



MINUTES OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT PARLIAMENT ORDINARY PLENARY SITTING

Held on Thursday 13 March 2023 **at** Room 1023 – Ou Hoof Gebou **at** 18:00

Members Present:

Speaker of Parliament: William Villet

Deputy Speaker of Parliament (Accountability Chair): Cole Baker

Administration Officer of Parliament (Secretary General): Linda Lutywantsi

Public Relations Officer of Parliament: Dawn Manqoyi

Accountability Officer: Alok More

Convenor & Equite Primaria: Alexa Koen

Student Parliament (Imbizo) Member of Accountability Committee: Nikolaa de Klerk

SRC President: Masilo Silokazi

SRC: Abongile Quthu

SRC: Prince Qengqa

SRC: Vanessa Annan

SRC Chairperson Societies Council: Kim Stoffels

SRC Policy Officer: Banzi Bottoman

AAC: Ila Alberts

AAC Executive: Kyle Duvenhage

AAC: Stefan Roussouw

AAC: Asanda Mkhize

AAC: Elzette van Schalkwyk

AAC: Siphe Giba

Primaria of Aristeia: Courtney de Klerk

Primaria of Olympus: Chloe Farinha

Primarius of Simonsberg: Lebogang Imraan Titoti



Primaria of Irene: Kwenzokuhle Khumalo

Nemesia Prim: Clio Sass

Prim of Academia: Katelyn Wijtenburg

Eendrag Primarius: Jaco Wagener

Eendrag Vice Prim: Chris Albertyn

Eendrag HC: Nathan Stone

Huis Marais Primarius: Heinrich Potgieter

Vice- Primarius-Huis Marais: Joseph Piper

Huis Marais HC: Matthew Apel

Huis Marais HC: Blake Govender

Helshoogte-Chair First Year Comm Secretary: Jacob Classen

Ordinary Member: Yanga Keva

DASO Deputy Chair Media: Reegan Johnson

Student: Marilyn Mutagubya

Student: Ishmael Mabena

Student: Kristen Bence

Student: Sesethu Mphahlele

Student: Aecoengile Cholodliza

Student: Audrey Phaladi

Student: Damian Luke Jasson

Student: Cristen Koegelenberg

Student: Buntu Nogqala

Student: Elsa-Marie van der Watt

Online Attendees:

Kapp S

Mkhize AA

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.
- The Deputy Speaker provided read out the rules of engagement.
- Acknowledgement of minutes.

2. Better Wi-fi Access Across Campus:

- The AAC Vice Chair reported that the matter has been discussed and the ACC agreed that wi-fi is essential for education purposes, they are currently engaging with the IT department whom are dealing with the matter but no deadline has been set. She further said that this is not the right platform to raise this issue for the first time, it should be raised with faculty student reps first but it will be dealt with because it has already been raised.
- SRC Policy Officer agreed that AAC is not fully responsible for this matter.
- Elsa-Marie van der Watt mentioned that this matter was not raised as an attack on the AAC but it was mentioned for awareness purposes.

3. Increase Library Hours:

- The AAC Vice Chair reported that the matter has been discussed by the AAC and the matter has been tabled with the university's management whom will ensure that the library hours are increased and the students will be informed accordingly.

4. Constitutional Duty to Appoint Electoral Commissioner by 1st March 2023:

- The SRC Chairperson apologized for not adhering to the due date, she mentioned that it was due to ineffective handing and taking over but she further stated that the SRC takes full responsibility for the error.
- The Ordinary Member mentioned that the violation of this deadline has an impact on deadlines for other appointments in other campuses such as the Tygerberg Campus.



- TSR Chairperson mentioned that the application for appointing the vacant posts have been sent out already so she is anticipating that their appointment deadline will not be infringed. The Ordinary Member said that the advertisement is invalid as long as there is no electoral commissioner yet.

5. NSFAS Proposed Protest:

- The SRC Chairperson mentioned that the SRC conducted a poll and the findings were that only 20% of the student body that participated in the poll wanted to participate in the proposed protest. She further mentioned that NSFAS did not show up to a meeting that the SRC had set up but the matters that were raised were nationwide matters.

6. Food Insecurity on Campus:

- The SRC Student Wellness Member mentioned that there is unregistered students need food; the names of the students have been shared with the Social Worker and other relevant structures. He further mentioned that a survey should be conducted to determine the exact number of the students in need.
- SRC Policy Officer said that the SRC organized donations from Woolworths to address this matter but management denied them the opportunity to distribute the donation instead the food was taken by management and the distribution never took place.
- The Speaker reminded the sitting that Student Parliament has no jurisdiction over management but a collective effort spearheaded by the SRC will be done to address the matter with management. SRC Vice Chair agreed with the Speaker and elaborated that the university has limited resources and structures which only enable students to receive food only once a month, there is a need for a greater food drive.

7. Discrimination in Residence Against People with Disabilities:

- The SRC Special Needs Manager mentioned that a student that has visual impaired was walking with a guide dog going to a prayer meeting at one of the residences when she met a monitor at the entrance doing their duty and prohibited the student from entering the residence as they were given instruction that no animals were allowed in the residence. As the monitor was going to enquire specifically about guide dogs, the student that was coming to the prayer group left. The house care had given permission for the student to enter with a guide dog. The Ordinary Member mentioned that the student that was prohibited from entering the residence should be found and the feedback from the house should be conveyed. The SRC Special Needs Manager mentioned that there should be an align between the monitors and the house care regarding this matter.



- SRC Special Needs Manager mentioned that students with visual impairment should make prior arrangements before entering residence that they do not reside in. The Deputy Speaker mentioned that this is unfair for students that have visual impairments and it infringes on their right to freedom of movement.
- The ACC Exec Member (Elzette van Schalkwyk) enquired about the policy that states that students with visual impairments should make arrangements prior to visiting a residence. SRC Policy Officer stated that it is not in a particular policy but it is implied when it is read together with the clause. SRC Special Needs Manager mentioned that he will address this issue in the meeting that he is going to have with the residence committee and inform them that the SRC is against this policy. The Deputy Speaker said that more examination should be conducted on the policy and the clause.

8. COB Prices:

- The Speaker mentioned that the student body is complaining about the high prices at COB. SRC Chairperson agreed that the prices are absurd. She further mentioned that further research will be conducted on the matter which will include a thorough comparison and analysis furthermore busarries and loans will conduct workshops to educate students about budgeting while SRC is engaging with the relevant stakeholders. SRC Policy Officer alerted the Parliament that the stakeholders are businessmen that are just concerned about their wealth thus the student body should not expect much from the engagement with them.

9. Student Assembly Campus Engagement Communications:

- Student Assembly Public Relations Officer announced that a campus engagement task team has been convened and it comprises of 20 first year students and she asked that more students should volunteer to join the team.

10. Urination Incident:

- SRC Policy Officer enquired about the feedback from the residence where the urination incident occurred as neither the SRC nor Student Parliament has received anything.
- Huis Marais Primarius and the two Huis Marais HCs mentioned that the following initiatives that have been conducted after the urination incident to ensure that it does not happen again:
 - Welcoming Program Redrafted from Military to Inclusive Traditions
 - Encouraging Positive Drinking Culture through Regulations and Policies
 - Camp to change the Values and Drinking Practices



- Encouraging the Practice of Gentlemanship
 - Encouraging Sports
 - Corridor Names Changed from Afrikaans to English and Xhosa
 - Big Brother Event
- Eendrag Vice Prim mentioned that the welcoming period was a great success with positive conversations and new values are communicated at every meeting even the first years gave positive feedback which will be part of the feedback that will form part of the report that will be given to the SRC and Student Parliament.
 - Primaria of Irene mentioned that the commission of enquiry tabled solutions but the solutions have not been mentioned as the initiatives that have been done. She further mentioned the residence does not mention anything about the racism aspect that was mentioned in the commission of enquiry. Huis Marais HC (Blake Govender) said that the findings of the commission of enquiry were taken into consideration and the solutions are being implemented on a continuous basis.

11. Prim Committee have Legislature and Judicial Powers:

- SRC Policy Officer and Helshoogte First Year Comm mentioned that the matter has been discussed and clarified and they said that there was no need for the matter to be discussed in Student Parliament.

12. Closing:

- The meeting adjourned at 19:50.