

SRC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 16 MAY 2023 TIME: 18H30 VENUE: RA ROOM

2023.23.01 Welcome and Attendance

Present:

- Vice President: Ms Putuma Balintulo
- Secretary-General: Mr Lazarus Kgageng
- Treasurer-General: Mr Varshan Pillay
- Community Engagement: Mr Lihle Manene
- Media: Ms Nqobile Makamu
- Academic: Ms Tshepo Malebana
- Activism and Transformation: Mr Ibabale Sobekwa
- Environmental: Mr James Njoloza
- International Affairs: Ms Tsidzo Hove
- Oppidan: Mr Adrian February
- Projects Manager: Mr Thabiso Ngubane
- Residence: Mr Simphiwe Mnyande
- Sports and Societies: Mr Buhle Luthuli (Arrived late)
- Student Benefits and Sponsorships: Mr Indiphile Ralo
- Student Development and Support Officer: Mr Eric Ofei (Arrived late)

Absent:

- President: Ms Avuxeni Tyala
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms Milisa Mamase

2023.23.02 Leave of Absence

-There was no leave of absence submitted.

2023.23.03 Confirmation of Minutes

-Mr Environmental confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, and Ms Media seconded the confirmation.

2023.23.04 Declaration of Conflict

-There was no conflict declared.

2023.23.05 Matters Arising

2023.23.5.1 Leadership Week

-Ms Vice President informed the Council that they had not received responses to the letters sent to the honorary people, and the deadline for their responses was the 12th of May.

-If Ms President did not come back to the office by the end of the week, Ms Vice President would send the backup letters via the Secretary-General's office. The responses to the letters would be capped to the 25th of May.

-Ms Vice President would send Ms Media the outline of the advertising so that Ms Media could start advertising.

-The Council is tasked to familiarise themselves with the Leadership Week Google document.

-Mr Student Benefits and Sponsorships would start looking for sponsors for Leadership Week. He would also check with Sprite as a potential sponsor.

-Ms Media, Mr Projects Manager, and Mr Activism and Transformation would devise a lovely activation lunch event funded by the alumni.

-The other SRCs of the country would be invited, and international universities too.

-The Council would send to the Vice President names of people they would like to be invited along with the people's contact details.

-The 25th of May would be the cut-off date for receiving names of people, and it would be the last day that letters were sent out.

2023.23.5.2 Oppidan Union

-Mr Oppidan reported that the Oppidan Union received an email from the proctor about the Student Parliament incident. The deadline to respond to the email was Wednesday, and if no response was sent, there would be disciplinary action.

-The Oppidan common rooms were being renovated, so it was off limits for students.

-The Academic Representatives would disseminate exam treats to the Oppidans on Friday and throughout the examination period.

-The Comm Advance scheduled a committee meeting to train the Oppidan committee next semester.

-Mr Oppidan would ensure that the Oppidan Union knew that the SRC was part of it and that the SRC needed to be included in their things.

2023.23.5.3 Give 5

-Mr Student Benefits and Sponsorships (hereinafter Mr Sponsorships) took the Give 5 document as read.

-Mr Sponsorships clarified that the capital to kickstart Give 5 would come from donations received from alumni, staff, et cetera.

-Some SRC Councillors got delegated to specific roles for the execution of Give 5.

-Mr Sponsorships would submit a formal proposal for Give 5 to the Vice President that detailed everything, including the financials. The deadline for the proposal would be five weeks before the event.

2023.23.06 Community Engagement Symposium

-Mr Community Engagement relayed to the Council that the event was successful.

-Mr Community Engagement elucidated to the Council that he did not invite the SRC because the event was expensive to attend and was not student-centric, hence it was not advertised to the student body.

-Ms Vice President asked that when Councillors were part of events, they found ways to include the SRC and not exclude them based on the event being a highly esteemed one.

2023.23.07 Exam treats

- Mr Sponsorships took the document as read.
- Mr Sponsorship explained that the noodle drive would cater for students in need and that one packet of noodles and one packet of soup would be given to each student per day. The criteria of need would be evaluated and monitored by the Director of Student Affairs.
- Mr Sponsorship informed the Council that Ms Kivitts said she would check if there were still leftover money from the Ubuntu and Give 5 so that more noodles could be bought using those funds.
- There was a suggestion for the noodle drive to lean more on student donations.
- The exam treats would be handed out on Thursday, 25th of May, from 11h30 till 14h00 at the Union Lawns.
- The SRC would hand out the green bags with an A5 book, a pen, a pencil, a ruler, and a slice of cake.
- Mr Sponsorship would look into getting the cake for free as the SRC had always gotten the exam treats' cake for free.
- Mr Sponsorships would check what happened last year regarding issuing exam treats.

2023.23.08 Housekeeping

- Mr Treasurer-General had the office keys with him and would distribute them after the meeting.
- The Council would wear purple golfers and jeans when handing out exam treats.
- It was noted that the RA room lights were fading and that the bathrooms in the corridor had no lights.
- Mr Sponsorships would look for sponsors to sponsor the SRC bomber jackets.
- The Treasurer-General would circulate the budget outline by tonight.
- Mr Sports and Societies and Mr Residence's office was allocated to Ms Academics and Mr Activism and Transformation.

2023.23.09 Student Development and Support Officer

-Mr Ofei reproached the Council for using hierarchy when they motivated for something, for example, when motivating to attend a conference.

-Mr Ofei relayed to Council that the Vice-Chancellor established a committee for maintenance oversight and another for maintenance rapid response.

-The Council would receive a deduction if they used “point of suggestion” in Council meetings.

-The Council was tasked with consulting the Robert Rules, and Mr Ofei would print them out.

2023.23.10 Other Matters for the Agenda

-Motsepe and Marketing

-Mr Sponsorship relayed to Council that a report of how the Motsepe money had been used needed to be sent to Zimkhitha as they needed to account to Motsepe Foundation on how the funds were used.

-Infrastructure meeting

-Ms Media gave the Council feedback that they had spoken about the designs for Canterbury House and modernising Steve Biko in the infrastructure meeting.

-Councillors to send to Ms Media any suggestions they had, and Ms Media would take them forward.

-Ms Media apprised the Council that a gate would be put by Canterbury House and that water towers would be put installed as an alternative means of sourcing water.

-The Councillors were asked to familiarise themselves with the accommodation schedule.

-The SRC executive would have a meeting with Mr Dawie.

-The SRC’s plan was to have the seminar rooms removed and also make Steve Biko more student-centric.

-08th May

-The Vice President would follow up on the Municipality as the 7-day window for feedback had lapsed yesterday.

- The executive would follow up with Management continuously to find out their progress.
- Ms Media informed the Council that the Memorandum of demands had not been sent to the student body as it needed some amendments.
- A meeting would be set with management for the 26th of May to receive feedback from them.
- Ms Vice President would go through the Memorandum tonight, and if she did not pick up anything wrong, then the memorandum would be sent out.

-Exam handover

- The executive would take over Councillors' duties during exams.
- The exam handover would happen before the 25th of May.
- Councillors would liaise via email with the relevant executive member and cc the Secretary-General.

2023.23.11 Closure and Date of Next Meeting

- The Chair adjourned the meeting.
- Next meeting is on the 23rd of May 2023 at 18h30.