered. Or it can even lead in creating new societies to avoid these matters

Leona - This is only an amendment, not sabotage.

Kleinbooi – stated that the SRC do not have the measures to avoid societies from being sabotaged if this amendment is put into place.

Leona - The needed amendments was also made to the form to ensure that “sabotage” is avoided.

Kleinbooi – these societies that will be sabotaged does not only exist at the University

Tiziana – When one has a society, your members will be in more than one society and this is only put in place to ensure that if something like this happens one can address the matter and find out why it happens. And if it results in the two societies doing the same, they can consider merging and if they do not want to, one can find out why.

Kanda – Explain what happens if more than the allowed number of members in a society of 100 members is also in a society of 400 members. How do you resolve this matter? This amendment cannot work.

A motion was passed and it was voted 9 against the acceptance of the amendment to 6 in favour.

b. On Paragraph 7.3.4:

It was said by various members of parliament that Pretoria has a lot of people who is rich but there are other areas elsewhere, outside Pretoria, not just here. Others again stated that this is the University of Pretoria; Shouldn't the charity be in Pretoria?

Tiziana – She agrees; there are various places in Pretoria that needs our help.

Kwanda – We should be able to cover an area outside University Management.

We draw students from all over the country, they should be able to go back and help in their communities.

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Francois – he said that outside Pretoria the cost will be too high and this is a problem.

Kleinbooi – moved for a motion to make it just community service.

A motion was made to either (a) anywhere, (b) anywhere in South Africa or (c) only in Pretoria.

The motion was voted on to be just community service.

c. On Paragraph 7.3.9. (b)

It was decided that the content was not clear and that Student Parliament cannot agree to matters they do not know of.

d. On Paragraph 7.3.10

It was decided that “Roosmaryn” should be changed to “offices of the SRC” to avoid changes to made at a later stage.

e. On Paragraph 7.3.12

It was decided that “Roosmaryn” should be changed to “offices of the SRC” to avoid changes to made at a later stage.

7.2. Feedback by the SRC President (Charl):

This matter is moved to the continuation meeting on 19 October 2011.

At the meeting of 19 October 2011 Charl Oberholzer was not present to address this matter and as a result this matter was not addressed

7.3. Feedback by Student Finance and Transport Portfolio (Mthokozisi Nkosi):

This matter is moved to the continuation meeting on 19 October 2011.

At the meeting of 19 October 2011 Mthokozisi Nkosi was not present to address this matter and as a result this matter was not addressed.

7.4. Feedback by Residence Portfolio (Anzel):

Please see documents named:

- “Residences Report 2011”
- “Men Residences”
- “Ladies Residences Feedback”

Anzel Steyn mentioned incidences that were handled in some of the residences and the Student Parliament asked her to elaborate on the matter. She replied that these matters were confidential and she cannot discuss any of the information with Parliament.

Lerato – asked Anzel to address a few matters that concerns her. Matters are:

- The Sub-Council meetings with the Prim’s are inefficient, because no feedback is given to the residences and when matters are supposed to be addressed the black girls will not take the matter to a white prim. Both races need to be present in this meeting to address all the matters that are relevant to this situation. Anzel stated that she is already addressing the matter and has already mentioned and discussed it with management. She will work with information and feedback and address it further.
- The feedback given in connection with the questionnaires are very good, but they should consider to take another one later in the year, because emotions run high, first years confuse information, situations and people and this can lead to inaccurate information. Anzel said she will recommend this to the next SRC of Residences.

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- She wanted to know what is the exact relationship of communication between the EC and First Years. Anzel stated that this matter is addressed and feedback will be given.
- She mentioned there are some problems regarding the Election Procedures of the HK in the various residences and it was decided by the house that she should consult the SRC member of Residences personally regarding these matters. Anzel Steyn (SRC for Residences) was present at the time and agreed to discuss this matter with Lerato.
- According to external training the role of house parent are supporting, in her experience it is controlling and dictating. What are the procedures of getting new house parents. Kwanda stated that Klaradyn has the same problem. Anzel stated that this matter has already been addressed and they are in progress of appointing new house parents.

