



**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY HELD ON 19 MARCH 2015
IN THE SRC BOARDROOM AT 21:00**

IN ATTENDANCE Stefan Laing, Rodé Brand, Wimpie Greyvenstein, Angelique Fouché, Arnim Ritter, Sasha-Leigh Williams, Mr Tinotendaishe Muzofa, JC Landman, Kyle Anderson, Rika Botes, Tarina Nel, Albert Coetzee, Dumo Majombozi, Jacobus De Wet, Daniella Potgieter, Kayla Joubert, Caitlin Troup, Sixolile Pani, Murray McDonald, Collen Mathieledzha

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OTHER ATTENDEES Tristan Jaftha, Brandon Como, Tosca Ferndale, Dominique Herbig, Gerschwin Hamunyela, Christa De Kock (minute taker)

	AGENDA	ACTION
1	CALL TO ORDER Mr Laing calls the meeting to order at 21:02.	
2	WELCOMING AND PERSONALIA Mr Laing congratulates Ms Troup on the success with Maties Thrift Shop and mentions Mr de Wet requested to be excused at 20:00.	
3	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 6.3 "Mr Landman asked whether or not the constitution will be amended" instead of "Mr Landman also asks whether or not it would be constitutional". 6.4 "TSR" instead of TRS 6.6 "...bureaucratic lag with regards to information at the university" instead of "bureaucratic lag on the side of the university". 6.6 "Mr Landman also explains many students might be discouraged to run for SRC" instead of "Mr Landman also explains that many of these students may not run for	



	<p>SRc...".</p> <p>8 "MASC" instead of "Mask" "Mathieledzha" instead of Mathieledza</p> <p>The minutes are approved by Mr Muzofa and second by Ms Potgieter.</p>	
4	<p>ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>4.1 March for Reaffirmation of Human Dignity</p> <p>Mr Laing mentions the huge success of the march and thanks everybody involved with special thanks to Ms Williams.</p> <p>4.2 Internal and external communication</p> <p>Mr Laing provides feedback and states that Mr du Toit from IT has been contacted for the SU mailing list, although the issue is still not resolved.</p> <p>4.3 Campus Safety</p> <p>Mr Laing enquires if Mr Coetzee sent out the related document. Mr Coetzee replies that it has not been sent out, but will be done as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Mr Coetzee to send out a document explaining the roles of whistles on campus.</p>
5	<p>SETTING OF AGENDA</p> <p>Student Parliament and Student Court to speak before the discussion and feedback proceed.</p> <p>7.2 Branding 7.3 March for Reaffirmation of Human Dignity</p>	
6	<p>DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK</p> <p>6.0.1 Student Court</p> <p>Ms Herbig addresses the SRC and states that the Student Court is reconvened and dealing with matters to commence. Ms Herbig is joined with two members of student court. For any questions, email Ms Herbig at 17012279@sun.ac.za.</p> <p>6.0.2 Student Parliament</p>	



<p>Mr Hamunyela addresses the SRc and student union on the SRc informal meeting held on 12 March. A statement is read were the student parliament, in its duty to keep the SRc transparent, states that the SRc are not to hold informal meetings. Mr Hamunyela states that the informal meeting that was regarded to be a brainstorming session was seen as a meeting and thus the SRc is not seen as being transparent. Student parliament urges the SRc not to hold informal meetings and for all subjects to be discussed in formal meetings.</p> <p>Mr Laing thanks Mr Hamunyela for the statement. Mr Ritter questions an accusation made in the statement and corrects it. Mr Ritter questions the margin between informal and formal meetings. Mr Anderson speaks on student constitutional obligations and mentions where student parliament failed to attend SRc meetings. Mr Anderson requests the representatives of student parliament at future SRc meetings in attempt to bridge the communication barrier between the entities.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa motivates the SRc's transparency towards student parliament and expresses disappointment towards the statement made. Mr Landman clarifies that the student constitution does not prohibits the SRc of having informal meetings. Mr Laing mentions disappointment towards the statement as nothing was unconstitutional and everything was transparent. Mr Laing speaks on the fine boundary between making decisions daily in the office towards formal transcript meetings.</p> <p>Ms Fouché speaks on student parliament keeping SRc accountable. Ms Williams mentions that the nature of the statement does not reflect the executive meeting where student parliament was asked for advice and an agreeable state was reached. Mr Ritter suggests having a discussion with student parliament to clarify the situation.</p> <p>Mr Anderson states the SRc welcomes suggestions and accountability from student parliament and urges the student parliament to also focus on consulting the SRc.</p> <p>Mr Hamunyela mentions that although consensus was reached at executive meeting, student parliament decided to address the student union. Mr Hamunyela states that the</p>	
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<p>issue is not necessarily regarding the informal meetings, but the way it is communicated to students.</p> <p>Mr Laing requests the statement to be revised and to reflect the true substance of the issue. Ms Williams requests that the statement is amended regarding the mention of student constitution prohibiting the SRc of having informal meetings. Mr Muzofa requests the student parliament to not accuse the SRc of not being transparent. Mr McDonald suggests a discussion with student parliament to clear the situation.</p> <p>Mr Laing thanks student parliament for their accountability.</p> <p>6.1 Restructuring the SRc</p> <p>Mr Laing makes excuse for the delay of the document. Mr Anderson reads a statement on the restructuring of the SRc mentioning that the proposal is moving in the wrong direction and indicates policy related errors. Mr Anderson addresses the job descriptions, restrictions thereof and the misapplication of decentralization. Mr Anderson enquires on the mention of moving from project based to job based. The role of the SRc according to the student constitution is stated. Mr Anderson mentions several functions currently managed by the SRc that should, according to the student constitution's definition, not be part of the SRc's role.</p> <p>Mr Laing thanks Mr Anderson for the thorough statement prepared. Mr Laing explains the nature of the document and the mention of decentralisation. Mr Muzofa thanks Mr Laing for the proposal and suggests that the restructuring of the SRc according to the student constitution is not necessarily the duty of the SRc, but the parties involved in the SRc. Mr Muzofa mentions diversity the dilution of the monopoly of power.</p> <p>Mr Ritter mentions the implication of the restructuring to the financial system and suggests that the financial aspect needs to be taken into consideration and proper guidelines should be drafted. Mr Ritter speaks on the different representations of the SRc members and including a duty list to restructure the job descriptions to an extent.</p> <p>Mr Laing refers to the document as only being an introduction and states that proper research will be performed and the</p>	
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<p>subject will be managed by a task team.</p> <p>Ms Williams thanks Mr Laing for the proposal, expresses excitement for the venture and encourages Mr Muzofa's statement. Mr Landman enquires on the SRC's position regarding SU structure and suggests Mr Muzofa's team and the new task team to collaborate. Mr Muzofa agrees with the suggestion.</p> <p>Ms Nel suggests looking into the SRC's role and position regarding student committees and portfolios. Ms Fouché encourages the proposal and speaks on the financial implication on honorariums and budgets. Ms Fouché suggests that extra help should be provided to SRc members.</p> <p>Mr Anderson requests that each SRc member will consider their own portfolio, the SRc as a whole and the SRC's function and purpose. It is requested to be placed on the agenda for the next formal meeting.</p> <p>Mr Greyvenstein encourages Ms Fouché's suggestion. Mr Troup suggests appointing project managers to support SRc members.</p> <p>Mr McDonald proposes the baseline for each SRc portfolio needs to be set and that the SRC should manage the restructuring process rather than a task team. Mr McDonald suggests the use of subcommittees rather than project managers. Mr McDonald comments on Mr Anderson's statement and mentions that events are applicable. Ms Botes encourages project leaders and managers as it is practically impossible to manage events without them.</p> <p>Mr Anderson thanks Mr Landman and Mr Greyvenstein for their representation of the students and states that SRC should not reject events, but rather focus more on policies. Mr Landman aligns with Mr Anderson and urges the task team to look at student priorities and to refer to the PK document of 2014 on what the SRC structure should be.</p> <p>Mr Laing to set up a task team that will become active in the first week after the recess and requests of SRc members to list current responsibilities on which a document will be drafted and send out. The task team will consist of Mr Laing, Mr Anderson, Mr Muzofa, Ms Brand, Ms Fouché, Mr Landman,</p>	<p>SRc members to list current responsibilities and Mr Laing to draft document thereof.</p>
