



**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY HELD ON 16 APRIL 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, Jacobus De Wet, Kayla Joubert, Caitlin Troup, Sixolile Pani, Murray McDonald, Daniella Potgieter, Nicholas Wayne (Representing Dumo Majombozi)

**ABSENT WITH REASON** Collen Mathieledzha, Dumo Majombozi

**ABSENT WITHOUT REASON** None

**OTHER ATTENDEES** Gerschwinn Hamunyela, Farai Mubaiwa, Lwazi Phakade, Thato Phatlane, Dylan Swigelaar, Reginald Kgate, Chamangwa, Kamva, Khanya, Fika Ngonzo, Alosha Muller, Quan Piers, Yandiswa Zikalala, Yani Gcobisa, Gérard Swart, Bradley Frolick, Athini, Sikhulile Duma, Rachel Bolton, Vika Nlkew, Thulu Msutu, Natasha Woudberg, Nwabisa Makaluza, Motlhabane Koloji, Thulu Mzutu, Christa De Kock (minute taker)

	<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  Mr Laing calls the meeting to order at 21:05.	
2	<b>WELCOMING AND PERSONALIA</b>  Mr Laing welcomes all attending guests and informs them of the protocol according to the student constitution concerning other attendees at the meeting. Mr Laing congratulates the SRC members on their efforts thus far.	
3	<b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>  The minutes are approved by Mr McDonald and second by Ms Joubert.	



4	<p><b>ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Internal and external communication</b></p> <p>Mr Laing has approached the IT department and due to internal issues on their side the mailing list for campus has not been received. When the issue has been resolved the SRC will be able to send out Agendas and Minutes to campus.</p> <p><b>4.2 Restructuring of the SRC</b></p> <p>Mr Laing mentions that the issue of the restructuring of the SRC is postponed due to other matters that occurred. A meeting request will be sent out in the next week and discussions will commence.</p> <p><b>4.3 Appointments to the SRC Disciplinary Committee</b></p> <p>Mr Laing states that the appointing of SRC Disciplinary Committee will be discussed at the next meeting due to the full agenda of the present meeting.</p>	<p>Mr Laing to request a meeting on the matter in next week.</p> <p>Appointments to be included in the next agenda.</p>
5	<p><b>SETTING OF AGENDA</b></p> <p>The events of 15 April that occurred on the Rooiplein will be considered in section 6.1.</p> <p>6.6 SRc External Critical Engagement – Rhodes Must Fall and the Garissa Massacre in Kenya</p> <p>6.7 SRc Student Communication and Representation</p> <p>6.8 Africa Matters campaign</p> <p>7.1 Active anti-xenophobia campaign</p> <p>7.2 Standard Bank Sponsorship</p>	
6	<p><b>DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Institutional discrimination, name changes and transformation</b></p> <p>Mr Laing states the connection to recent events at UCT and other universities as it has become a prevalent issue at SU with reference to the action taken on 15 April on the Rooiplein. Mr Laing explains the contingency plan committee of the SU on which he and Ms Williams represent the SRC. Ms Williams gives feedback on the contingency plan committee</p>	



<p>meeting in which sensitive landmarks has been identified to be researched for transformation implementation. The list is not yet exclusive and currently includes the GG Cillié, RW Wilcocks and JC Smuts buildings as well as the HF Verwoerd plaque, the Danie Craven statue and the DF Malan statue. Ms Williams mentions that the Rector's Management Team commanded the removal of the Verwoerd plaque in 2014. The removal of the plaque will be made a ceremony to increase critical engagement. Ms Williams talks on safety precautions and monitoring at SU events. As Open Stellenbosch are not collaborating with the SRC, the USBD will be present not for intimidation or terms of violence, but for general security instances. The reason for the presence of the USBD at SU events is advised to be communicated to students. Mr Laing encourages the SRC members to approach Ms Williams with any comments or recommendations of other sensitive landmarks.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa mentions the outcry regarding the language issue. Mr de Wet confirms that the language policy has been approved in 2014 by council and set for implementation in January 2015, although the execution is still in process. Ms Williams states that the issue was not yet discussed due to the lag in the implementation. Ms Williams motivates the social transformation within campus and suggests mandatory FVZS courses for residential leaders. Ms Laing mentions policies should be taken to management with the focus on the implementation thereof. Mr Anderson mentions that the policy was approved with student input. Mr Anderson suggests getting a platform for general feedback to get a broad spectrum of student views on issues, such as a referendum or questionnaire. Mr Williams motivates that this platform should be welcoming and uncensored providing constructive information.</p> <p>Ms Williams mentions that feedback on the discrimination policy put forward by the march for reaffirming human dignity will be given by Prof. Schoonwinkel on 29 April.</p> <p>Mr McDonald encourages including Tygerberg and MILAK buildings on the contingency plan committee's list of sensitive landmarks. Mr McDonald suggests a conclusive</p>	
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<p>concrete solution to be set at the end of the agenda point to avoid reiteration and commence action.</p> <p>Mr Landman encourages that the language policy should create welcoming spaces towards students who is not English first language. Ms Nel mentions the urgency from the Prim Committee for all students to be able to express themselves in the language they are most comfortable in and not only the neutral ground of English. Mr Greyvenstein mentions the uniqueness of the SU having two main languages.</p> <p>Ms Williams confirms the issue mentioned by Ms Nel and mentions that cluster conversations would not be able to occur due to the approaching examinations. Ms Williams mentions implementation of critical engagement among various small groups although the challenge is to market these events to students less comfortable.</p> <p>Ms Nel states that with regards to the welcoming period, students were generally mostly satisfied with the language and some residences appointed more than one welcoming leader to accommodate different languages. Mr Pani speaks on the difficulty for students to speak in non-native language and motivates that English is an inclusive language. Ms Nel responds that an environment can be created where students can speak in their native language and communicate with the use of interpreters. Mr Pani mentions the inconvenience of interpreters through own experience and suggests the SU should hold classes separately in different languages.</p> <p>Mr McDonald queries the representation of the SU's demographics to be taken into account with regards to the placement policy within residences. Ms Nel confirms that the placement is not randomised and more over it is used to balance the demographics within the residences.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa mentions that it is an academic issue and suggests that the academic affairs should provide statistics regarding the effect of the language policy on students from first year. Ms Williams gives a testimony of a personal encounter with the effect of the language policy and motivates that dividing classes into different languages does not support an innovative community.</p>	<p>Academic Affairs to provide statistics on the issue at hand.</p>
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<p>Mr Laing mentions actions to be taken with regards to the language plan, the contingency plan and coherent critical engagement. The Rector's management team will be approached and the residence placement policy will be investigated by Ms Nel and Mr Coetzee. Mr Laing agrees with the research suggested by Mr Muzofa to be completed by the Academic Affairs. Mr Laing encourages asking the SU to create a Xhosa platform as part of the university. The committee will be lead by Mr Muzofa (nominated by Ms Brand) and Mr Pani will be involved with regards to the Xhosa platform.</p> <p>Ms Fouché suggests that rather than performing research immediate action should be taken. Mr Laing responds by explaining the procedure that will follow and confirms that a statement will be sent out.</p> <p>Mr Anderson speaks on the SU's difficulty of appointing isiXhosa lecturers and that the issue should be taken up with management. Mr Anderson suggests that the issue should be considered as a long term goal and feasible short term goals should be set. Mr Laing mentions providing a template on the form of lectures to lecturers.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa suggests task teams will prolong the process and that a meeting for student leaders need to be held to discuss the needs of students in terms of the language policy. Mr Laing to organise a meeting with relevant stakeholders in next week. Mr Greyvenstein motivates that a task team should still be appointed to implement structure and ensure management. Mr Ritter requests the meeting to be held after Tuesday for the Societies Council to attend and be informed. Mr Laing to schedule the meeting for 24 April. Mr McDonald suggests a short term plan should be implemented to manage the present issue. Mr Laing requests of Mr de Wet to investigate where issues collaborate with the Academic Affairs. Mr Pani suggests the short term contingency plan should involve lectures speaking in English and Afrikaans translators to be provided. Mr Muzofa disagrees as it is unrealistic. Ms Williams mentions that questionnaires are to be handed out at residences and can be used to gather information of students' view on the language policy. Mr Laing confirms to use the questionnaires for that purpose.</p>	<p>Mr Coetzee and Ms Nel to investigate the residence placement policy.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa to lead the task team in right of education and right of language.</p> <p>Mr Laing to send out a meeting request on 17 April to relevant stakeholder for the meeting on 24 April.</p> <p>Ms Williams to distribute questionnaires in residences to gather information on students' view of the language policy.</p>
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Mr Laing thanks the input given and emphasise the goal of unifying campus.