Nicholus – he stated that some matters also raises concern and are as follows:

- The matter of implementing virtual money usage at Pick 'n Pay and Spar. Anzel stated that this matter is in progress and negotiations to implement the use of TUKSmobi at these places. Kwanda Dlamini stated that the money at TUKSres should be moved to TUKSmobi to enable students to choose where to buy food.
- He also wanted to know what is the progress on the matter voted on by Parliament to change placement into residences based on need and distance. Anzel stated that she did mention it in her report and she did investigate the matter. Kwanda Dlamini then stated that need and distance should be more important than any other factor.
- What is the exact role of the GPA system in the elections of the EC? Anzel stated that it was enforced this year without informing the students, but it is much more efficient and fair than the previous years. Placement is based on subject and the results in these subjects. It was not supposed to be applied this year and she tried to change it back. But management decided that they did not want to change it back. Nicholus then asked if she can get the whole document concerning the GPA? Anzel stated that she will get it and send it to Student Parliament.

Kwanda Dlamini – Congratulated Anzel and stated that she did a great job and she understands that this is a lot of work. She recommended that next year this portfolio should be divided between two people. She then had a couple of matters:

- The questionnaire should not be Black-White, but English-Afrikaans. This is undermining the system. Because under Black falls the Chinese, the Japanese, the Indians and more.
- Food prices went down five percent, but how long will this last? Anzel stated that an agreement was signed that it cannot be changed in this year. At the end of the year there will be another meeting with management and then it will be decided upon further.

Anzel Steyn then noted that Parliament should please look at the recommendations she made in regard with her portfolio.

7.5. Feedback by Multi-Lingualism and Culture Portfolio (Hügo):

This matter is moved to the continuation meeting on 19 October 2011.

At the meeting of 19 October 2011 Hügo Kruger was not present to address this matter and as a result this matter was not addressed.

7.6. Unacceptable fees payable when you lock your key inside your residence room (Kleinboo):

This matter was not addressed before the closing of the meeting and is moved to the continuation meeting on 19 October 2011.

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Regarding this matter, Kleinbooï was asked if he went to Anzel about this and he responded that she was not available to see him. Kwanda Dlamini stated that it was in the mandate placed by Student Parliament; this matter is not addressed. It was said by various parties that if one does not live in res, one gets a locksmith; student in res are lucky having to pay that little for that. Some also stated that they do not understand the matter of paying, a HK member has the main key and it is free of charge.

Vusi stated that since it is in the mandate and Anzel did not address the matter, someone should follow up on the matter. Some members stated that this is the res committee's duty and in reaction various parties stated that with one meeting for the year, the committee is redundant. It was still argued that it is their job to handle this matter. The matter then went back to a party following up on this matter and Kleinbooï stated that the Speaker, Peter Sleeman, should be in it and this was seconded by various parties. Kwarra Kekana stated that this is not realistic because it is already too close to the exams and as a result this matter will not be addressed. Kanda Dlamini seconded this argument.

There was voted on the matter of creating a party to address this matter and the motion was not passed. Kwarra Kekana stated that it is the res committee's duty to address this matter, but Vusi responded that either way someone should go to Anzel and address the problem. A question was posed that Peter Sleeman should go and no answer was given.

Andrew stated that Peter Sleeman is not doing his work, because the committees are not doing their work. He should be assisting the committees. A proposal was then made that this matter should be taken up with the HK of the res or with TUKS Res by the HK of the res. It was then decided that a committee should mandate this to Anzel to take up with the HK's.

Peter Sleeman then asked Student Parliament why this was not asked to Anzel in her feedback and Parliament responded that it was a separate point on the agenda and as a result left out in the questioning. Andrew then stated that this matter was addressed in various areas outside Student Parliament and never taken seriously.

It was finally decided that an Ad Hoc Party will address this matter and email the response to the Deputy speaker by 3 November 2011. The party consists of Vusi Maupa(Head), Peter Sleeman (Observer), Helgard Cronje, Kwanda Dlamini, Kwarra Kekana, Nicholus Sibosiso Langa and Tsiamo Hlongwane. Helgard will make an appointment ASAP or they will just pitch up.

7.7. Code of Conduct for the Elections (Vincent Gogolo):

This matter was not addressed before the closing of the meeting and is moved to the continuation meeting on 19 October 2011.

This matter concerned the COPE posters with the SRCE members and SRC feedback. Andrew stated that Peter Sleeman should take the matter up with the IEC, Afriforum is punished based on this and COPE should too. There should be a standard legislation instead of a memo random of agreement. Kwanda Dlamini stated that a section named "Elections" should be added to the constitution. Andrew stated that this should then be added to the recommendations to the MPC with a clause stating that any work done by the SRC and Student Parliament cannot be used as campaign material. This motion was passed.

8. GENERAL

8.1. Student Parliament Awards (Kwanda):

Kwanda Dlamini brought a motion before the house that at the SRC dinner, Student Parliament Awards should be given by Student Parliament. This motion was voted on by the house and passed. As a result Kwanda Dlamini and Leona Jonker (Deputy Speaker) will handle this matter and converse with the different parties involved to complete this motion where possible. There was also asked that if anyone had any possible candidates or ideas in mind to send it via e-mail to the Deputy Speaker as soon as possible.

Nicholus Sibosiso Langa made a proposal that there should be direction provided to the SRC to respect the Student Parliament. This was recommended to Helgard to inform the SRC.

Leona Jonker addressed this matter. Johannes informed Leona that the Student Parliament is not invited to the SRC dinner and as a result the Student Parliament Awards is not able to be given. In the meeting of the 19th October 2011 it was decided that Leona Jonker should arrange a function for the Student Parliament and also ensure that Student Parliament are invited to the SRC dinner. It was stated that it is a great offence the Student Parliament is not invited; it is not about making an effort, it is a must. Andrew proposed to lead a delegation to get money for the Student Parliament dinner. The management should be present at the function to close the gap between us and them. This was addressed by Leona Jonker.

8.2. Chaos of Spring day (Nicholus):

This matter was not addressed before the closing of the meeting and is moved to the continuation meeting on 19 October 2011.

In the meeting of 19 October 2011 it was decided that there is nothing left to say on this matter and as a result removed from the agenda.

8.3. Other amendments to Constitution for Student Governance (Kwanda):

Kwanda Dlamini explained that there are some changes to be made. It was decided that her proposed changes will be sent via e-mail to the Deputy Speaker to be handled by the SRC at the soonest possible set meeting. Results will be discussed once the SRC has decided on this matter. Leona Jonker reminded Kwanda Dlamini that had not received anything on this matter and that she should remember to send information as soon as possible.

8.4. HK Election Procedures (Lerato):

Lerato Kekana stated that there are some problems regarding the Election Procedures of the HK in the various residences and it was decided by the house that she should consult the SRC member of Residences personally regarding these matters. Anzel Steyn (SRC for Residences) was present at the time and agreed to discuss this matter with Lerato.

8.5. Recommendations:

1. Nicholus Sibosiso Langa: The special elections court should be more transparent. Societies should be allowed to be present.
2. Kwanda Dlamini: Student Parliament should work more closely with Perdeby, the website and other service providers to expose the members who do not come to meetings.

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3. Nicholus Sibosiso Langa: Student Parliament should do away with members from the faculties.
4. Kwanda Dlamini: Members of the Student Parliament must chair the SRC Portfolios; this will breach the gap between the members and their responsibility.
5. Zamanguni Hlabangane: There should be a body that ensures that the Student Parliament representatives give feedback to their respective societies, organisations, residences and faculties.
6. Kwanda Dlamini: A gazette should be published monthly by the Student Parliament where they give feedback and become more visible.
7. Leona Jonker: The Faculty HK should be more visible in the Student Parliament meetings, a possible mandatory Parliamentary attendance.
8. Kwanda Dlamini: One should choose the observers better. The SRC should advertise the Student Parliament meetings; in the time table book, newspapers and the observers needs to be present. Resident representatives should also be present.
9. Kwanda Dlamini: The HK of the residences should have a Student Parliament portfolio.
10. Kwanda Dlamini: In the residences sitting, the parliament should be more active.
11. Nicholus Sibosiso Langa: There should be accountable measures for the SRC.
12. Kwanda Dlamini: The Student Parliament should try to resolve the fundamental problems instead of the results of the problems.
13. Kwanda Dlamini: Proxy voting should be clearly explored.
14. Kwanda Dlamini: The honorarium should be paid at the end of the term of service instead of monthly. The honorarium should be determined based on merit; it should be performance based.
15. Kwanda Dlamini: The election of the SRC should happen after the setting of the mandate. Based on the agenda, the SRC should be appointed.
16. Nicholus Sibosiso Langa: Constitutional Tribunal and the IEC criteria should be changed; one should not have to study Law to apply.
17. Kwarra Kekana: Dual leadership should not be seen.
18. Kwanda Dlamini: Parliament members should shift into the SRC; one should be in Student Parliament or SRC for at least a year before being placed in an executive position in the SRC.
19. Kwanda Dlamini: A Student Parliament member applying for a second term in the Student Parliament should have at least 50% attendance.
20. Kwanda Dlamini: The Student Parliament and SRC should work on and 18 month or 2 year term

9. CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned at 21:45 and will continue on 19 October 2011.

The meeting of 19 October 2011 was adjourned at 20:30.

Residences Report 2011

January

Orientation week

- Visit to all the formal residences to introduce the SRC and provide first years with contact details, 22 residences over a 3 night period.
- The first years were informed of the student structures and the role of the SRC in residences; we also invited them to join the relevant facebook groups.
- I also spoke at the TUKSRES starterpack that were held to inform first years of the residence system and UP's policy regarding initiation. It was made clear to all the first year students that participation in residences is voluntary, and what they should expect from being a residence student. During this time I also gave a brief history of what the SRC has done for residence students in previous years.
- I also attended the monitor feedback meetings during orientation week, where an independent panel evaluated the first years the previous day, and we could address any problems that arose from their feedback.
- During this time I also assisted 2 residences to find music instruments for their ienkmelodienk performances.
- Advised and represented students to take the correct route in order to obtain residence placement or to be placed on the waiting list during the hotspot campaign and there after
- Attended the hotspot campaign meetings.
- Attended STUKU meetings, and assisted EC members with problems experienced with melodienk sound checks
- Attended ienkmelodienk, and worked together with STUKU to ensure a fair and transparent competition, where as me and Duncan were the only people allowed to work with the marks and the auditors.

- I also attended the debriefing of the judges to ensure that no prejudices were created regarding the residences
- Assisted RAG with the problems experienced by management regarding the distribution of the RAG diaries.
- Managed to find a solution, where the diaries can still be distributed to students and residences without any financial loss for the service provider and students
- Gave a proposal regarding clubhouse times in Rag Week to Prof Roelf Visser.
- Clubhouses were open in Rag Week for 3 nights

This was everything for the 2 week orientation period.

- Attended weekly sub-council meetings
- Attended quarterly RAB meetings
- Attended all senate meetings and conferences
- Assisted STUKU in their preparation of the national serenade budget, and proposal for management.
- On the 22nd of February a meeting was held between the SRC and the residence EC, this was the first time in the past few years that the SRC and the EC had a chance to openly communicate the challenges faced by residence students and how they perceive the solutions to these problems.
- The following was discussed:

Roy	▪ The time structuring was poor and travel time was not incorporated
Madelief	▪ There was no opportunity to preserve non-abusive traditions
Mopanie	▪ Erratic monitor times ▪ Too much private time raised Anzel suggested a meeting between the person

	<p>responsible for the Orientation Week Program and the chairpersons/primariae of the residences to address this matter. She also informed the meeting of the SRC questionnaire that will be distributed to first year students.</p> <p>Roy and Anzel highlighted that too much theft of caps/jotters leads to violence and hence traditions will be taken away. They highlighted that mutual respect amongst residences should be re-ignited.</p>
Taaibos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Klein jakkalsies” creates a wrong impression about house committees (negative perception)
Other residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If the University allows first year students to go to Hatfield Square, are they not promoting alcohol abuse and disturbing the academic settling in?▪ Should they not promote “in house drinking”
Inca	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The parents of the students want a longer period for “ontheffing” and they do not want their children to go to the Square
Erika	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Ontheffing” took place before the exams last year with the result that students spent more time at the Square subsequently leading to failure <p>The SRC will forward all motions and should</p>

Residence Traditions

- Anzel requested residences to submit their traditions to her via e-mail – she will then take it from there. She also stated that HC’s should communicate via the SRC and should not recognize “Tuks Talk” e-mail.
- Xayata enquired about a contradiction in that, if traditions are voluntary, why does participation count towards placement? Other house committee

members clarified that participation is part of student life and placement is based on academic merit.
▪ Anzel also reminded everyone that not everything is a tradition and abusive actions are not traditions. Xayata enquired about abusive traditions.
▪ Klaradyn highlighted that every residence must determine its own traditions and preserve them.