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<p>Ms Williams, Ms Botes, Ms Potgieter, Ms Nel, Ms Troup, Mr Murray and Mr Majombozi. Management and other constituencies will be involved. Mr Laing mentions the task team will be divided into work groups. Mr Muzofa suggests involving critical engagement and campus. Ms Williams mentions all leadership constituencies will be revised and spoken on in a critical discussion during next term.</p> <p>6.2 Student Parliament Constitution</p> <p>Mr Laing urges SRc members to refer to student parliament's constitution and to own responsibilities as SRc member to recognise where it might overlap and to keep each other accountable.</p> <p>Mr Landman mentions that an entity's constitution only exists through the student constitution and that the SRc should consider the list of responsibilities, mentioned in executive meeting, compiled by student parliament and student union and see to it whether or not it is retrospective.</p> <p>Mr Anderson replies that the obligations of the SRc towards student parliament are mentioned in the student constitution. Mr Laing mentions the SRc is constitutionally bound to student parliament.</p> <p>6.3 Appointments to the SRc Disciplinary Committee</p> <p>Ms Brand administrates the disciplinary committee and nominates Mr Jaftha, Ms Ferndale, Mr Quna and Mr Anderson. Ms Brand explains the requirements. As Mr Quna is not present Mr Hamunyela is nominated, but declines candidacy. Mr Quna will thus only be voted in at the next meeting. The SRs need to provide votes of confidence for the candidates to be voted in.</p> <p>Ms Ferndale is voted in 10/15, Mr Jaftha is voted in 12/15 and Mr Anderson is voted in 12/15. Mr Laing apologises for the confusion concerning the appointing of the SRc disciplinary committee.</p> <p>6.4 Safety Week</p>	<p>Ms Ferndale, Mr Jaftha and Mr Anderson are appointed to the SRc Disciplinary Committee.</p>
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<p>Mr Coetzee suggests organising a safety week in the first week after the recess as studies indicates that April is the month with the highest safety risks. Mr Greyvenstein mentions the idea of facility management to create awareness of safety at the students. Ms Nel states that emergency numbers are located at back of student cards. Mr Greyvenstein encourages the idea of ensuring all students are on alert and know the locations of emergency services.</p> <p>Mr Landman mentions an email from Mr van der Walt regarding the whistles for the residences that need to be collected at the facilities management 3rd floor offices. Mr Greyvenstein suggests getting all whistles to the SRc office for residences to collect it.</p> <p>6.5 Communications</p> <p>Mr Greyvenstein mentions the upload of reports, meetings and budgets to the website is possible. Mr Greyvenstein emphasise communication channels available on campus and encourages SRc members to inform Mr Greyvenstein of any communication requests.</p> <p>Mr Greyvenstein mentions Mr Landman's suggestion to utilize the LCD screens for SRc portfolio communication and having photos of each SRc member with a description of portfolio in the windows of the SRc office. The option of getting large banners to use in the Neelsie is mentioned.</p> <p>Mr Greyvenstein will restructure on the website during the recess and proposes the idea of the new structure enabling each SRc portfolio to have an active page.</p> <p>Ms Fouché thanks Mr Greyvenstein for his efforts regarding the website and asks on the situation of the website. Mr Greyvenstein explains the current issues of the website.</p> <p>Mr Pani mentions having a meeting with Mr Como on the collaboration of constituencies' website that are to be active from the end of March. Mr Pani suggests the official SRc photo should be used for advertisement rather than individual photos of SRc members.</p> <p>Ms Troup mentions the large television given to the SRc currently unused. An issue has been encountered using the</p>	
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	<p>television for advertisements. Mr Laing asks that all queries on communication be send to Mr Greyvenstein.</p> <p>Ms Williams mentions that without knowing, more than one SRc member is working on the same issues and encourages informal sessions to clarify such situations. Mr Greyvenstein confirms that Ms George filters emails to the SRc standard email address to the involved SRc members, although emails may be filtered and send to more than one SRc member. Mr Anderson asks that if an email is for specific SRc member, the email should be flagged as these email replies are approached differently. Mr Greyvenstein urges SRc members to be mindful of using relevant subject lines.</p> <p>6.6 Need for Female Residence Places</p> <p>Mr Laing mentions the issue were raised at the informal brainstorming session. The cut-off threshold at ladies' residences is very high in comparison to men's residences. Ms Nel mentions the cut-off threshold to be 80.5% and 70% for ladies and men respectively.</p> <p>Mr Laing confirms that the SRc will be involved in the situation. Mr Ritter clarifies that no policy has been made yet. Ms Williams encourages the SR's involvement. Mr Laing thanks SRc members for raising the issues and confirms with student parliament as to how it is being managed.</p> <p>6.7 Prim Committee Feedback</p> <p>Ms Nel mentions that no PK meeting was held and that the next PK meeting will be on Tuesday 24th March at Heemstede Residence. An open discussion on the need for female residence places will be held at 19:00 and the meeting are to commence at 20:00. SRc members need to inform Ms Nel if planning to attend the meeting.</p>	
7	<p>GENERAL</p> <p>7.1 Stellenbosch Stereotypes</p> <p>Mr Muzofa mentions being approached with regards to filming and interviewing students on campus to present Stellenbosch stereotypes. SRc members involved will be Mr</p>	



