

Minutes of a meeting as held at 16:00 on Friday 28 March 2012 in the Seminar Room, Roosmaryn

1. Opening and welcome

The chairperson welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2. Attendance

Mthokozisi Nkosi	President
Gerbrand Lindeque	Deputy President & Service Providers
Kleinbooib Legoabe	Secretary-General
Tebogo Twala	Treasurer-General
Angel Bolosha	Community Engagement
Tsatsawani Chauke	Societies
Pierre Cloete	Safety, Security & Facilities
Thinus Dicks	Day and Faculty Houses
Simóne Engelbrecht	Residences
Jordan Griffiths	Transport, Justice & Constitutions
Tiaan Koen	Projects
Jozua Loots	Technology Development & Sponsorships
Thobekani Malatula	Culture & Language
Mpume Mbongo	Study Finance
Atlegang Mogale	Tukkie Pride
Chris Pappas	Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours
Camille Pienaar	Projects
Busisiwe Radebe	Student Well-Being
Nic Stead	Residences
Sima Tavuyanago	International Students
Claudette Veldhuizen	External Campuses
Dr Willem Jorissen	Acting Director Student Affairs

3. Announcements and correspondence

- Gerbrand thanked Jozua for making his equipment available to record SRC meetings as this will greatly assist with the accuracy of the minutes. Jozua stated that meetings will be recorded and the data will then be transferred to a CD for use by the secretary-general.
- According to Tsatsawani the re-registration/registration process of societies went well. She thanked everyone who assisted her but she also needs assistance with processing the applications on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 April).
- Tebogo thanked Dr Jorissen for organizing the swearing-in ceremony of the SRC. The chairperson in turn thanked Tebogo and everyone else who assisted for organizing the event.

4. **Confirmation of the agenda**

The following points were added to the agenda:

7.14 Constitutional Tribunal

5. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

According to Jozua the date of the first meeting was incorrect and Camille stated that she did not receive the minutes.

- ▶ **Carried forward to the next meeting - The secretary-general will ask Mrs Botma to send the minutes to those members who did not receive them.**

6. **Matters forthcoming**

6.1 **Progress of the SRC Study Aid Fund**

Mpume gave a background of the SRC Study Aid Fund. Tebogo expanded on the matter by stating that the SRC will be running a campaign on Academic Excellence and Exclusions parallel to the Fund. Applications for the Fund have since closed. Jozua informed the meeting that the Committee who evaluates the applications consists of the following people:

- Mpume Mbongo (chairperson)
- Mthokozisi Nkosi
- Tebogo Twala (treasurer-general)
- Jozua Loots
- Chris Pappas
- Kleinbooi Legoabe (secretary)
- Mrs L Schuld (Department of Finance)
- Dr W Jorissen

7. **New matters**

7.1 **Visit by the University of Dodoma (Tanzania)**

The chairperson welcomed the visitors from the University of Dodoma in Tanzania and explained the student governance structure of the University of Pretoria to them. He also introduced each SRC member and in turn the chairperson of the University of Dodoma introduced their members.

7.2 **Financial Training**

Tebogo proposed that the financial training session be moved to an earlier time slot so that those members who are going home, may do so early.

- ▶ **It was resolved that Tebogo must try and schedule the training sessions for 08:00 and 14:00 on 30 March 2012.**

7.3 Leadership Development

According to Tebogo she discussed the SRC's proposed international benchmarking trip with Prof Ogude. The aim of the trip will be to develop leadership and only 20% of the trip will be taken up by recreational activities.

- Tiaan distributed documents of the best universities in Africa.
- Proposed dates:
 - 7 July 2012
 - 9 July 2012
 - 14 July 2012

Due to the fact that it would be impractical to vote on the dates and exclude half of the SRC, the following resolution was taken:

- ▶ **Tiaan and Camille must research the best possible date and the best university to visit during the trip (all members must e-mail their preferences to Tiaan or Camille by 08:00 on Friday).**

7.4 Invitation to attend the African Student Representative Council Conference

Carried forward.

7.5 External Campuses

SRC members must e-mail their external campus preferences to Claudette – she will then allocate members using her own discretion.