3.3 Quota System

▪ Some residences proposed the scrapping of the quota system.
▪ Kollegehuis stated that every residence must determine its own quota
▪ Katlego pointed out that the quota system is dictated by society
▪ According to Inca, the only quota they have a problem with is the one about corridor quotas
▪ Asterhof highlighted the need for minority representation on house committees

Motion

The motion to follow Student Parliament members and the SRC format that quotas remain in place and that a change be made in the TuksRes constitution that a sub-minimum requirement of 25% attainment regardless of race and that 60/40 remain but if any said race cannot fill up the quota, the other race can fill it based on availability.

3.6 Residences

- Anzel introduced the HC's to the SRC members allocated to them and requested them (the HC's) to invite the SRC to their meetings and to communicate with them.
- She also urged everyone to join the relevant Facebook pages.

- She also gave feedback on the food prices and compared the food prices of other universities. She asked residences to consider and come up with suggestions – the immediate outsourcing of food came up.

The following were proposed:

- That students should sit in on the Orientation Week Committee,
- The “primaria or prims” concept must be returned to ensure representation at residence management meetings

Thus we had a successful meeting where a platform was created to have a debate and as residence leaders find solutions to the immediate problems.

- Questionnaires were sent out to a total of 400 first years in all the formal residences to get their feedback about orientation week and their experience in the residences.
- We were able to create a platform where first years can complain or suggest any

changes to the program without the interference from the house committees.

This also helped to determine what the first years feel regarding residence life and activities. To make sure that we get the general feeling 20 students from each residence were randomly selected, consisting of 10 White & 10 African.

- The following arose from the feedback from both the first years and EC:
- More time for activities where the first years get to know each other- organized by the house committee (This is requested by the majority of first years)
- Sport activities with other residences
- The time management and stereotype reduction workshops should be held at the first meeting after orientation week.

- Instead of attending the Citizenship Programme, residences can organize a tour around campus to help first years familiarize themselves with tuks history and where classes will be
- Senior interaction during O-week is unnecessary as they interact with seniors during Rag-week.
- Massa slepe only for one week
- Administrative session should be added, that also includes telling the first years about the traditions, history and rules of the residence.
- Time for moving between programmes should be taken into account.
- First years spend too much time on campus and in private time, making Residence goals rushed and difficult to achieve in a short time.
- 20 hours for ienkmelodienk
- 3 socials during the week

I drafted the proposal and organized a meeting between the orientation week committee and the prims and first year guardians

This was very successful and management took it into consideration when drafting the 2012 program. They also presented the new program at the sub council meeting and the EC members approved

Food Prices

Received complaints from residence students about the dining halls in residences:

- Price of food
- Quality of the food
- Portion sizes
- Cold drinks with meals

Complaints regarding the food prices were handed in to the Public Consumer Protection

Organized a gathering of students to explain to a newspaper journalist their thoughts and feelings regarding the food in our dining halls, parliament members that resides in the residences were also invited to give their opinion.

Scheduled meetings with various people involved in food services, for example staff and kitchen managers.

- I then attended the ACUHA – I seminar in Port Elizabeth regarding accommodation and food services in South African universities
- Gathered information on the food services model used by 6 other universities in South Africa
- We then drafted a proposal and had various meetings with management the outcome was as follows:
 - 5% decrease in booked meal prices
 - Glass of juice was added to a meal
 - Certain item sales were also lowered with up to 20%
 - New item sales were introduced during lunch - the feedback from the students was great.
 - The SRC member for residences as well as 2 representatives from the Chairpersons will oversee any price alterations in future
 - The university will continue to work with the SRC to find a model that will be sustainable, thus we currently achieved a short term solution.
 - Independent quality controllers will visit the residences to monitor the quality of the food

Even though this was a small victory, lets not forget that for the first time our efforts as a SRC paid off, and that we opened a door for further communication with management regarding the prices