### **6.2 Activism Campaign**

Ms Brand speaks on the campaign, Shaken Silence, launched by the task team against sexual violence on campus. The campaign is to commence next week to speak up against sexual violence on campus. Ms Brand encourages SRc members to become involved. A video will be launched with regards to the matter portraying other's stories of sexual violence.

### **6.3 SRc Congress**

Mr Laing apologises to Mr Pani for suspending the project. Ms Williams explains that there is not agreement on the core of the event and it should not be done in haste. Mr Laing confirms these reasons. Mr Greyvenstein suggests that the focus should shift from the SRc to the role of the SRc complement the restructuring of the SRc. Ms Nel suggests the event should not be held on a weekend as many students have to travel in and Mr Ritter agrees it should be held on a weekday. Mr McDonald suggests a conference rather than a congress. Ms Williams proposes a Matie Conference.

Mr Laing suggests elements to include should be the SRc current events, critical engagement, and actual matters on campus in the form of a multi-cultural event. Mr Anderson suggests the conference be suspended and the SRc should focus on becoming approachable, getting input from the students and grow the interests of the SRc. Mr Pani speaks on the proposal of the SRc Conference and suggests it to collaborate with SU Leads.

Mr Laing proposes a mid-year report and to have the conference at the beginning of the year. Ms Williams and Mr Landman agree on the benefits of the conference for the future newly elected SRc. Ms Williams suggests the present SRc should not dictate the role of the next SRc, but the students should define the role. Mr Anderson mentions the constitutional review and the possible change of the section on the SRc within it. Mr Anderson emphasis the benefit of getting the students' input in a broad-based manner. Ms Fouché agrees with Mr Pani and mentions the possible



<p>difficulty since the SU Leads are being held during the recess. Mr Greyvenstein confirms the benefits and speaks on the poor handover period of the previous SRC. Ms Nel suggests the conference should occur before the election of the next SRC to clarify the role of the SRC. Mr Laing concludes that the option of a SRC conference should be discussed and a final decision should be made at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>6.4 Shuttle Services</b></p> <p>Mr Greyvenstein mentions a complaint that has been made with regards to the shuttle services and explains the activities of the service and the routes to Kayamandi and other regional places. These complaints include drunk drivers and too many students for a single trip which leads to students having to wait for the next shuttle. The drivers have been replaced in the last term of 2014 and no new complaints against them have been made. Mr Greyvenstein emphasise the inefficiency of the shuttle services. Students being dropped off at a central point and the function of the local police to escort the students failed. Mr Greyvenstein mentions that management is keen to implement a plan proposed. The purpose of the shuttle services is to give students a safe and accessible method of transport. Mr Greyvenstein mentions the card system that has been implemented to ensure only students make use of the service. The option of requiring payment will not be considered. Mr Greyvenstein suggests the option of having three routes instead of only two or to de-privatise the logistics similar to UCT. A task team will be formed and Mr Greyvenstein is to approach SRC members personally to partake.</p> <p>Ms Fouché avails herself for the task team. Mr Landman mentions a current task team “PSO The Way Forward” on which a mobility work group is currently investigating the matter. Mr Landman avails himself for the task team and requests collaboration with the existing task team.</p> <p>Mr Laing suggests a short term plan should be implemented. Mr Muzofa proposes to involve students who are directly affected or to require of the task team to experience the shuttle service firsthand. Mr Greyvenstein mentions that Ms Moloti has a list of students who are directly affected to be part of the task team. Mr Greyvenstein encouraged SRC</p>	<p>SRC conference to be included in the next agenda.</p>
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<p>members to make use of the shuttle service to understand the situation. Ms Brand agrees with Mr Muzofa and states that the SRc should hold facility management accountable for the matter. Ms Williams support the SRc to represent the students effectively and mentions that Ms Brand an</p> <p>Mr Phakade speaks on the privatisation of shuttle services at UCT and the problem of inadequate control of the drivers. Mr Laing confirms that an effort will be made to ensure control. Mr Pume speaks on practical experience using the shuttle service and suggests that implementing payment will be acceptable if a shuttles are more convenient and available more often. Mr Greyvenstein agrees with the suggestion and speaks on the current proposal for comfortable shelter, a well-lit area and safety cameras. Ms Fouché suggests appointing a security guard to which Mr Greyvenstein responds on the real-time and effective security benefits of the cameras. Mr Ritter proposes that the contract of privatisation should be reviewed.</p> <p>Mr Landman suggests Mr Laing implement a time restriction on comments from attending guests rather than a restriction on the number of participants. Mr Muzofa encourages that all students should be united. Mr Mzutu asks for a platform where leaders and students can engage on issues and suggests organising a mass meeting for all students to raise their opinions. Mr Laing apologises for disorder within the meeting and emphasise the importance of unity. Mr Pani suggests student parliament should be that platform where students can address problems directly with the SRc. Mr Anderson accentuates protocol to be kept at formal meetings and encourages attending guests to confront the SRc members in person or at the office. Ms Williams adds that student groups regularly approach the SRc with concerns on which actions were taken.</p> <p><b>6.5 Regalement for the Rector's Awards for exceptional achievement</b></p> <p>Mr Landman mentions the document of approval was sent out by Mr Greyvenstein as it was reviewed. The Rector's award is to take place on 15 October. Applications of nominations should be handed in before 31 July. Mr Landman explains the procedure of applying or nominating a</p>	
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<p>student and the 6 categories for which awards are been given. Mr Landman explains the role of the student achievement committee and mentions the people who sit on the committee including the SRc chair and vice-chair. Another SRc member is to sit on the committee and Mr Landman is given a vote of confidence to represent the SRc on the student achievement committee. Mr Laing states that the document of approval regarding the Rector's awards will be voted in at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>6.6 SRc External Critical Engagement – Rhodes Must Fall and the Garissa Massacre in Kenya</b></p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa speaks on behalf of students to address the SRc on various issues. It is motivated that the SRc should not replicate historic leadership, but be proactive.</p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa mentions the lack or delayed of response from the SRc regarding the Rhodes Must Fall incident and the Garissa Massacre in Kenya. Mr Greyvenstein confirms that the matter will be addressed. Ms Brand thanks Ms Mubaiwa for the manner in which these issues are voiced representing the students. Mr Ritter mentions the effect of poor engagement of the student leaders towards the SRc. Ms Fouché mentions how the restructuring of the SRc will fit into being more proactive. Mr Laing apologises on behalf of the SRc and confirms that the restructuring will lead to being outcome based.</p> <p>Mr Mzutu suggests that the SRc talk on these issues at residence house meetings. Ms Nel thanks him for the suggestion and emphasise the growth within residences with regards to transformation. Ms Williams speaks on involving less interested students to participate by means of one-on-one conversation. Another Student speaks on the confidence of the SRc and to identify actors to speak on behalf of the larger portion of students.</p> <p><b>6.7 SRc Student Communication and Representation</b></p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa mentions that access to email is greater than the access to social media and thus the former should be used more often as communication platform. Ms Mubaiwa encourages a SRc conference as it would emphasise communication between the SRc and students. Ms Mubaiwa</p>	<p>Document on the regalement for the Rector's Awards will be voted on in the next meeting.</p>
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<p>speaks on racism and inapproachability from leaders in residences. Ms Nel asks for suggestions on the matter. Ms Mubaiwa suggests students of all races should be encouraged to stand for a position of leadership. Mr Anderson confirms the issue and agrees that a conscious effort should be made to diversify the leadership in residences.</p> <p>Ms Williams speaks on traditional events in residences and suggests the leaders should be compelled to a FVZS course. Ms Nel mentions the welcoming period's feedback from first years where "skakels" (residence's social events) was ranked both highest and lowest. Social events are a need within residences although it is challenging to involve all students. Mr McDonald emphasises the importance of accountable leadership within residences. Another student speaks on leaders in residences and the necessity of platforms that should be communicated to them. Mr Kadima mentions the issue of the residence placement policy where different races are to share rooms and asks for the section to be reviewed. Ms Nel explains that the matter is not determined by the residence placement policy, but by the leadership of the residences.</p> <p>Mr Anderson suggests that SRc members should be more involved in the election of residence leadership as guardians. A student on the floor asks that the voting rights of first years within a residence with regards to leadership elections, be revised. Ms Mubaiwa encourages the placement of mixed races to share rooms. Mr Laing concludes by thanking the contributions and suggestions given and asks Mr Coetzee and Ms Nel to investigate the mentioned issues.</p> <p><b>6.8 Africa Matters Campaign</b></p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa motivates the little coverage on matters within Africa and speaks on the campaign to raise awareness on Africa. Ms Mubaiwa encourages the SRc to participate in the campaign via social media. Ms Mubaiwa mentions the entities involved in the campaign, including Woolworths.</p> <p><b>6.9 Africa Unity Protest</b></p> <p>Ms Troup mentions the peaceful march briefly and further detail will be provided.</p>	
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	<p><b>6.10 Feedback on Maties Talent</b></p> <p>Ms Troup thanks Ms Josephs in her absence and provides feedback on the final that happened on 16 April. Ms Troup mentions the acts that placed with Stellatronix as winners of Maties Talent. Ms Laing congratulates Ms Troup on the success of the event.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><b>GENERAL</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Active anti-xenophobia campaign</b></p> <p>Ms Williams mentions being approached by students from other African countries that are experiencing xenophobia. Ms Williams reads the statement “Stellenbosch calls for active anti-xenophobia” and mentions that the campaign will collaborate with African Matters Campaign and Open Stellenbosch.</p> <p><b>7.2 Standard Bank Sponsorship</b></p> <p>Ms Fouché states that a R20000 sponsorship was given by the new Standard Bank for the SRc with the possibility to further collaborate. Ms Williams suggests taken the distribution of funds into consideration.</p> <p>Ms Fouché mentions that a meeting with the student fees committee will be held on 8 April to speak on students not being able to register before a payment from the bursary is received.</p> <p>Mr Landman suggests implementing the funds in the M4M bursary fund. Mr Anderson congratulates Ms Fouché and confirms with regards to the policies that it is a donation. Mr Wayne mentions that Tygerberg utilises a relief fund, which is also used to give loans for students to register. Mr McDonald suggests implementing the funds towards scholarship for future leaders in schools. Mr Greyvenstein comments on M4M and suggests that the relief fund should be managed by Bursaries and Loans. Ms Nel agrees on a relief fund as a necessity for basic needs of students.</p> <p>Ms Williams responds to Mr McDonalds’ suggestion by confirming that recruitment bursaries take leadership into account. Ms Nel confirms the recruitment bursaries are only</p>	



