***Sitting Minutes***

***07 October 2014***

**-Welcome by Speaker Mubaiwa**
1)Constitution 99% ready
2) Apology for late email by Speaker
3)Apology for "blackface" term used in Xhosa version of email
4) Speaker reminded house of rules of engagement, read out

-Translation devices made available by SP
-Impartiality of Speaker re - emphasised
-Reopening of Student Parliament Committee applications

**-Commitment to Unity read out**

1. **Introduction of Speaker Elections**
-Election Convenor introduced, Cerwyn Majiedt
-One candidate falls out, due to constitutional grounds

**SPEECHES**
Alphabetically (administered by Mr Majiedt)
-Mr G. Hamunyela
(Mr Piers outside)

**Round of questions called for. 10 minutes**
-wayde groep: extrapolation of problems SP faces; Mr Piers adequately responds
-JD Blanckenberg: Role of Accountability Chair, effectiveness of fulfilling role?; Mr Piers responds

-Sikhulekile Duma: values are flexible?; Mr Hamunyela responds
-SASCO vision for 2015, campus involvement in 2014?; Mr Hamunyela responds
-Zama asks question to both candidates, how will you make SP's voice amplified to management and SRc?; Mr  Hamunyela responds first; Mr Piers then responds in turn

**QUESTION TIME ENDS**
Allowed one more "burning question"
-Lwazi Pakade: to what degree can SP hold SRc accountable

POO: JD Blanckenberg : s 24 of Constitution, validity of question Pakade to candidates.

**VOTING PROCEDURE COMMENCES 19H39**

Speaker Mubaiwa calls for order
-2 minutes of voting time left, order called for
-checked that everyone has voted

-2 independent students called for vote counting purposes

-Sifundo Mhlati calls for POO. Not blackface; used SU management terms. USBD available

1. **AMAZINK INICDENT**
2 SRc members - Stefan Laing and Wimpie Greyvenstein
MR LAING
-Miss Williams unable to be present due to unforeseen circumstances
-Advisory Forum
-5 hour discussion; press release sent
-open discussion, upon reflection SP appropriate platform
-Marketed SRc opening launch

MR GREYVENSTEIN
-Explanation of SRc decisions
-Facilitation of discussion within residences and PSOs
-Representative audience, embrace the moment
-Act out of position of strength not weakness

**PRIM OF SIMONSBERG Arno De Wet**
-Explain Simonsberg's position re: the incident
-Not take a stance on the matter due to differing opinions
-Align residence to the  University processes; decided by the house
-Create similar platforms of debate for similar situations not known of.
-3 guys sitting in discussions to get opinions expressed, restorative journey

**PERPETRATORS**-Mark reads statement
-apologises
-Pakade POO, denied
-reconsider opinion to those who supported their actions
-recognition of wrongfulness

-Allows platform for other racist events to be aired

-Apologises for undermining universities authority
-Committed to LLL Houses and FVZS

**GERHARD LIBB DIRECTOR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**
-outline of functions and duties and code
-bound by rules of administrative law. Not court of law. Independent tribunal.
-process must be fair
-can be taken to court for procedural process NOT merits of the case
-historical approach, outline difference of modern approach

**PROF EUGENE CLOETE**-be a MATIE first, share dream
-foster respect
-want most livable and caring campus
-help each other to become thought leaders
-sad incident happened; hurt inclusivity and universities image. Hurt many students
-Responsibility and accountability of university. Degree of being bound.
-Other Rectors decisions not relevant

-Outlining the role of Vice Rector and Rector
-Wishes well for studies

**ROUND OF QUESTIONS**
1 minute per question, 1 minute per reply

Questions for Greyvenstein and Laing
-More detail on what the facilitation will encompass
-Daso Maties applauds SRc
-Blanckenberg asks for a more proactive approach by SRc

**Questions for PRIM**-JD Blanckenberg applauds perpetrators
-Neutral not reacting, is that tacit acceptance of the incident
-Bohlale Selahle POO regarding Twitter and Videos. SPEAKER: SP wants to be transparent, allowed for.
-Neutrality,  is this not a slippery slope?

-Simonsberg reputation damaged, way moving forward?
-Values of residence is this not in conflict? Reply: yes it did conflict.
-Mhlati: reputation - how will it be impacted on AMAZINK; validity of term
-Pakade: problem with only at AMAZINK, photo at Simonsberg how so? RESPONSE: party not at res

**QUESTION TO GUYS**
-Pakade problem with statement - reference to "we". Only Mark took initiative. REPLY: everybody is personally sorry
-SASCO what did you intend to do?  What was the thought process?
REPLY: thought act was separate
-JEPTHA: what would you think the consequences should be?
REPLY: expel would not address
-How will we hold you accountable if you at schools?
-KHULE: understand damage to inclusivity REPLY: we acknowledge
-If you go back and speak what will your message be REPLY: White priviledge, take cognisance and social media
-Abused boys we must have compassion.
-Faith Pienaar: commends honesty. Not sure if you understand the blackface term. Do you understand veracity of non inclusivity. Dig deeper.
REPLY : hurt people based on dark past
-MAMBESI GOJE: be glad it happened at Amazink otherwise we would be attending your funeral  (Speaker ruled it out of order). How do I market the University to my Khayamnandi school friends.

**UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT**
-FROLICK: recognise inclusivity issues;.br clearer with  regard to inclusivity. REPLY: not just research but also DNA of the university. Not just centre of transformation but also inclusivity. Submit plan to Council, as requested on how to move from research to practical implementation. Inclusivity is a non - negotiable.

-Sandra: what is required in our student body; REPLY: social cohesion
-Zama: maties and other people's opinions are others. Skin is an important factor, acknowledge diversity and then inclusivity.
REPLY: agrees, respect is pertinent.
-Wayde: are there safe spaces and places for discrimination to be reported? REPLY: discrimination is the enemy of the university. Apologize first and seek to understand.
-Khanyamama: blackface, not emotionally attached. But now emotional because of Management. How will you ensure   inclusivity and transformation? What is your plan? REPLY: Come to my office, it's always open.

**CHRISTIAN PRACTICES IN RESIDENCE AND CAMPUS EVENTS
-Value driven organisation**-democracy about values and not the will of the majority
-recognise diversity

-DASO MATIES call for a moment of silence rather than prayer.
-RESHARD: university is a secular institution due to constitution.
-MATTHEW: religion affects lots of things not only prayer, but also huisdans on Muslim day
-JD: are we saying how we converse is a problem. It's insensitive to say that minority is under threat.
-Wayde:Problem with conversation, sage spaces not being provided by HK
-Very topical conversation, invitation to pray always at theology faculty how then are we fulfilling the convocations call for inclusivity
Silence doesn't mean tacit consent.

NEW SPEAKER: 77 VOTES -Quan Piers;99 VOTES - Gerschwinn. 178 ballots, 2 spoilt

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