**Minutes**

**Students’ Representative Council Meeting**

25 April 2019, 17:30 @ Irene Residence

# Prologue

A regular Students’ Representative Council meeting of Stellenbosch University was held on 25 April 2019, in terms of section 38 and section 39 of the Stellenbosch University Student Constitution which mandates the SRC to meet at least at least once every two weeks. The following are the minutes thereof.

# Welcoming

C. van Wyk welcomes everyone to the SRC meeting of 25 April 2019.

# Attendance

**Present**

Carli van Wyk

Paulu Joubert

Lauren Stevenson

Alex van Greuning

Leighton September

Melt Hugo

Mthunzi Matshabane

Bongani Mapumulo

Anna Durheim

Blaine Josephs

Masixole Ndamandama

**Apologies**

Thembeka Myeko

Marine Bothma

Eduard Beukman

# Approval of previous minutes

C. van Wyk, M. Hugo and P. Joubert approved minutes of previous meeting

# Setting of the agenda

The minutes will be a reflection of the agenda.

# Feedback

## Prim committee

J. Fourie gives feedback about the Prim Committee. She states that she and the PSO prims has been working alongside Student Governance and the Societies Council to discuss the office spaces in the Neelsie.

## Academic affairs council

No feedback

## Societies council

. No feedback

## TSR

.No feedback

## Military academy

No feedback

## Managers feedback

A. Durheim states that both the branding for KUKO and the SRC’s Instagram account is going well. The Instagram account has reached 550 followers.

B. Josephs states that Toneelfees is going well and the finances are in order. He also says that a critical engagement will be hosted to address the drag theme controversy. Debating was also a huge success. SU Acapella planning is running smoothly.

M. Ndamandama will be doing a shuttle safety assessment and M. Matshabane will join in on this trip. First aid training has been planned for next term. Cluster safety engagement with residences are ongoing.

# Voting

None

# Discussion

C. van Wyk requests members of the house to recognize the rules of engagement. According to section 4 (44)(1c) in the Student Constitution, a student that is not a member of the SRC is only allowed to speak if they submit a written notice 24 hours in advance to the SG and it is approved by the Chairperson. C. van Wyk states that no notice was received however the SRC will allow points from the house to ensure constructive engagement.

## Risk and Security Assessment

M. Ndamandama requests volunteers to assist with a SRC office risk and security assessment. C. van Wyk and M. Matshabane have volunteered.

## SRC mid-term report

The session will be hosted on the 5th of May. The venue will either be Katjiepiering or LawnLunch. The format entails various SRC members presenting their different portfolios. C. van Wyk that the event will be a great idea and encourages all to be excited.

## Shuttle task team feedback

Two different groups are working on the proposed plan which is still in the early planning stages. The shuttle task team would like to join in on the shuttle safety task assessment with M. Ndamadama and M. Matshabane.

## Move4food

Move4food will transition from a food pantry to mainly financial resources. Collecting food in front of hungry people was raised as a concern because it was perceived to be inhumane. Fundraising events will cost R30 pp which is the price of a meal on campus. The connect team is working on fundraising opportunities as well. Rectorate feedback by Prof. Skoonwinkel told the SRC to map out the system in place that focuses on the issue of food emergencies. Students with bursaries that set aside money for food allowance need to contact the bursaries and loans office. The missing middle needs to contact “supportus@sun.ac.za”. Students with food emergencies should also use this email address.

International and postgraduate students must contact Chantel Swartz. Emergencies need to be relayed to Tannie Riana and contact her via email [rianae@sun.ac.za](mailto:rianae@sun.ac.za). L. Stevenson states that Move4food would prefer not to have a food bank in the future, instead students should go to a residence dining hall to have access to meals. This ensures the meals are fresh, notorious and cost effective.

M. Hugo seeks clarity on where the food collected in 2018 went?

L. Stevenson responds by saying that all food collected was depleted by November 2018 which showcases the severity of the food crisis and the need for a sustainable solution. M. Matshabane states that food is difficult to access for students staying off campus. This needs to be addressed as it will be a problem for the next SRC. He also says that all SRC members need to work together not independently on the issue. C. van Wyk states that a solution given by the rectorate were mainly suggestions that the SRC came up with however more can be done.

## Heartflow coupon initiative

This initiative seeks to address the vagrant issue on campus. People will be able to buy the vouchers which will provide homeless people access to either food, a blanket or a night in a night shelter. The SRC office might be a distribution point.

# General points

**Tamaties vouchers**

The SRC was given 50 Tamaties vouchers by a student society. L. September thinks that the SRC should distribute the vouchers to needy students. A. van Greuning states this would create the impression that the SRC has resources and how would the SRC regulate who has access to the vouchers. L. Stevenson suggests handing the vouchers over to the university structures dealing with food security. P. Joubert states that this is a difficult process to manage. He says Lizzie Witbooi would be a better option even though she has resources. J. Fourie supports Tannie Riana receiving the vouchers. M. Hugo thinks there’s an issue of confidentiality and judging who and who doesn’t get access to these vouchers is a foreseeable issue. M. Ndamandama sees both sides of the argument however the agency of the SRC as a responsive body needs to be taken into account. M. Matshabane says that having the SRC handout the vouchers empowers the SRC and we should not render ourselves powerless. Carli says that the university thinks the SSVO works perfectly however with Lizzy not always being available, students have a different impression. Carli wants names and times of when students are turned away due to no availability at the SSVO to prove that Lizzy is overworked. L. September feels some students may be more comfortable with coming to the SRC with regards to this sensitive issue. Melt wants to know what the criteria would be to access the vouchers, there is also a power dynamic. The matter is moved to be discussed in the next SRC Think Tank.

**SASOF- South African-Sweden forum**

P. Joubert explains that SASOF will take place from the 7th-10th of May at the university. Four students from Sweden will be arriving. The opening function will be on the 8th May. Leadership forum will run the whole day from the 9-10th. The University of the Western Cape (UWC) will also be participating in the forum. P. Joubert is requesting the help of three volunteers, who would need to sign up to some of the sessions.

**#NotAllMen**

C. van Wyk mentions the controversy surrounding the #NotAllMen event as L. September received emails which requested clarification of the SRC stance about the following: Dagbreek’s Inkululeko pamphlet , gender-based violence and if the SRC believe men are trash.

K. Krige, upon late arrival, explains that #NotAllMen was not a statement but merely a conversation starter. The facilitator misinterpreted the topic and this was rectified during the session.

The pamphlets were a condition for hosting the session at Dagbreek. The pamphlets were not forced upon anyone, they were optional to take.

# Next meeting

9 May 2019

# Closing

Meeting adjourned at 18:59