Minutes

Students’ Representative Council Meeting

Date: 2021-04-14 | Time: 18:00 | Venue: Microsoft Teams (Hybrid)

# Welcoming

Xola welcomed all members present.

# Attendance & Apologies

Present

* + Eduard
  + Xola
  + Kira
  + Philip
  + Maki
  + Joshua
  + Jarryd
  + Viwe
  + Masixole
  + Leone
  + Nomzamo
  + Kristin
  + Khwezi
  + Luigia
  + Alme
  + Thimna
  + Precious
  + Sarah

Absent

* + Gina
  + Unathi
  + Ayesha
  + Avumile
  + Rewaldo

Apologies

* + Almé Engelbrecht (arriving late)
  + Ngombe Sarah Kayembe (arriving late)
  + Jarryd Luyt (leaving early)
  + Leone Wilkinson (leaving early)
  + Joshua William Eva (leaving early)
  + Precious Nhamo (arriving late)
  + Rewaldo Deymar Carolus (arriving late)
  + Gina Zanele Sibanda (cannot attend)
  + Kristin Abegail Arends (arriving late and leaving early)
  + Unathi Ngumbela (cannot attend)
  + Luigia Nicholas (arriving late)
  + Ayesha (cannot attend)

# Setting of the agenda

Points added:

* + Portfolio feedback
  + Office guide (Kira)
  + Transport for protest in Cape Town (Viwe)
  + Proposed collaborations (Eduard)

Points removed:

* + Boardroom acquisitions feedback

# Portfolio Feedback

* The following members gave feedback on the respective topics.
* Josh - Student housing committee meeting
* Viwe - Action4Inclusion
  + Kira = 16 May
  + Helderberg = 23May
  + Delvera, Nomzamo = 30 May
  + Ayesha, Maki = walk in Stellenbosch on 16 or 20 June
* Maki – Mental wellness talks on Instagram
  + Scheduled to start on the 5th of May
* Leoné – Prim committee meeting feedback
  + No communication was given houses about open day
  + Also discussed the accountability of Residences and PSOs

# Rehabilitation Programme

Perpetrators are allowed back onto campus without the leaders knowing to what extent the person has been rehabilitated. We need to put the victims and our students’ needs first, therefore, we need to discuss whether we want or do not want a rehabilitation programme.

* + Viwe also mentioned that the student leaders will not create this rehabilitation programme but just to collect whether students would agree with having a rehabilitation programme and then it will be taken to the relevant people.
  + Instead of having another discussion. Have appointed task team from SRC members, that works with Viwe’s committee, to run this project and present to the SRC later.

# Transport for protest in Cape Town

Protest in Cape Town next weekend. Would like to discuss if it would be possible for the SRC to organise safe transport for students to go to the protest.

* + Funds for the buses can be used from the unbudgeted funds.
  + Need 3 to 4 SRC members to go with on the weekend of the 24th of April.
  + Viwe or Ayesha to submit the proposal for the funds so it can be budgeted to that specific portfolio. Submit the request for the funds by Friday.

# Office Guide

Kira read through the changes made to the office guide. Members can read through the office guide for more details.

If anybody has any objections, please raise your objections. If there are no objections, all members will go forward with the office guide, and it will be implemented.

# SRC Accessibility Document

Luigia read through the Accessibility Document.

Problems with accessibility to the SRC office were discussed, with recommendations.

* + Luigia to send a budget proposal for the large keyboard and earphones, which can then be purchased and available as soon as possible.
  + Since Luigia has a licence to use the Otter.ai program, she will open a special needs account which the SRC can use in the future. This software will then be available to the SRC members to use when there are in-person meetings.
  + Luigia to take the accessibility document to Facilities management to discuss larger changes to make the university more accessible.

# DSAF Meeting Feedback & changing nature of the agenda points

It was discussed that there should be a set agenda point at every SRC general meeting just before the DSAf meetings, where members can discuss adding agenda points for the DSAf meeting.

Feedback on the DSAf meetings will happen as follow: The DSAf agenda will be presented and whoever had the agenda point, will give feedback on that agenda point.

Feedback was discussed on the following agenda points of the DSAf meeting:

* + Transformation reports – Viwe
  + Unofficial SU TikTok Profile – Viwe
  + CSCD Psychologists – Viwe
  + Institutional COVID numbers reporting and tracking – Eduard
  + Date to review the Student Governance’s method for allocating funds - Philip
  + SRC Leadership Development Camp Feedback - Philip
  + Follow-up on Central Disciplinary Committee Matters - Jarryd
  + Feedback on 2021 Registration Bursary allocation - Philip
  + Constitutional Review – Ms Tonia
  + COVID-19 Protocols Campaign – Ms Tonia

# CDC/DAC Nominations Feedback

We are allowed to send 10 nominated people to the CDC and 5 nominees to the DAC. Going to send the 5 nominated people we currently have. These are the nominees who accepted:

* + Bradley Frolick
  + Xola Njengele
  + Corlia Kritzinger
  + Francesca Visage
  + Eduard Beukman

# Proposed collaborations

The following two people contacted the SRC secretary general, with proposed collaborations the SRC can get involved with.

* + The culture HC of the PSO Venustia, wants to know if we have any culture events they can join. Eduard referred them to the K.U.K.O chairperson. If there are any other events related to that, contact Eduard so he can put you into contact with that person so SRC can show support.
  + Paul Roubaix gives self-defence classes and would like to offer classes to students. Hoping that PK can get in touch with him for sessions at residences.

# Agenda Points for SU Management

Any added agenda points that must go to SU Management, should be send to Eduard as soon as possible.

The Executive Committee will review the submitted agenda points. If the Executive Committee members cannot fully explain an agenda point, the relevant member who submitted that specific point, will be invited to the meeting and will be given the chance to explain the agenda point.

# SRC Shifts Procedures

Going to review the office shifts timetable once per term at the beginning.

All shifts will be placed in Microsoft shifts, which is an app in teams that will notify you when you have your shift. Then you will have to sign in for your shift on a page, which will be in the office, on a clipboard. Do not be dishonest and sign for someone else. If you want to swop your shift, check with someone, and let Eduard know by Sunday so the revised schedule can start on Monday.

# SRC Venue Booking Procedures

Venues can be booked via the link shared with SRC members.

Only SRC members may make booking – no external individuals. SRC members take responsibility for external bookings made through them, in ensuring keys are returned and venues are tidied up.

# Constitutional Review

This is the last scheduled time for assessment.

We will then have a special meeting next week to vote in the student constitution.

The Constitutional Review discussion will happen as follow: Nomzamo will go through the entire document and members can comment on certain chapters as she goes through it.

The following amendments were discussed within the SRC General meeting:

* + It was discussed to add a portion that says, Managers within the SRC are allowed to speak in meetings without sending in a point.
  + The point on making students aware about mass meetings 5 days in advance, was changed back to 2 days in advance, except for in the case of an emergency.

After the constitution has been voted in, all amendments will be taken as is and will then be taken to a referendum. This referendum will be open for a specific time and students will be allowed to make comments. The referendum is planned by the election convenor and will start two weeks after the constitution was adopted by the SRC. After it has been adopted by the SRC, the constitution goes to council in June. After it has been approved by council, it will be taken into effect. The council’s role is to just rectify it.

This process was as consultative as possible.

# Closing

Xola thanked all members for joining and adjourned the meeting.