

University of Pretoria

Student Representative Council

Minutes of a joint meeting between the outgoing TSC and the newly elected SRC as held at 16:30 on Tuesday 12 October 2010 in Conference Room 100

1. Opening and welcome

The chairperson of the TSC, Marius Ellis, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the aim of the meeting. He distributed information forms to the newly elected members of the SRC and then opened with prayer.

2. Attendance

2.1 TSC

Marius Ellis	Chairperson
Dineo Siko	Treasurer & Service Providers
Megan Howard	Marketing & Projects
Armand Goutondji	International Students & Relations & External Campuses
Nyasha Kuzinya	Societies
Awie Erasmus	Day & Faculties Houses
Mario Fasondini	Academic Affairs & Relations & External Campuses
Tiyani Majoko	Deputy Chairperson & Community Development
Zwelakhe Makuhleni	Student Affairs & PRO
Hanri Niemand	Residences
Michael Shackleton	Safety, Security & Facilities

2.2 SRC

Charl Oberholzer	President
Helgard Cronjé	Vice-President
Katlego Malatji	Secretary-General
Liza-Mari Coetzee	Treasurer-General
Quintin Botha	
Tjaart de Lange	
Hügo Krüger	
Leonaye Massyn	
Michael Matlapeng	
Johannes Muller	
Kendi Mwabila	
Mthokozisi Nkosi	
Duncan Platt	
Jaide Schempers	
Simiso Ntlozi	
Gillian Siwela	
Anzél Steyn	
Anné Thiart	
Tebogo Twala	
Nadine van der Haar	
Mark Vorster	

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3. Announcements and correspondence

The name list was circulated and SRC members were requested to fill in the outstanding information.

4. Confirmation of the agenda

The increase in class fees for 2011 was added to the agenda as point 6.2.

5. Approval of the minutes of previous TSC meetings

5.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2010 was approved as a true account of the meeting.

5.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2010 was approved as a true account of the meeting.

6. New matters

6.1 TSC Feedback Report, discussion and question and answer session

Mr. Ellis emphasized that the SRC need to focus on the constitution and make sure that they are familiar with the content thereof. He then gave feedback on the activities of the TSC (how they came into being, the duration of their term and the portfolios). The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary-General and Treasurer-General form the Executive Committee but the TSC also had the following portfolios:

- Justice & Constitutions
- International Students & Relations & External Campuses
- Marketing & Projects
- Residences
- Students Affairs & PRO
- Day & Faculty Houses
- Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours
- Community Engagement (Deputy Chairperson)
- Service Providers (Treasurer)

He explained the duties of each portfolio.

6.2 New possibilities

- Student Funds & Sponsorships
- Transport & Accommodation
- Statistics (linking with universities worldwide)
- Community Awareness
- Technology & New Improvements
- Disabled Students

He explained the matter in depth and then opened the floor for questions.

Question:

- Mthokozisi wanted to know what is being done for students with financial problems.

The treasurer, Dineo Siko explained in-depth about how NSFAS, Edu Loan and the “grouping format” of financial assistance and expanded on the Bokamoso Study Fund. Mthokozisi then wanted to know about “returned money”. Dineo then explained the scope of authority of the SRC.

- Nadine wanted to know about other portfolios and Marius suggested that she should read through the constitution or discuss the matter with the current president, Charl Oberholzer.
- Megan suggested a possible training session between the SRC and the TSC but according to Marius this will not be possible.
- Nadine pointed out that the portfolios will be established and elected by the Student Parliament. Marius did not agree with this system and suggested that they should be invited to the Student Parliament to give their recommendations.

6.2 **Increase in class fees for 2011**

Marius provided more information giving the extensive reasons for the increase e.g. new buildings, NSFAS, purchase of land, etc. The numerical breakdown was discussed in depth and the flaws in the increase were pointed out. It was suggested that this matter should be handled with caution.

Duncan wanted to know whether the SRC has influence over the government subsidy – According to Marius and Katlego this is possible.

Kendi wanted to know whether Edu Loan is also applicable on international students and according to Nyasha and Dineo it is only applicable on SADEC countries.

Marius and Katlego emphasized that the SRC need to be there for the students.

7. **General**

Marius encouraged the newly elected SRC to be diligent.

8. **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting could not be determined.

9. **Closing**

The meeting adjourned.