



**VSR / SRC**

**Minutes of a meeting as held at 17:30 on 12 April 2011 in the Committee Room, Tukkieurf**

**1. Opening and welcome**

The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Attendance**

**2.1 Present**

Charl Oberholzer	President
Gillian Siwela	External Campuses
Michael Matlapeng	Justice & Constitutions
Tebogo Twala	Tukkie Pride
Mthokozisi Nkosi	Student Finance & Transport
Quintin Botha	Day & Faculty Houses
Johannes Muller	Projects
Anné Thiar	Societies
Raymond Ntlozi	Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours
Anzel Steyn	Residences
Leonaye Massyn	Tukkie Pride
Kendi Mwabila	International Students & Relations
Tjaart de Lange	Student Wellbeing
Nadine van der Haar	Community Development
Katlego Malatji	Secretary-General (late)
Helgard Cronje	Deputy President (late)

**2.2 Absent with apology**

Liza-Mari Coetzee	Treasurer-General
Jaide Schempers	PRO & Sponsorships
Hügo Krüger	Multi-Lingualism & Culture
Mark Vorster	Safety, Security & Facilities
Duncan Platt	Service Providers & Technology

**3. Announcements and correspondence**

- The closing date for the applications for the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary is on 10 May 2011.

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- **Tebogo** – Attendance of the mass meeting is compulsory. The chairperson requested those members who cannot attend, to please hand in an apology.
- **Raymond** – Please wear your faculties when attending the graduation ceremonies.
- **Tjaart**
  - ▶ He thanked everyone who attended the mega Praise and Worship event.
  - ▶ He is unable to attend tomorrow's graduation ceremony.
  - ▶ Tuks Sport requested an amount of R7 298,75 to buy equipment for the blind cricket team.
- **Leonaye** – The attendance of the compulsory office hour session in the Piazza last week was poor.

#### **4. Confirmation of the agenda**

The agenda was confirmed.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2011 was approved as a true account of the meeting.

#### **6. Matters from the previous minutes**

##### **6.1 Printing in computer room – Duncan**

Duncan is absent with apology - Carried forward.

##### **6.2 SIFE – Raymond**

The SRC allocated funds to them but they failed to inform the SRC timeously about the dates of their community projects.

- ▶ **The chairperson requested Nadine to contact them and request them to provide information about projects timeously.**

##### **6.3 Ty's Proposal – Chairperson**

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Student Representative Council*

The executive committee and Tebogo had a meeting with a representative from Ty's.

- They want to sponsor music/sound and a motor bike.
- They want the SRC to help them run a responsible drinking campaign and their proposal can be amended by the SRC if necessary. The chairperson received a letter from Prof Grové requesting the SRC to make a principled decision about liquor and tobacco sponsorships.
- They also requested that liquor and tobacco "sponsorships" should be reconsidered in terms of ethics.

Anzel wanted to know if the sponsorship includes the residences because, according to the residences, the sponsorship is necessary as it provide immense financial support to build the Rag floats, socials, Pot & Pons etc. Mthokozisi felt that the SRC will benefit more than it will cost them. Raymond felt that the SRC should support the proposal because it encourages responsible drinking but according to Anzel "sponsorship" is a vague term and wanted to know whether the sponsorship includes T-shirts. According to Quintin this may create the wrong impression as students may think that the SRC is sponsored by "clubbing" while Michael was of the opinion that the proposal should be endorsed because this will foster good relations with prospective sponsors in terms of finances for financially needy students.

The chairperson felt that the SRC has a responsibility to act responsibly but Leonaye felt that the regulations regarding sponsorships (alcohol and tobacco) should rather be improved and that it should not be obliterated.

- ▶ **The chairperson will refer the matter to Prof Grové to get more information about the implications of revoking alcohol and tobacco sponsorships (especially with regard to residences).**

According to Tebogo this is an opportunity to support responsible drinking and obtain sound for the SRC's events in the Piazza whilst Michael was of the opinion that more information about the frequency of the buses should be provided by Ty's and according to Helgard the rules and regulations must be clearly stated in a contract.

The matter whether the SRC should support the sponsorship (motorcycle and sound) was put to the vote but the details must be amended by the next meeting. The results were as follows:

FOR:	8
AGAINST:	4
ABSTAIN	2

- ▶ **The proposal was accepted – Michael and Helgard must refine the proposal.**

**7. New Matters**

**7.1 Pilot questionnaire : Institutional Forum Survey**

The above documents were placed in the SRC's post boxes. The chairperson requested everyone to send their comments, clarity seeking questions etc. to him via e-mail.