	<p>for BCI students. Ms Potgieter mentions MGD and their lack of funds for projects. Mr Laing asks Mr Ritter to approach the society's council on the matter. Ms Fouché encourages the idea of the SRc providing bursaries and Mr Laing explains the procedures involved.</p>	
8	<p><b>QUESTIONS AND VARIA</b></p> <p>Mr Greyvenstein mentions the attendance register for all attending guests to be signed.</p> <p>Ms Williams congratulates Dylon Swigelaar as the new SRc election convenor.</p> <p>Mr Landman mentions the M4M food drive collecting cans of non-perishable foods. SRc members are to encourage the residences on participating in the event. The cans are being collected from crusade boxes and the SRc office.</p> <p>Mr Landman suggests moving the next formal meeting of 30 April to 29 April due to the long weekend. Mr Laing confirms that the meeting is moved to 29 April with a vote of confidence from the SRc members.</p> <p>Mr Anderson mentions that the change of future meeting dates should be happen before the start of the previous meeting.</p> <p>Mr de Wet requests meetings with Mr Laing, Mr Muzofa and Mr Swiegelaar. Mr de Wet mentions the revised constitution of the Academic Affairs will be sent out on 17 April.</p> <p>Mr McDonald mentions the intervarsity athletics on 20 April at 18:00 and the rugby game on 21 April between the Varsity Cup Dream team and the Junior Springboks.</p> <p>Mr Nicholas mentions Tygerberg's successful culture week, wellness week and approaching earth week.</p> <p>Ms Botes mentions the Tonneelfees to take place on 17, 20 and 22 April.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa apologises for his earlier response during the meeting. Mr Muzofa mentions the permission asked by some</p>	



	<p>residences to install a generator on their own costs. Mr Laing asks Mr Coetzee to manage the issue.</p> <p>Ms Joubert emphasise the Shaken Silence protest to commence on 20 April and encourages SRc members to participate.</p> <p>Ms Nel invites all SRc members to the PK meetings. An informal invite will be sent and SRc members should respond if planning on attend.</p> <p>Ms Potgieter mentions MAD<sup>2</sup> final event to take place on 24 April, Joolkonsert, and invites all SRc members to attend.</p> <p>Ms Brand encourages the support of SRc members</p> <p>Mr Muzofa mentions a collaboration event with the International offices to take place on 8 May where 15 SU students and 15 international students will meet and partake in a tour followed by an event.</p> <p>Ms Williams speaks on Tony's House photography speaking on various issues and untold stories especially in Africa. An event will take place on 18 April in the LLL community.</p> <p>Mr Laing encourages the SRc members to be confidence in their roles.</p>	
9	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 21:00 in the SRc Boardroom.</p>	
10	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p>Mr Laing adjourns the meeting at 00:53.</p>	