

**University of Pretoria
Student Representative Council**

**Minutes of a meeting as held at 19:00 on Monday 31 January
2011 in the Committee Room, Tukkieurf**

1. Opening and welcome

The chairperson opened the meeting and extended a special word of welcome to Kari from Tuks Rag.

2. Attendance

Charl Oberholzer	President
Helgard Cronjé	Deputy President & Internal/External Enterprises
Katlego Malatji	Secretary-General
Liza-Mari Coetzee	Treasurer-General
Quintin Botha	Day and Faculty Houses
Tjaart de Lange	Community Development
Hügo Krüger	Multi-Lingualism & Culture
Leonaye Massyn	Tukkie Pride
Michael Matlapeng	Student Justice & Constitutions
Johannes Muller	Projects
Kendi Mwabila	International Students
Mthokozisi Nkosi	Study Finance & Transport
Duncan Platt	Service Providers & IT
Jaide Schempers	PRO & Sponsorships
Gillian Siwela	External Campuses
Anzel Steyn	Residences
Anné Thiart	Societies
Tebogo Twala	Tukkie Pride
Nadine van den Haar	Student Well-Being
Mark Vorster	Safety, Security & Facilities
Raymond Ntlozi	Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours

3. Announcements and correspondence

- According to Mark a party bus will not be allowed to form part of the Rag Procession and, for security reasons, it was decided to use land cruisers.
- According to Quinton a new day house (Metamophos) was formed.
- Johannes was very unhappy with the SRC's poor attendance of Welcoming Day – in future money will be deducted from members' honorarium for non-attendance of events.

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4. Confirmation of the agenda

- 4.1 Point 6.7 was moved to point 6.1.

4.2 The following points were added to the agenda:

- 7.1 Safety in Tukkiewerf (Mark)
- 7.2 Winter Project (Simiso)
- 7.3 Race Activity (Nadine)
- 7.4 Senate Appeals Committee (Charl)
- 7.5 Perdeby headline boards (Mark)
- 7.6 New Day House (Duncan)
- 7.7 Bokamoso Fund

The chairperson wanted to know from the Secretary-General whether he wanted to add his request for a cell phone to the agenda but the Secretary-General declined saying that the matter can be discussed under point 7 (General Matters).

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Carried forward to the next meeting.

6. NEW MATTERS

6.1 Tukkies Brand

Kari Tuks Rag) presented an idea to raise funds for charity by creating a “brand” aimed at the Tuks Brand i.e. a T-shirt design incorporating funky writing in front and selling ad space to the SRC on the back. Duncan and Mark questioned the ethics of the SRC in assisting a debutant.

A question and answer session followed. The SRC will discuss the matter and get back to her.

Katlego suggested that the above project should be executed on a small scale to assist Tuks Rag to get exposure. Mark highlighted the limited SRC funds whilst Charl highlighted the importance of picking one brand for the SRC and Leonaye suggested that the SRC should still carry on the brand after the crowning of the Rag Queen.

The matter whether or not to support the Debutant Project as presented by Tuks Rag was put to the vote:

For:	7
Against:	11
Abstain:	2

6.2 SRC : Success and Feedback

According to Charl the SRC must announce and give feedback of all their accomplishments every week.

Anné	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified societies who failed to submit their Management Reports in 2010
Duncan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted a student with 7 distinctions from Orkney to obtain placement and financial aid. Set up a SRC web site.
Jaide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is hard at work to get sponsors.
Johannes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booked the Piazza for the whole year for bi-weekly SRC events
Katlego	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the need to assist students on a daily basis through the Hot Spot Campaign.
Kendi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized a project to assist International Students. The Welcoming Day for International Students was successful.
Liza-Mari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalized the SRC budget.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The successes of the Hot Spot Campaign was highlighted. The Doxa Deo camp was attended. The faculty blazers had to be returned. The SRC will meet with Wannabee to discuss their poor service. Charl met with the Perdeby and Tuks FM. Successful feedback on the Teaching and Learning Symposium (vowed to assist with seminars for matriculants). Top Management paid for the corrections to the Tuks Rag Diary after intervention by the SRC. The "kierie" tradition received the thumbs up. Because of the SRC's input with regard to the appointment of the Vice-Principal, the process was suspended and will now start from scratch
Mthokozisi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked for assistance for a Vodacom sponsored Math Olympiad Student with high marks to gain access to the University
Nadine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized a Praise and Worship Event for Well-Being HC members

6.3 Training dates for 2011

The following compulsory training sessions were scheduled for 2011 and members were requested to diarize these dates:

Date	Time	Type of training	Venue
25 February	13:00-16:00	Basic Etiquette	Seminar Room, T/werf
4 March	13:00-16:00	Life Skills Training	Seminar Room, T/werf

11 March	13:00-16:00	Self Management, etc.	Seminar Room, T/werf
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6.4 **Hot Spot Campaign : Review and Comments**

Nadine raised concerns about the unfairness of residence placements. Katlego set up a time to explain the Hot Spot Campaign to the whole SRC. Anzel explained the full policy and procedure and how placements work at the Department Residence Affairs and Accommodation. The matter was discussed in depth. The chairperson requested Katlego (and Jaide) to make a note of the number of students assisted by the Hot Spot Campaign so that it can be communicated to the student community via the Perdeby.

6.5 **Portfolios**

Charl highlighted the proposals to the Student Parliament.

According to Hugo and Michael the SRC has the prerogative to move on without the proposal but Charl wants to establish a good relationship with the Student Parliament and according to him this proposal is the best option. Hugo emphasized the need to honor the constitution but according to Charl the constitution can be interpreted in different ways. According to Gillian and Anzel, the Student Parliament will fight the SRC just for the sake of it if the SRC insist on negotiating with them on everything. Consensus was reached that a formal interpretation of this part in the constitution for Student Governance should be obtained.

The following amendments were suggested:

First suggestions

1. That the responsibilities of the Transport and Parking portfolio should be allocated as follows:
 - Transport be allocated to the Student Financial Aid portfolio. The reason for this is that this member is passionate to solve the Transport issues on campus and he would like to have this under his portfolio.
 - The Parking portfolio be allocated to Safety, Security and Facilities portfolio because this member already spend a lot of time on this issue.

Second suggestion

That the Societies and Service Provider portfolio be split in two and that Technology be added to the Service Provider portfolio.

It was suggested that this portfolio be split in two because of the workload and also because not one of the SRC members has the passion for both the

Societies and the Service Providers. The SRC member for Service Providers would like to handle the technology needs of the SRC and he is very skilled in this.

The Society portfolio has a large workload (especially during the re-registration/registration period) and should therefore be a portfolio on its own.

Third suggestion

That the wording of the Student Health portfolio be changed to Student Well-Being so as to not restrict the portfolio to health issues only.

Fourth suggestion

That the Community Development and Projects portfolio should be divided into two different portfolios.

It was also suggested that the name of the Satellite Campuses portfolio be changed to External Campuses. The reason for this is because the official wording used when referring to other UP campuses is "external campuses". A few years back the wording was changed on request of the students on these campuses because according to them "satellite campuses" inferred that the other campuses are inferior to the Hatfield campus which it is not.

6.6 Honoraria

It was decided to postpone voting on this issue until the breakdowns were received.

6.7 Project : Undercover bus waiting areas

It was agreed that the SRC should investigate the possibility to provide covered areas for students waiting for the bus.

6.8 SRC Clothing

SRC members must hand in their golf shirts to add the Afrikaans wording. It was also decided that SRC members should wear their golf shirts and carry their "kieries" on Thursdays.

6.9 Booking of the Piazza

Members who want to use the Piazza for portfolio events must identify the dates they want to use and book it well in advance to avoid disappointment.

6.10 New gifts for the Class Representatives

In the past badges were distributed to the class representatives to thank them for all their hard work. Simiso thought it would be a good idea to replace these

badges with something new and everyone must please think of economical alternatives.

6.11 List : Graduation Ceremonies

A list of the graduation ceremonies was circulated with the request that members should please indicate which ceremonies they will attend – please remember to be on time.

6.12 Calendar and scheduled meeting times

Tjaart requested that meeting times should be set in advance.

- ▶ **The Secretary-General must set the dates and times.**

7. General

7.1 Security in Tukkiewerf – Mark

He raised the following concerns about security in Tukkiewerf:

- He stated that some of the SRC members are giving their student cards (and even office keys) to non-SRC members and this is a serious offence of the Code of Conduct. Furthermore non-SRC members are being left alone in SRC offices and he even observed some students working on the computers.
- He highlighted the rules applicable on the Tukkiewerf offices i.e. that only two guests are allowed in the SRC offices at any given time.
- According to Katlego, hardworking SRC members should be allowed to have friends in their offices to keep them company while they work.
- Mark emphasized the rules applicable on the use of the SRC offices and stated that Tukkiewerf should not become the social hub of the Hatfield campus.

7.2 Winter Project – Simiso

He explained the project and requested the SRC to pledge their assistance. Tjaart spoke to the person heading the project and explained that the SRC is under-resourced but they will assist by giving their time.

7.3 Road race – Nadine

To promote their visibility, the SRC should take part in the BestMed Road race on 19 February 2011 – the SRC decided to take part in the 1 km race.

7.4 Senate Appeals Committee – Charl

He explained the current procedure. The SRC have to decide on a person to fill the Registrar's prerogative seat. After a long discussion the matter was put to the vote and it was decided to form a committee of political parties and propose that this seat should be left unfilled. Should this fail, then a student will be headhunted to fill the seat.

The result of the voting was as follows:

FOR: 17
AGAINST: -
ABSTAIN: 4

7.5 Perdeby headline boards – Mark

He explained that the Perdeby wants to put up headline boards (similar to that put up by the daily press in the streets) – the SRC supports this idea.

7.6 New Day House – Duncan

He proposed that the SRC should donate money to the new day house. It was agreed that Management be requested to make provision for the new day house in their allocation of money to the day and faculty houses.

7.7 Bokamoso Fund

The SRC will provide an amount in excess of R10 000 for this fund.

7.8 Banning of alcohol in Student Centre as proposed by the Dean of Students, Prof. Speckman

Voting took place after the matter was discussed in depth.

The result of the voting was as follows:

FOR: 14
AGAINST: 4
ABSTAIN: 3

7.9 International Students – Kendi

She requested the SRC to be more helpful with regard to international students and take them seriously.

8. Date of next meeting

The Secretary-General must set a date for the next meeting.

9. **Closing**

The meeting adjourned.