

## **SRC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE: MONDAY 18 JULY 2022**

**TIME: 18H00**

**VENUE: RA ROOM**

### **Agenda**

- 2022.19.01 Attendance
- 2022.19.02 Confirmation of Minutes
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- 2022. 19.04 Matters Arising
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- 2022. 19.10 SRC Toy Drive
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- 2022. 19.12 Student Development and Support
- 2022.19. 13 Other Matters Arising
- 2022. 19.14 Date and Time of Next Meeting, TBC

### **Minutes**

#### **2022.19.01 Attendance**

#### **Present:**

- President: Mr Bothale Modisaotsile
- Vice-President: Ms. Tinashe Hlako
- Secretary-General: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- Postgraduates Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo
- International Affairs: Ms. Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Activism and Transformation: Mr. Ibabale Sobekwa
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms. Lerato Pae

- Oppidan: Ms. Omphulusa Nengwekhulu
- Projects Manager: Mr. Bongani Pellemu (Late with apology)
- Sports & Societies: Mr. Asanda Kubheka
- Student Benefits & Sponsorship: Mr. Pfano Mulaudzi
- Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili

### **2022.19.02 Confirmation of Minutes**

- Council resolved to relook minutes. A new google document would be created for the new semester's minutes.

### **2022.19.03. Declaration of Conflict**

- No conflict was declared.

### **2022. 19.04 Matters Arising:**

- Mr. President welcomed Mr. Ibabale Sobekwa as the new Activism and Transformation Councillor.

#### Leadership Week

- Madam Vice-President reported that she would approach the EC Liquor Board for speakers on the effects of alcohol on reproduction and possibly receive T-shirts through the collaboration. She was awaiting feedback from SAUL and had scheduled a meeting with the Alumni House to find out how they could get involved. Madam Vice-President would share the ideas through email for the Council to add suggestions by Wednesday.
- Madam Community Engagement enquired on which universities had confirmed their attendance. Madam Vice-President noted that invitations had not been sent out yet.
- Mr. Ofei expressed his disapproval with the manner in which Leadership Week was handled. He stated that the last time the SRC had a successful Leadership Week was in 2019. He noted that he had provided Madam Vice-President with suggestions, schedule and regular reminders from early on however, Leadership Week still became watered-down.
- Madam Secretary-General noted that Madam Vice-President did her best despite the lack of a proper handover. She requested Mr. Ofei to not be too harsh with the deductions.

#### SRC Elections

- Mr. Ofei noted that the SRC elections would be beginning from Wednesday with the electronic application forms changed from last year to allow candidates to apply for many portfolios as they wish. However, he noted that council should advise candidates that that could result in them limiting their chances of success. He noted that council should begin prepping preparing their succession plan and encourage substructures to apply. He further noted that he had not seen any reposts of council activities

- on the residence group as he normally sees them in the societies group. He requested counsel to be cognizant of the fact that the nomination could not be extended due to IDP. He further noted that postgraduate students normally were not interested and requested for the Council to push in this regard.
- DH visits would start on Thursday, the 21 st of July instead of Wednesday. Mr. Ofei requested cancel to be effective and not sit at the same table no utilize the top-down approach. He noted that council should be able to communicate with constituents.
  - Mr. off a reported that rehearsal for the inauguration would be on Tuesday, the 9 th of August at 16:00 at Eden Grove with candidates.
  - Mr. Environmental requested clarity on the confidentiality rules especially with guarding how to relay information the Council is aware of regarding candidates. Mr. Ofei noted that questions would come from the IEC however if the Council had any questions they could e- mail Mr. Dingaan or Mr. Sisesakhe. However, he highlighted that the Council should let the student body decide and refrain from asking portfolio specific questions themselves.
  - Madam Vice President inquired about the specific portfolio videos councillors were meant to take. Mr. Ofei comed the idea if there was enough time to implement it. The Council decided they would meet before the student body meeting on Thursday, the 21 st to take videos.
  - Mr. President suggested class visits to encourage participation. A timetable would be drawn for the different lecture venue visits.

### **2022.19. 05 Housekeeping**

- Madam Secretary-General wished the former Activism and Transformation councillor well.
- Madam Secretary-General noted that herself and Madam Community Engagement would be 1 hour 20 minutes late for the student body meeting due to a test. Mr. Student Benefits and Sponsorships would also be unavailable as he would be attending an entrepreneurship workshop.
- Madam Secretary-General requested council members to please sign out whenever leaving the office. She noted that the Council's report had been edited but requested cancelled to use the 2021 report template for future reports. Madam Secretary-General noted that the bonding session would occur sometime the weekend after the elections to allow council members to rest. She further needed to determine the budget needed for these sessions.
- Madam Secretary-General noted that the council was denied new uniforms as the University felt that the Council did not make regular use of uniforms. Madam Secretary-General requested that the Council should make more use of their purple golfers regularly on Thursday. Mr. Sports and Societies highlighted that some council members had not been provided with uniforms in five months. Madam Secretary-General noted that she had not been aware but requested councillors to e-mail their quotations to her. Madam Postgraduate Affairs noted that the Council had used the uniforms a lot at the beginning of the year resulting in them being worn out. She further noted that this was not a good

representation of the institution. She further requested Madam Treasurer-General to report on the Council's budget and what had been used thus far.

- The Council concluded that black golfers and places would be worn at the dining hall visits.
- Madam Secretary- General noted that Madam Treasurer-General had still not submitted her report. Madam Treasurer-General was currently on leave but would be available online.
- Madam International enquired about why the quotation for bomber jackets had been cancelled. Madam Secretary-General explained that the design council members had approved had been discontinued. BNM had not communicated this even though the quotation was requested a month ago. There was general consensus that the Council would purchase the cheaper bomber jackets from Xtreme and use the leftover money to purchase black golfer T-shirts; council members would go for fitting by Friday.

#### **2022. 19. 06 Feedback**

- Mr. President stated that the Language Committee would be meeting on Thursday to discuss the language policy. There was general consensus that Mr. Activism and Transformation would attend as it formed a part of his portfolio.
- Mr. Residence reported that he had met with the residence representatives over the weekend and is scheduled to meet with them again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.
- Madam International enquired about whether the families had been invited to the dining hall renaming event and Mr. President answered in the affirmative. She also enquired on the refurbishing of the SRC offices and the Council noted that it was not considered a priority at the moment as there were other buildings being repaired at the time.

#### **2022. 19.08 August Event**

- Madam Vice-President noted that proposals for events should be sent to her beforehand. There was general consensus that the event would be considered once there was a proposal.

#### **2022. 19. 09 Campus Life Brief**

- Mr. Student Benefits and Sponsorships explained that this was a free website for students to buy and sell textbooks and access accommodation.
- Mr. Sports and Societies noted that the Council had history with the selling of textbooks and enquired on how they would secure the student body's trust. Madam Vice-President enquired on how the platform would filter their platform and ensure safety and what would be needed from the SRC.
- Mr. Student Benefits and Sponsorships noted that he had a meeting set with the organisers for Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of July at 13:00-13:45 and would bring up the Council's concerns.

#### **2022. 19.10 SRC Toy Drive**

- Madam Community Engagement explained that she had received permission to utilise the toy library for the program. She noted that she would confirm details with the CSD once they

opened on Tuesday, the 19 th of July. She requested council members to refrain from showing the children's faces in pictures and videos. She further reminded council members to send her their available times by 23:59 on Tuesday, the 19 th of July.

- Mr. Environment volunteered for the IsiXhosa reading play date.

### **2022. 19.11 SRC GBV: A series of events**

- Madam Community Engagement reported that the instructors for the self-defence classes for residence students and oppidans had agreed to be a part of the project. She noted that she would circulate a google document for session sign-ups once dates have been confirmed.

There was general consensus that Mr. Residence and Madam Oppidan would be included in the program.

- Madam Community explained that the "Tell me a story" submissions were not for selection processes but rather to filter the information and ideologies in the stories. Madam Community Engagement would conduct the event in the presence of psychologists for guidance and would receive training from them. There was general consensus that Madam Community Engagement would allocate another individual to chair the event to avoid long lasting effects on herself.

### **2022. 19.12 Student Development and Support**

- Mr Ofei requested the Council to communicate strategic issues in meetings and to add to the Constitution after benchmarking.

- He noted that the Council should promote what should be discussed in the student body meeting in order to avoid redundancy and distractions, for example there should be no SRC accountability in student body meetings as there are proper avenues available to students.

- Mr. Ofei requested the councillors send any memories from the SRC from the beginning of the year to Madam Media to compile a reflection video.

- Mr Ofei noted that Rhodes University experienced poor academic performance and this was mainly due to issues that came up which caused anxiety. He requested counsel to voice this in meetings. Mr Ofei congratulated Madam VP for the results she produced. He further requested counsel to consider how the SRC could promote academic excellence for students and submit this to Madam Academic to compile as the Councils contribution to the issue.

### **2022.19. 13 Other Matters Arising**

#### **IDP review**

- Madam Vice-President noted that the IDP review session would take place at Barret at 18:00 on the 22 nd of July and it was compulsory for council members to attend. She noted that it would not be a rework session as suggestions has already been sent.

- There was general consensus that the session would be limited to 1 hour.

- There was general consensus that the council would request Mr. Ofei to do away with the meeting in August as it would be a repetition.

Environmental survey

- Mr. Environmental explained that the survey would be sent to students and would be used to inform the environmental statistics and the incoming councillor of student issues as well as let students have a say in environmental sustainability. He invited council members to add questions to the document.

**2022. 19.14 Date and Time of Next Meeting, TBC**

- The next meeting would be on Monday, the 25 th of July at 18:00.

**The meeting adjourned at 21:55.**