7.6 Day and Faculty Houses

SRC members must also e-mail their faculty house preferences to Thinus – he will then allocate members using his own discretion.

7.7 Myrestweets

Thinus explained how this works. The feeds from day houses and residences are condensed in the tweet.

He also started a SRC Tweeter page and would like to allocate it to a more relevant person. According to the chairperson the SRC also has a Facebook page.

- ▶ **In future Jozua will take responsibility for the Tweeter and Facebook pages.**

7.8 Class Representative Meeting

According to Chris he will organize a meeting with all the class representatives on all the campuses. Everyone who wants to participate in the meeting must

please inform him by Friday 30 March 2012. This is a separate event than the training of the class representatives. Thinus also urged those members who nominated themselves to represent faculty houses to attend the meeting.

7.9 SRC Residence Representatives

Nic and Simóne allocated each SRC member to a residence and the responsibilities of SRC members towards the residences were circulated.

7.10 Plan of Action

7.10.1 First Draft

SRC members must submit their first POA draft by 30 March 2012 to Tebogo to enable her to compile a budget.

7.10.2 Final Draft

The final draft is due by 12 April 2012 and must be e-mailed to Mrs Botma and Mthokozisi.

7.11 Monthly Reports

The chairperson explained that SRC members must hand in a report each month (this must be e-mailed to Mrs Botma and Mthokozisi). The POA must also be realistic as the POA will be checked on a regular basis and everyone not conforming to their POA will be held accountable.

7.12 Attendance of Events

The chairperson stated he would like everyone to attend all major events to show their support.

- ▶ **Camille, Gerbrand and Tiaan must compile a list of all major events and they must let everyone know of upcoming events.**
- ▶ **The Tuks Rugby Team will play in the final of the Varsity Cup on Monday 9 April 2012 – Gerbrand, Tiaan and Camille to organize the event.**

7.13 Weekly meetings

Tebogo highlighted the importance of attending the meetings of the Statutory Committees of UP and the attendance of a meeting as a unit. SRC members must prepare collectively before attending such a meeting so that there are no surprises. SRC members who sit on the various Statutory Committees of UP and the Institutional Forum will be requested to give feedback on these meetings.

- ▶ **Except for the first meeting after the holidays, the weekly SRC meeting will take place at 19:00 on Mondays.**

7.14 **Constitutional Tribunal**

Consistent with the actions of the previous SRC, Jordan proposed that the Constitutional Tribunal should be invited to attend SRC meetings. Chris and Simba objected to this proposal stating that the judiciary and the SRC should be independent. Jozua explained that the rationale behind the invitation is in order for the Constitutional Tribunal to provide a legal opinion to the SRC when needed.

The chairperson highlighted the fact that it will not do justice to the case if they are asked to give an opinion and they do so in a space of six minutes.

- ▶ **It was decided that the Constitutional Tribunal will not be invited to attend SRC meetings.**

8. **General**

8.1 **Cansa Shavathon**

According to Camille she was approached by the people from the Shavathon who asked for volunteers from the SRC.

- ▶ **Camille must e-mail the dates and times of the events on the different campuses to everyone so they can respond by indicating which event they can attend.**

8.2 **Constitution for Student Governance**

According to Jozua the Standing Rules in Respect of Meetings are more directed at the Student Parliament and he asked for clarity as to which rules the SRC must follow.

- ▶ **Jordan must look into the matter.**

8.3 **International Students' Party**

A party will take place at Just Cuban on Thursday from 20:00 to 02:00 – please contact Simba if you want to attend.

8.4 **Official Clothing**

Nic requested SRC members to please wear official clothing when attending events (everyone agreed).

8.5 **Office Hours**

Mrs Botma requested that office doors should be open when SRC members do their office hours in order for them to be accessible to students.

8.6 **Registration of Societies**

Tsatsi requested assistance with processing the registration/re-registration documents of societies (Monday and Tuesday next week).

9. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 18:15 on 11 April 2012 in the Seminar Room, Roosmaryn.

10. **Closing**

The meeting adjourned.

CHAIRPERSON:

SECRETARY-GENERAL:

DATE: