

**SRC COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022**

**TIME: 14H00**

**VENUE: RA ROOM**

**AGENDA**

1. Attendance
2. Saturday exams

**Minutes of meeting**

**1. Attendance**

**Present:**

- President: Mr Botlhale Modisaotsile
- Vice President: Ms. Tinashe Hlako
- Treasurer General: Ms. Palesa Makoli
- International Affairs: Ms. Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Postgraduates Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo
- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms. Lerato Pae

- Oppidan: Ms. Omphulusa Nengwekhulu
- Projects Manager: Mr. Bongani Pellemu
- Sports & Societies: Mr. Asanda Kubheka
- Student Benefits & Sponsorship: Mr. Pfano Mulaudzi
- Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili
- Student Development and Support: Mr. Eric

### Apologies

- Secretary General: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- Activism and Transformation: Ms. Lebo Ramohapi

## **2. Saturday exams**

- The feedback on the meeting with the registrar was as follows:
  - In the second and third weeks of exams, there would be exams written on Saturday.
  - This was done in order to avoid conjunction in the timetable and prolong the marking period.
  - The faculties affected would be Law, Humanities and Science.
  - Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) students who would write on a Saturday would be affected. However, they would be able to apply for an exemption from the relevant faculty.
  - Queries from students would be directed to the SRC. However, the council members expressed their dissatisfaction with this as the SRC was not involved in the decision.
- Councilors suggested that:
  - The rules to the exemption for the Saturday exams should be flexible.

- The council had a duty to inform the student body about what was happening and suggested that the SRC should release a statement to this effect before the draft timetable is released.
- The council should call for an emergency meeting with the Vice Chancellor to express the council's displeasure and call an emergency student body meeting to get the students' perspective.
- Students should CC Madam Secretary General when sending their queries to the Registrar for the council to have a record of the number of students affected by the Saturday exams.

- The SDS recalled that in 2005, the University was able to retract its decision to have an exam on Youth Day and noted that the University had reasons to stop Saturday exams and wondered if those reasons were no longer relevant. The Council stated that the Deans of the affected faculties had requested the Saturday exams.

- The resolution from the council was:

1. A statement would be released, with the help of the Media team, on the 27th of May 2022.
2. A WhatsApp message would be sent to the societies group to encourage them to engage with the statement.
3. An emergency meeting would be called with the Vice Chancellor and the Deans of the faculties of law, humanities and science on the 27th of April 2022.