

**University of Pretoria
Student Representative Council**

**Minutes of a meeting as held at 19:00 on 23 April 2012 in the Dean's
Boardroom, Roosmaryn**

1. Opening and welcome

The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Attendance

2.1 Present

Mthokozisi Nkosi	President
Kleinbooï Legoabe	Secretary-General
Tebogo Twala	Treasurer-General
Angel Bolosha	Community Engagement
Tsatsi Chauke	Societies
Pierre Cloete	Safety, Security & Facilities
Thinus Dicks	Day & Faculty Houses
Jordan Griffiths	Transport & Justice & Constitutions
Jozua Loots	Technology Development & Sponsorships
Thobekani Malatula	Culture & Language
Atlegang Mogale	Marketing
Chris Pappas	Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours
Camille Pienaar	Projects
Busisiwe Radebe	Student Well-Being
Nic Stead	Residences
Simba Tavuyanago	International Students
Claudette Veldhuizen	External Campuses
Tiaan Koen	Projects
Mpume Mbongo	Study Finance
Simóne Engelbrehct	Residences
Dr M Madiba	Director Student Affairs
Dr W Jorissen	Student Affairs

2.2 Absent with apology

Gerbrand Lindeque Deputy President & Service Providers

3. Announcements and correspondence

- Chris will be having a meeting with members from the Disabled Unit on 2 May 2012 to find out what their problems on campus are – he urged SRC members to please attend if they can
- The chairperson thanked everyone who attended the benchmarking trip to Cape Town – in particular Camille and Tiaan who organized the trip

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4. Confirmation of the agenda

The following points were added to the agenda:

6.2 Photo Shoot

7.7 SRC Training

7.8 Petrol compensation

7.9 Students sleeping on campus/external communication

5. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings

5.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2012 were approved as a true account of the meeting.

5.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2012 were approved as a true account of the meeting.

6. Matters forthcoming

6.1 Allocation of SRC members to residences

Simóne re-allocated Thobekani to Inca and Chris to Hippokrates. She also requested SRC members to please contact the residences allocated to them.

6.2 Photo Shoot

Atlegang stated the different time slots that are available for the photo shoot and suggested that the meeting should choose a time slot when everyone is available. According to Tebogo it will not be possible to go for the photo shoot this week because the cost centres for SRC members are not active yet.

- ▶ **Atlegang will communicate the time slot for the photo shoot to everyone once the cost centres are active.**

7. Matters to be discussed

7.1 Reflection on the SRC benchmarking tour

The chairperson requested everyone to reflect on the trip and the following issues were highlighted:

- The trip to the University of the Western Cape was beneficial and the SRC learned a lot from them

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- It is imperative to respect decisions once it is taken
- Respect other institutions
- Respect the roles of other portfolios
- Dominant leadership should exist at all times

The chairperson concluded by stating that is very important for the SRC to stay united at all times. Members should feel free to approach other SRC members if they have a problem what that person to discuss the matter.

7.2 Teamwork and unity within the SRC

The chairperson outlined key pillars that underline teamwork i.e.

- Trust
- A common sense of purpose
- Vibrant and genuine communication
- Mutual respect

7.3 The role of the SRC

According to the chairperson each member should remember his/her role and duties (everybody must know why they are on the SRC). Please read through the Code of Conduct and the constitution for Student Governance.

7.4 Student Parliament

According to the chairperson he will giving feedback about the activities of the SRC up to now at the next Student Parliament meeting and requested the SRC to please attend to support him.

7.5 Student Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SDAP)

Jordan has been communicating with the above structure. The Advisory Panel is run by law students and their role is to explain the different stages of a disciplinary hearing to students who are charged to appear before the UP Disciplinary Committee. They now want to become a service provider of the SRC and he proposed that the SRC should make a recommendation in this regard to the University.

Jozua wanted to know what makes a service provider a service provider. Tebogo suggested (and Chris concurred) that Jordan should provide all the relevant information in order for them to make an informed decision.

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- ▶ **The matter was carried forward to the next meeting – Jordan will e-mail the information to everyone but urged everyone to keep the information (and the template) confidential.**

7.6 Sêrrie Competition

Simóne stated that the Sêrrie Competition for the female and men's residences will take place on 2 and 3 May 2012 respectively. She urged SRC members to support the residences allocated to them and also to RSVP for the finals that will take place on 5 May 2012.

7.7 SRC Training

Tebogo indicated that Dr Madiba requested the SRC to indicate what training (apart from the normal training sessions) the SRC think they need. The meeting agreed that the following training is needed:

- Time Management
- Leadership Training
- Academic Support
- Media Interaction

- ▶ **Chris will contact Dr Nolte about academic support and he will also meet with people from GIBS with regard to leadership training – Dr Madiba will organize the other training sessions.**

7.8 Petrol compensation

According to Claudette the price of petrol is an impediment when they have to attend certain meetings on the Hatfield-campus and she proposed that SRC members should be compensated for their petrol use to attend meetings. Different viewpoints were raised but in the end no conclusion could be reached and the matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

7.9 Students sleeping on campus/external communication

The SRC acknowledged that, due to the fact that they do not have transport or accommodation, students sleep on campus.

- ▶ **The SRC must help to identify these students but should not comment to the media in their personal capacity.**

8. General

8.1 T-shirts

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During the benchmarking visit to the University of the Western Cape they donated T-shirts and diaries to the SRC – those who want one can contact Atlegang, Chris, Kleinbooie or Dr Jorissen.

8.2 Portfolio Committees

Thobekani highlighted two sections in the constitution for Student Governance in this regard that contradicts each other.

8.3 Post-Graduate Committee

Chris will establish a post-graduate working committee in his portfolio to address matters that affect post-graduate students. The Committee will consist of himself as chairperson, Tebogo Twala and Jozua Loots.

8.4 Time Management

Tsatsi urged the SRC to be punctual and respect other people's time at all times.

8.5 Tuks Student Christian Party (TSCP)

Busisiwe stated that, as per a decision taken by the Executive Committee, the SRC was supposed to sponsor TSCP by providing them with transport for their guests but this did not happen.

According to Tebogo the SRC was in Cape Town at that time and the TSC's budget is exhausted.

- ▶ **The SRC will reimburse the TSCP for costs incurred and apologize to them.**

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 19:00 on 7 May 2012.

10. Closing

The meeting adjourned.

CHAIRPERSON:

SECRETARY-GENERAL:

DATE: