

MINUTES OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT PARLIAMENT EXTRAORDINARY SITTING

Held on Thursday 13 March 2023 **at** Room 1023 – Ou Hoof Gebou **at** 17:00

Members Present:

Speaker of Parliament: William Villet

Deputy Speaker of Parliament: Cole Baker

Administration Officer of Parliament: Linda Lutywantsi

Public Relations Officer of Parliament: Dawn Manqoyi

Accountability Officer of Parliament: Alok More

SRC President: Masilo Silokazi

SRC Communications: Tebogo Radebe

SRC Spacial Needs Manager: Daniel Terblanche

SRC Policy Officer: Banzi Bottoman

SRC: William Sezec

SRC: Aphiwe Sithole

AAC: Ila Alberts

AAC: Stefan Roussouw

AAC: Asanda Mkhize

AAC: Elzette van Schalkwyk

AAC: Risuna Risimati

AAC: Siphe Giba

Academic Affairs Council: Kyle Duvenge

Prim Committee Vice Chair: Rudi Classen

Prim Committee Chair: Marga Wevell

President of Helderberg Men's Residence: Hugo Wolstenholme



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Prim of Mayube Men's Residence: Mu-eeen Khan

Primaria of Aristeia: Courtney de Klerk

Primaria of Olympus: Chloe Farinha

Primarius-Wilgenhof: Andrew Sparks

Vice- Primarius-Wilgenhof: Patrick Kilbourn

Vice- Primarius-Huis Marais: Joseph Piper

HC Member: Waldo Pienaar

Helshoogte-Chair First Year Comm: Ethan-John Carsten

Helshoogte-Chair First Year Comm Secretary: Jacob Classen

Primaria of Irene: Kwenzokuhle Khumalo

Student: Marilyn Mutagubya

Student: Ishmael Mabena

Student: Joshua Lawrence

Student: Bernard Oosthuisen

Student: Benjamin van Rhyn

Student: James Caldwell

Student: Chris Briel

Online Attendees:

Kapp S

Koen A

Mkhize AA

Pieterse Ernest

Qengqa PK

Van Wyk E

Wevell MA



Members Absent With Apology:

Swart, Emma Bower

Majikijela QPX

Qabaka, Phiwokuhle

The following points were on the agenda:

1. Opening and Welcoming:

- The Speaker of the House opened the meeting by officially welcoming all members of the committee.

2. Presentation by Dr Nel: Increasing Female Space in Stellenbosch University Residence

- Proposal for the 60/40 female and male representativity in the Stellenbosch University residence is due to the enrolment and registration statistics that have been witnessed.
- A working group has been appointed to determine the feasibility of implementing co-ed in university's residences.

3. Backlash Directed to Student Leaders:

- SRC Policy Officer mentioned that the student leaders were anticipating a backlash from the student body due to this proposal.
- Dr Choice responded by saying that the student leaders will get support from management in case of any backlash and emphasized that the university are still open for suggestions as nothing has been formalized yet. She further elaborated that the university is going to receive a further 400 beds and they have not decided on the utilization of these beds.

4. Timing of the Announcement:

- The President of Helderberg Men's Res and Chris Briel questioned the timing of the announcement. They mentioned that the management started talking about it in December when they realized that the statistics trends since 2017 but they are only making the announcement two weeks prior to the exams.
- Dr Choice responded by saying that the impact of Covid-19 has also caused these unprecedented trends and the university was waiting to complete the welcoming period to confirm that the trend still continues thus the late announcement to the co-ed consideration.

5. Public Participation:

- The Deputy Speaker of Student Parliament enquired about the efforts that will be made to consult the residence students.
- Dr Choice responded by saying that public participation will be conducted on a broad spectrum and further mentioned that there is no deadline for public participation thus it is still ongoing.



6. The Involvement of Council:

- Bernard Oosthuissen enquired whether or not Council will have to approve the co-ed in the university's residence.
- Dr Choice responded by saying that Council is a government structure thus it will be informed, advised and given feedback frequently on the matter as it has public interest.

7. Safety Considerations:

- Miss Risuna Risimati enquired about the safety measures that will be implemented to avoid GBV when females move into male accomodations.
- Dr Choice responded by saying that GBV is a serious issue and when the decision for co-ed is being made safety measures will be taken into consideration too.

8. Closing

- The meeting adjourned at 17:50.