

SRC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 11 APRIL 2023

TIME: 18H30

VENUE: RA ROOM

2023.19.01 Welcome & Attendance

Welcome

-The Council read the SRC Oath.

Attendance

Present:

- President: Ms Avuxeni Tyala
- Vice President: Ms Putuma Balintulo
- Secretary General: Mr Lazarus Kgageng
- Treasurer General: Mr Varshan Pillay
- Media: Ms Nqobile Makamu
- Activism and Transformation: Mr Ibabale Sobekwa
- Environmental: Mr James Njoloza
- International Affairs: Ms Tsidzo Hove
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms Milisa Mamase
- Residence: Mr Simphiwe Mnyande
- Sports and Societies: Mr Buhle Luthuli
- Projects Manager: Mr Thabiso Ngubane
- Student Benefits and Sponsorships: Mr Indiphile Ralo
- Student Development and Support Officer: Mr Eric Ofei

Absent:

-Community Engagement: Mr Lihle Manene (On leave)

-Oppidan: Mr Adrian February

-Academic: Ms Tshepo Malebane (excused, with a provision to submit a doctor's note)

2023.19.02 Leave of Absence

-Mr Community Engagement

2023.19.03 Confirmation of Minutes

-The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed with amendments. Mr Treasurer-General confirmed them, and Mr Environmental seconded the confirmation.

2023.19.04 Declaration of Conflict

-No conflict was declared.

2023.19.05 Matters Arising

2023.19.5.1 Leadership Week

-Ms Vice President apprised the Council that the letters still needed the Vice-Chancellor's signature.

-Ms Vice President relayed to Council that they had to start thinking about the actual event—whether it would be a roundtable or an activation, et cetera.

-Council could motivate for main themes they strongly felt about and send them to Ms Vice President.

-Ms President requested that the main themes got divided among Council groups so that the groups could find consolidated and narrow themes of the main themes.

-Mr Ofei emphasised to the Council that they should not get local people as speakers—Speakers needed to be inspiring enough to attract people to attend.

2023.19.5.2 High Court Stance

-Mr Student Benefits and Sponsorships (hereinafter Mr SBS) relayed to the Council that he would start speaking to public schools from tomorrow onwards as the schools had been on holiday. He has only got to talk to two schools so far.

-Ms Vice President stated that the municipality had confirmed their support, and they were waiting for the letter of support from the University.

-Mr. Secretary-General would carry on with visiting businesses tomorrow.

-The Council would use the letter Mr Secretary-General drafted to the businesses. Mr Secretary-General would circulate the letter to Council by tonight for modification. The modified letter would be used as a standard letter of support to be sent out to external supporters.

-There was a suggestion for the Council to create a petition in addition to the march.

-The Council would subdivide themselves into groups to go around town for mobilisation before the 20th of April 2023.

-The Council would ask businesses to advertise the march on their premises.

-Ms President would look at the legal implications of having a march by tomorrow.

-The Council would finalise the date of the march on their WhatsApp group.

2023.19.06 Housekeeping

-Report from Mr Treasurer-General:

The quote from Birch's and Xtreme had been sent and currently waiting for purchase orders.

-The Societies Council's purchase orders were sorted out.

-Waiting for Xtreme to send a quote on the Woolworths pants.

-Mr Project Manager had received his tie and diary.

-Mr Treasurer-General could not get a quote from 9 and Three Quarters as their computers were down.

-The requisition for the keys was still trying to be done.

-Ms President:

-Mr Secretary-General would circulate to Council the SRC term one report before he submitted it to Student Parliament the following day.

-Ms President asked Council members about their progress with things they needed to do for their portfolios.

- The Council needed to let Ms Vice President know on timelines for their projects.

-Ms Vice President:

-Ms Vice President would ask Council members about the progress of their meetings as a reminder.

2023.19.07 Student Development and Support

-Mr Ofei pointed out that the SRC released statements very late. Mr Secretary-General and Ms Media needed to have more urgency in posting statements and have a plan on releasing them.

-Mr Ofei urged the Council to post biography captions of Council members that got reshuffled into a position.

-The Council needed to reply to their emails as people complained that the SRC did not respond to their emails.

-Mr Ofei would take up with Dr Tondi the issue of the University not replying to SRC members' emails.

-Mr Ofei reminded the Council that it was their duty to appeal their deductions by writing an appeal and having a meeting with him.

-The SRC was tasked to ask the University how they managed the risk of NSFAS as there were more NSFAS-funded students than self-funded students.

2023.19.08 Other Matters for the Agenda

-Sexual Assault Awareness Month collaboration

-Mr Activism and Transformation (hereinafter Mr Activism) got approached by the Equity of Institutional Forum (hereinafter EIF) that asked for a collaboration with the SRC.

-Mr Activism stated that the EIF proposed next week, Thursday and Friday, for the awareness activations.

-Mr Activism proposed that they used Purple Thursday for the activation.

-Mr Activism relayed to Council that the EIF required the SRC to be at the activations to hand out pamphlets.

-Mr Activism would send Ms Vice President more details on Thursday.

-Ms President made the collaboration a suspensive agreement, whereby the Council waited for the EIF document that outlined the SRC's role before they agreed to the collaboration.

Earth Day Hike

-Mr Environmental sent the document for the hike to various departments to partner with, and they all agreed to partake in the project.

-The hike would be on the 22nd of April, and it would end before 12 pm.

-The hike would include people from the Botany department and the mountain climbing club to make it educational and environmental.

-In the event of bad weather, there would be a seminar as a backup that would be themed "sustainable future".

-Feedback from meeting with Mrs Botha

-Mr SBS shared with Council the points he and Mrs Botha discussed in their meeting.

-Mr SBS relayed to Council Mrs Botha's dissatisfaction with how students struggling with NSFAS were treated at the fees office.

-Mr SBS asked that the Council released a statement to the student body updating them on what was happening with NSFAS— students struggling with NSFAS were not forgotten, although Council and the University also did not have clarity on what was happening with NSFAS.

-Ms President added that she had a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, and he said there were still negotiations with NSFAS regarding the capping issue.

-It was noted that the whole of SRC should sit in the meetings with rental agencies.

-It was highlighted that the SRC should upload a video detailing the things NSFAS paid for and did not pay for.

-Student Body Meeting

-The SRC would send a callout for agenda items from the student body tomorrow.

-The 21st April would be the last day for the submission of agenda items, and the Council would have until the 24th of April to consolidate the agenda items submitted.

-The Student Body meeting would be on the 3rd of May at Barratt Lecture Theatre from 18h30.

-Mam Thami and an associate would speak for the first 30 minutes of the meeting regarding FinAid issues.

-Mr SBS to alert Mam' Thami that she would need to speak at the student body meeting, and Ms Postgraduate Affairs to do the same to Thato.

2023.19.09 Closure

-The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

2023.19.10 Date of next meeting

-18 April 2023, 18h30.