



Student Parliament

Accountability, Transparency and Consultative Governance
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Minutes: Sitting 1 – 2022

Date: 22 March 2022 @ 18:00

Venue: Microsoft Teams and SRC Boardroom

Attendees: Student Parliament Committee, SRC, Student Body

Agenda:

1. Speaker's Address
Speaker Petersen addressed Parliament with his address. The address can be found on the Student Parliament website [here](#).
2. Commitment to Unity
The Commitment to Unity is read out by the Speaker, Chief Justice, SRC Chairperson, and the Tygerberg Deputy Speaker.
The Commitment to Unity can be found in Addendum B of the [Student Parliament Constitution](#).
3. Keynote Address
Western Cape Provincial Parliament Speaker Mngasela gave an address on Leadership, in the context of Provincial Government and Parliament.
4. Maties Gym Presentation
Concerns were raised on the move by Maties Gym from utilising the Student Account system, to only using cash/card options for the payment of the Membership Fees, the concern being that members of the student body whom cannot afford the membership fee upfront and out of pocket, are excluded from the Gym
Comments from the floor:
 1. Whom is any recommendation to be forwarded to, seeing that there is no representation by Maties Gym?
 - a. **The Speaker suggested that the discussion be forwarded to Maties Gym and the feedback will be given at the next Sitting.**
 2. There is a contingency measure for NSFAS students to be able to pay their membership fee via the Student Account, since there is backing by the NSFAS bursary.
 3. What is the reasoning to the change and what is the context involved thereto?
 4. Maties Gym stopped allowing Student Accounts to stop them from accumulating debt.

5. International students cannot take Gym Membership until they have paid the full school fees.
5. New Student Constitution Presentation
 - An update on the effects of the new Student Constitution on Student Parliament
 - 1. Now bicameral – Student Imbizo and Student Assembly
 - 2. Former Constitutional Review Committee met with Parliament and SRC to form a Task Team to draft the Rules and Constitution – to be chaired by the SRC Policy Officer (Vice-Chairperson Visage)
 - Comments from the floor
 - 1. Access to the process of the formation for the rules and how the bicameral system will work
 - The Student Constitution gives insight on this, while comparing the Parliament structure of the [new \(2021\)](#) and [former \(2018\)](#) documents.
6. Accountability Committee Announcement
 - Deputy Speaker Koen addressed the floor on the Accountability Committee.
 - Deputy Chairperson of the Accountability Committee is Mister Villet.
 - Other members include Speaker Petersen, Deputy Speaker Sezoe, and Miss Mtolo.
 - Upholds the mission and vision of Student Parliament
 - Ordinarily operates on a complaint-based process, whereby complaints will be investigated accordingly.
 - The SRC reports will be reviewed and feedback will be given to the SRC thereto.
 - More information on this point is found in Addendum F of the Student Parliament Constitution.