<p>Greyvenstein, Ms Fouché, Ms Troup and Mr Anderson.</p> <p>7.2 Branding</p> <p>Mr Pani requests of SRc members to wear uniform when representing the SRc at an event on campus. Mr Pani mentions the white golf shirts for White Wednesdays have shrunk, but SRc members should try to wear any white clothing on that day. It is mentioned that the current budget for branding is not enough for all activities planned and Mr Pani asks of men to split the cost of the ties similar to that of the ladies that split the cost of dresses.</p> <p>Mr Pani mentions that the cardigans will not be ordered due to issues with supplier and reaches consensus on the white jerseys that would accompany White Wednesdays in winter. Ms Williams question wearing the formal uniform to house meetings. Mr Laing confirms that the uniform is not forced to be worn to individual events, but mainly when representing the SRc as at team.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa queries the spending of money on clothes as branding. Mr Pani replies speaking on the importance of creating awareness of the SRc on campus. Mr Muzofa suggests spending resources on social media and other communication channels to create SRc awareness. Mr Laing emphasise the importance of branding the SRc.</p> <p>Ms Nel thanks Mr Pani on work and mentions creating a Matie community that in effect will increase accessibility of SRc on campus. Mr Greyvenstein mentions that all costs are fairly allocated. Mr Troup suggests the SRc members to pay for clothes instead of splitting the cost. Mr Ritter encourages Mr Pani's innovation regarding the branding.</p> <p>Mr Pani mentions that Maroon Mondays will occur on the following dates: 13 and 20 April, 4 and 11 May, 20 and 27 July, 3 and 17 August. Mr Pani speaks on the SRc week and activities on 20-22 April which include Maroon Monday, lunch and discussion with Maties Life. Mr Pani plans a welcoming bash for all SU leaders on 11 April where information on the rest of the leaders' term will be given. SRc members to send status of availability on 11 April to Mr Pani.</p> <p>Mr Pani requests of SRc members to send posters on events a</p>	<p>SRc members to send status of availability on 11 April to Mr Pani.</p>
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	<p>week prior to the event to ensure SRc is branded properly at event. All social media of events will be managed by Mr Pani. Posters need to be managed by SRc members and should be removed the day after the event.</p> <p>Mr Pani is to make an A5 booklet available to SRc members containing all SRc portfolios and events. Mr Pani urges SRc members to send communications regarding events to Mr Greyvenstein.</p> <p>7.3 March for Affirming Human Dignity</p> <p>Ms Williams speaks on making public the document on the affirmation of human dignity handed over to management. The document will be posted on social media and uploaded to the website.</p>	
8	<p>QUESTIONS AND VARIA</p> <p>Mr Anderson speaks on the general meeting protocol. Mr Anderson requests the description of agenda points and informal arguments to be send through prior to the meeting. Mr Anderson advises Mr Laing to instate time slots per agenda point and advises the SRc that silence suggests agreement in a meeting and thus agreement does not have to be mentioned. Mr Anderson speaks on the importance of In Camera points for the SRc members to be accountable and transparent and thus as being crucial for team environment.</p> <p>Mr Greyvenstein speaks on internal communications and mentions a booklet containing all SU structures and contact details will be made available.</p> <p>Mr Majombozi mentions the rape discussion at Tygerberg that will be followed by small group discussions in residences. Mr Majombozi confirms that the Thrift shop at Tygerberg was a success.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa mentions the Mzolis talk being moved to 23 April.</p> <p>Mr Landman states that the M4M Food Drive will proceed on 30 March [next Monday] to collect cans of non-perishable foods. SRc members are to encourage the residences on participating in the event. The non-perishable food items will</p>	



	<p>be collected from crusade boxes and the SRc office.</p> <p>Mr Landman speaks on the Earth Hour Night Market on 28 March being held at Delvera. The support of the SRc is requested.</p> <p>Ms Brand to send out emails with time slots to be allocated for individual meetings with SRc members. These meetings are to take place after the recess.</p> <p>Mr Bradley (guest) asks on the issue of the renaming of the DF Malan Centre. He wants to know why no dialogue took place with regards to the name change of the DF Malan. Mr Laing thanks Mr Bradley for the query but mentions that all issues must be given to the SRc secretary two days prior to the SRc meeting.</p>	<p>Ms Brand to send out time slots to be allocated for individual meetings.</p>
9	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting is to take place on 16 April 2015 at 21:00 in the SRc Boardroom.</p>	
10	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Mr Laing adjourns the meeting at 23:12.</p>	