- Questionnaires are being distributed amongst all residence students

- The aim of the questionnaire is to allow residence students to tell us specifically what they want and expect from food services. This also gives them the opportunity to propose a suitable business model if they want to.
- Attended serrie, and worked together with STUKU to ensure a fair and transparent competition, this was done by sealing the votes straight after the prelim performances and taking them to the auditors, allowing no room for tampering
- Same system with the finals as with melodienk.
 - Attended the allocated Autumn Graduation Ceremonies and awarded the SRC honorary academic colors.
 - Assisted residence students with disciplinary actions against them in their residences.
 - Attended the Tanzania trip
 - Attended protocol and etiquette training
 - Attended Varsity Cup Games

July & August

- Provided the competition commission with information regarding the food service model and setup at the residences
- Assisted new students for 2012 to apply for a residence.
- Assisted students and EC with the following:
 - Applications for EC
 - Sort out any confusion regarding the GPA system
 - Incident at Onderstepoort
 - Incident at Mopanie
 - House parents trouble

- Queries regarding election of EC members
- Counting of votes and ensuring a fair and transparent election
- Assisted STUKU with arrangements for serenade and sponsors for the clothes for a residence for national serenade.
- Organizing EC Dine
- Setting up of proposal for pre-springday and arranging that students are represented at the meeting
- Getting the names of EC members that qualify for merit certificates.
- Currently organizing socials for 6 residences at a time from the same gender to create unity in residences as a whole, this will be over a 4 week period. Everything is sponsored.

Parliament Mandate

1. Admission and residence quotas

Due to the race quota ratio not enough black students are admitted and it was therefore suggested that the University should do away with the race quotas.

- *Currently almost all the residences are 50/50.*

A motion was handed in that the distance from home and the need for accommodation must get preference over merit for first year students (only South Africans) and this motion was passed

- *The university did investigate the feasibility of such a system and the following was found:*
 - *Every year the university recruits students from the surrounding schools in the Pretoria area*

- *Prohibiting matrices from Pretoria and surrounding areas from applying to res will result in students applying at other universities, so that they can have the residence experience*
- *Students staying in Mamelodi will then also not be able to apply for res*

2. The protection of traditions and activities of Residences and Day Houses

It was suggested that the traditions and activities of the residences should be reviewed because not all students are willing to participate in these activities. The activities should also be regulated to everyone's satisfaction to avoid injury to students. HC's must also be regulated when these activities take place and activities should include all cultures.

- *I had a meeting with Prof Roelf at the beginning of the year regarding this and it was also discussed during the SRC and EC meeting.*
- *It was made clear to the EC that there is a difference between a tradition and a practice*
- *The residences were asked to hand in a report, listing all the traditions.*
- *This is also one of the reasons why the o-week questionnaire was sent out to specifically get the comments from the first years regarding their experience of the traditions.*
- *Most residences have already incorporated new traditions to accommodate some of the cultures*
- *One of the recommendations that we made to management is that they should also include in the EC training the different religions and culture customs*
- *It was clear that some gestures don't have the same meaning in all the cultures.*

6.41 Participation by residences, quotas and admission

Participation in campus activities of residence students must override residence activities when applying for admission to residences (2nd year students and onwards). It was suggested that it should be 50/50 and this should determine whether you are placed in a single or double room. Residence activities should accommodate everyone - if you are a member of a residence, you should participate in residence activities.

At the moment only academic marks are considered for placement in residences.

If residence activities are not included in the contract between students and the residences, students cannot be forced to participate but they can do so out of their own free will.

Residences participate in a lot of activities (enough to choose from). The reason

for the point system is to promote pride and motivate students.

The following motions were approved:

Motion 1:

“That the following percentages should be applicable when applying for placement in residences:

1. Academics – 80%
2. Participation in campus activities – 10%
3. Participation in residence activities – 10%

Motion 2:

“That residence activities must be contained in the contract between the residence students and UP”.

Motion 3:

“That rooms may not be reserved for certain races”.

Recommendations

- SRC Residence portfolio should be allocated to 2 SRC members, so that they can represent the ladies and men's residences separately
- Allocation of SRC members to residences was a great initiative, but the support from the SRC members can improve
- There needs to be more events where the SRC and residences can interact with one another