

STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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Minutes SRC Special Meeting

Date: 2023-07-24 | Time: 18:00 | Venue: [Microsoft Teams](#)

Attendance: SRC	
Apologies	Ms Margra Wevell; Mr Abongile Quthu; Mr Rudi Classen; Mr Daniel Terblanche;
Online	Mr Tshepo Modise (Military Academy Student Captain); Ms Vanessa Annan Dede; Ms Phiwokuhle Qabaka; Mr Prince Qengqa, Ms Aphiwe Sithole; Ms Tebogo; Ms Simonet Kaap, Ms Emma Swart; Mr James Hansen; Ms Masilo Silokazi; Mr William Sezoe; Queen Majikijela; Mr Brady Deveroux; Ms Y Padiachy; Ms Sabrina Ditsela
Absent	Ms Elouise Van Wyk; Mr Victor Mouton; Mr Dylan Schmidt; Mr Banzi Bottoman; Mr Tayo Allerton; Ms Kim Stoeffels

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	Item	Responsibility
1.	Welcoming	Masilo
	Masilo the chairperson of the SRC welcomed all attendees and began the meeting.	
2.	Attendance and Apologies	
	The attendance and apologies tendered for the meeting are listed above.	
3.	Approval of previous minutes	
	The previous minutes were approved.	
4.	Setting of Agenda	
	Matters for Information	
	5. Internal affairs	
	There was no internal feedback provided.	
	6. Institutional Committee Feedback	
	There was no SRC member that indicated that they wanted to provide feedback.	
	7. Portfolio Feedback	
	Matters for discussion	
	6. NSFAS	
	Mr Sezeo mentioned that Coinvest has stated that about 2700 students will be able to onboard knowing that at SU there is roughly 5000 students that are on NSFAS it means that quite a few would not be able to onboard. Furthermore, the company stated that it does not have the data of all the students.	
	There was an agreement that Coinvest officials will be stationed at the institutions.	

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The has been national engagements with other SRCs in the hopes of getting a meeting with the ministry. There has been protests at the DHET building in Pretoria. Furthermore, he expressed that he wrote on to the Public Protector. He further expressed that it should be spoken about at the mass meeting and provide students with a background of these companies.

Mr Deveroux asked what one should do when a student approaches them and asks if they should sign up for Coinvest, should they wait for communication from Admin A on an update with regards to the contract with Intellimali?

Mr Sezeo responded by saying they NSFAS does not care about that contract they have expressed they are moving forward with the new system.

Ms Swart asked about the instance of students who have amounts already uploaded onto Intellimali. She was wondering how would that process then change?

Mr Sezoe expressed he would follow up on that as he was not entirely sure.

Ms Silokazi mentioned that this point would definitely come up at the mass meeting and perhaps we will have greater insight seeing that Coinvest officials will be on campus.

7. Mass Meeting

Masilo

Ms Silokazi mentioned that the team would have seen that there is a poster for the mass meeting that will be taking place at 5pm to accommodate Muslim students. Furthermore, during the meeting it should be emphasized that if there are commuting students that they should get preference if they would like to speak so that they can get up to the shuttle.

Students would be able to submit any agenda points prior to the meeting. Speakers and mics will be organised with Monica.

Ms Majikijela enquired about the mass meeting that will taking place at Tygerberg campus as to what time that will taking place since ours is late.

Ms Dede advised that we do it the following day and she expressed that she would advise on the times.

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Ms Qabaka expressed her disappointment that they were not a full house so that they can have a clear stance as a team before the mass meeting. Because they last mass meeting they looked indecisive.

Ms Silokazi made a suggestion that we meet an hour before hopefully everyone will be available by then. She further proposed that she would share on the group and ask what members think we should do as an institution.

8. NSFAS Appeals

Prince

Mr Qengqa raised the issue around students being defunded and being kicked out of their private accommodation.

Ms Silokazi mentioned that different members in the team received emails during the recess period from students who have lost their funding. And what has been done so far is that they are sent through to Dr Choice, and she has expressed almost everytime that her office does not have funding. And when they are taken to the accommodation office they are asked if they have funding which they don't. She further expressed that she is troubled at how they could move in terms of finding funding.

Ms Qabaka mentioned that this is something they had to prepare for because the question is likely to come on Wednesday. And the universities response is likely to be that students should go home, and we cannot tell students to go home.

Ms Majikijela stated that this issue is much bigger than the SRC and should be taken up with who relevant bodies in the institution.

Ms Silokazi mentioned she definitely agrees with that. And thought that during the mass meeting, they really do need to emphasize that exact point that there's only so much they could do. And it's not to say they are throwing their hands up. But this is also something that's bigger than them. She further mentioned that she did not want to build any further expectations within students that this is something they'll be able to fix right away. She did not want to mislead students and have the belief that something can be done within the next few weeks.

Mr Qengqa expressed that he is not satisfied at the level of engagement amongst SRC members as these issues we should all have something to say.

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Ms Silokazi acknowledged Mr Qengqas concerns and mentioned that this has been an on-going concern since our last mass meeting.

19. Closing

Masilo

Masilo thanked everyone for being there and participating and thereafter adjourned the meeting.