



Minutes

Students' Representative Council Meeting

Date: 2022-04-06 | Time: 17:00 | Venue: SRC Boardroom and
Microsoft Teams

Welcoming

- Presented by **Philip**.

Attendance and Apologies

- Presented by **Alysa-Abby**.

Attending:

- Alysa-Abby Kekana
- Philp Visage
- Precious Nhamo
- George Van Dyk
- Anna Pansegrouw
- Gerrard Damons
- Josiah Aiyer
- Alex Vink
- Fadeelah Williams
- Thimna Sotyato
- Tamara Wicomb
- Andre Zander Niemand
- Chris Briel
- Eugene Nell
- Tessa Brooke

Absent:

- Toni Solomon
- Christo van der Bank
- Vhudi Ravhutsi
- Viwe Kobokana
- Tanyaradzwa Chiza
- Takadiwa Chipfumbu
- Wandile Sebothoma
- Pule Lebaka (Without excuse)



Setting of Agenda

- Presented by **Alysa-Abby**. No additional points were added.

Internal Affairs

- Presented by **Philip**.
- Philip has wished all those having birthdays, **a happy birthday**.
- SRC Member of the Week: **Tamara Wicomb**. He expressed that The SRC wishes to acknowledge the effort and time that she has put into her portfolio, Societies Council, as the Chairperson, especially with the Societies Council's Fair happening this week.

Institutional Committee Feedback

- The **Quality Committee Senate** has met on the 25th of March. **Precious**, Treasurer, Social Impact and Innovation, and **George**, Chairperson: Academic Affairs Council, were in attendance.
- **New secretary welcomed.**
- The **Institutional Audit** was discussed. This consisted of a memorandum as well as the consultative cycle and approval cycle where overarching reports are attempted to be written.
- The **reviewing** of the **Microbiology** Department in the **Faculty of Science** was also done with Prof Botha in attendance.
- The **reviewing** of the **Afrikaans en Nederlands Department and the Drama Department** in the Faculty of **Arts and Social Sciences**.
- **2 year follow up reports** of **Agricultural Economics** from the Agricultural Sciences Faculty and Prof Eugene, Cloete and did a **brief library presentation** concerning **funding** and were **reviewed** by **external experts**.
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- The **joint Senate and IF meeting** took place to **go through** the **approval process** of the new **DVC Innovation Research Postgraduate Studies**. The **confirmation vote was successful**, and it will now go to Council for final confirmation.
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- The **Senate meeting** saw **management reports** from the **Rector** as well as the **outgoing Deputy Vice-Chancellor** for Research Innovation and Postgraduate Studies. **Faculty Boards** presented their **recommendation reports**. The **Law Faculty's recommendation** was **contested** by **George**.
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- **Committee for Bursaries and Loans** met on the 25th of March and was chaired by Prof Deresh. Discussed was **forming a task team** within the committee to review how efficient the committee has been as it has switched RCs within the past year, reviewing criteria for certain bursaries was also discussed. Two new funds were announced for introduction which will be announced soon via MYSUN and will be made available in the bursary portal, the development of new bursaries and the request for the update on the SU Loans Fund Scheme was also tabled.
- The **SRC meeting with DSAF management** took place. **Poster protocol on campus** was discussed as there are no clear guidelines as to the specifics of putting up posters, who provides approval, who can put what posters up in which areas.
 - **Prayer room access** will be given to **all SRC members** for students who would like to access the prayer room but are unable too. This is for the **short term**. A more sustainable solution is being looked into.
 - **Anele** spoke to the SRC as to what is happening in terms of **Neelsie and TSS renovations**.
 - **Venue cost proposal** was discussed. The SRC concurred and will be **presenting a specific memorandum to student governance** indicating the preferred outcomes. With that report at hand, soon governance will be going into negotiation between SUNCOM and the COO's office to determine the final outcome.
 - **Protest Prototcol Review** is currently underway to **revision and editing** being headed by **student governance**, but **SRC** will have **say** in **drafts** and **current** protocol. If there are any **issues**, please **email** them to **Anele** or **Philip**.

Portfolio Feedback

Leadership Development

- The **showcase** was a **success** and will be made into an **annual event** occurring **every semester**.
- Fadeelah is looking into **ways** that the **Forum** may be **included** in the showcase.

Academic Affairs Council

- The **first draft** of the **Constitutional Review** is **ready**.
- It will **possibly** be **ratified** in the **special AAC meeting** on the 7th of April.
- After this, it will be **made available in the next SRC meeting**.
- **All SRC members required to read this in detail in order to be able to review and vote on it.**

Senior Prim Committee & Postgraduate Students

- **Eugene has to resign as Postgraduate Students Management Portfolio Manager.**

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- It has **been discussed in the exec meeting** as to how the SRC will be moving forward with this vacancy.

Transformation

- The **Rector's Award for Excellent Achievement's regulations** is currently undergoing the **review process**. **Students** will be **invited to comment** on **proposed views and current regulations** either on the 13th or 20th of April.

Sustainability

- **Tessa**, the head of the Sustainability Portfolio, had a **meeting** with the **Investment Committee's head director and his committee**.
- **Disinvestment Campaign** has been deemed unnecessary as the committee has already made decisions that they will not field a lot of student requests.
- **Preparations for Earth Week** are **underway** and it is being headed by **EcoMaties**.

Closing

- Presented by **Philip**.

Meeting Adjourned at: 17:27.

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