**7.2 Feeding Scheme – Nadine**

The funds for the Feeding Scheme have been exhausted and the SRC should come up with an alternative. According to Tebogo the SRC cannot help everyone whilst Raymond was of the opinion that the Feeding Scheme is being abused by students who do not need it and he is of the opinion that the scheme must be regulated better. Nadine felt that more objective criteria were needed. Raymond suggested that Prof Speckman should be requested to review the students on the feeding scheme who do not financially deserve it and that they should be replaced with more deserving students.

**7.3 Temporary accommodation – Nadine**

She wanted to know whether it would be possible to consider/organize emergency assistance for students in dire need of accommodation because they do not have the funds or whose bursaries were revoked.

The chairperson suggested that the matter must be referred to the Dean of Students. According to Tebogo long term prospects for students have to be considered. Although he has sympathy with students in need of accommodation, the chairperson indicated that the SRC cannot help them all year round. According to Anzel the residences are filled to capacity and they cannot help either.

- ▶ **The chairperson requested Anzel to find out the status of available rooms from the administrative HC-members of the residences.**

**7.4 Personal announcement – Nadine**

She announced that, due to academic constraints, she is resigning from the SRC with immediate effect.

**7.5 Allocation of respective positions – Nadine**

She is currently serving on the following committees and as a result of her resignation, these positions must be filled by someone else:

- Community Engagement Forum
- Institutional Forum
- Senate Committee for Integrated Student Support
- Core Committee for Transformation

- ▶ **The chairperson indicated that the positions on the Institutional Forum and the Senate Committee for Transformation will be dealt with at the next meeting.**

**7.6 Recycling facilities – Nadine**

Quintin must give the details of Mondi's paper recycling facilities to Mark so that he can discuss it with Facilities Management during a meeting with them.

**7.7 Graduation ceremony – Nadine**

She attended a graduation ceremony on behalf of the SRC but was told that she was not on the list and she was turned away. According to Raymond the issue was brought to the attention of the relevant coordinator.

**7.8 Scheduling of test at night – Raymond**

He suggested that all faculties should have a "test week" of their own as this will lessen the number of tests written at night.

- ▶ **The chairperson will take the matter up at the Principal's Forum.**

**7.9 High food prices in residences – Charl**

They had a meeting with Management. Short and long term proposals/solutions were put forward by Management and the percentage for the decrease in food prices will be decided on next week. The long term proposals will deal with quality issues etc. Anzel and two representatives from the residences will help with the process of item sales. A pilot study to evaluate the effectiveness of both proposals will start immediately. Outsourcing and price cuts will take place. During the meeting with Management the SRC indicated that they are not happy with Management's offer to decrease prices by 5% as they felt that it should be more than that and the SRC representatives will negotiate for the highest possible decrease.

The matter was discussed in depth.

**7.10 Plan of Action – Charl**

He indicated that the SRC's Plan of Action should be completed as soon as possible so that it can be sent out to the Student Parliament.

**7.11 Tour to Tanzania – Johannes**

The tour will take place from 7 – 16 July 2011.

**7.12 Charity proposal - Johannes**

He proposed that the student community should be involved in a project to obtain clothing donations (maybe next week).

**7.13 Passports**

The passports must be finalized (Liza-Mari and Anné will not go on tour).

**7.14 Golf shirts (2 different styles) – Leonaye**

The matter was put to the vote:

Plain navy shirts: 8

Nay and white shirts: 5

► **Leonaye will order the plain navy shirts.**

**8. General**

**8.1 Proposal for funding : Student Sport – Charl**

Tjaart received a proposal from Student Sport for funding for gear for the blind cricket. The chairperson indicated that the allocation to Student Sport was increased by R20 000,00 this year. According to Tebogo Student Sport is constantly looking for more funds for all their events and it is just becoming too much. Helgard suggested that the SRC should look at an alternative sponsor.

The matter whether or not to assist them with a random amount was put to the vote and the results were as follows:

FOR: 3

AGAINST: 8

ABSTAIN: 2

► **Not approved.**

**9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 18:00 on Tuesday 19 April 2011.

**10. Closing**

The meeting adjourned.