



**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY HELD ON 12 October 2015
IN THE SRC BOARDROOM AT 21:00**

MEMBERS Axolile Qina, James de Villiers, Marc Rudolph, Lethiwe Mbatha, Lwazi Phakade, Wim Steyn, Inge Barac, Kara Meiring, Nicholas Wayne, Daniele Bezuidenhout, Carina Stapelberg, Natasha Woudberg, Bradley Frolick, Tumelo Motse, Siyabulela Duna, Bandile Mndebele, Khadija Bawa, Marike Madsen-Leibold, Farai Mubaiwa, Reanne Olivier

ABSENT WITH REASON Lianda du Plessis, Mynhardt Kruger, Tintotendaishe Muzofa

ABSENT WITHOUT REASON None

OTHER ATTENDEES Christa de Kock (minute taker), Sikhulekile Duma, Mothlabane Kolo, Tayla Froneman, Bryan Bergsteedt, JD Blanckenberg, Kansale Hlomani, Prof Stan du Plessis, Mbitho

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1	CALL TO ORDER Mr Qina calls the meeting to order at 21:02.	
2	WELCOMING AND PERSONALIA Mr Qina welcomes all members and guests to the last meeting for 2015. The meeting procedures and formalities are stated by Mr Qina. Mr Steyn and Mr Qina are to proxy for Mr Kruger and Ms du Plessis, respectively.	
3	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES The previous minutes are approved by Ms Woudberg and seconded by Ms Barac.	
4	ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES None	

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5	<p>SETTING OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>From the original agenda points are moved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6.9 Fees increase Executive motion to 6.2 - 6.15 MAD2 to 6.3 <p>From the original agenda points are removed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6.5 Welcoming period Task Team - 6.10 Academic Boycott - 6.11 Woordfees <p>Points added to the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6.1.4 Institution fi Transformation Committee - Two motions are added under 6.4 	
6	<p>DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK</p> <p>6.1 Statutory Body Elections</p> <p>Mr de Villiers convenes the statutory body elections and states the voting procedures. Each candidate has the opportunity to give a speech after which a session of questions follow.</p> <p>6.1.1 Council</p> <p>Two members are to be elected to council. The candidates for the positions are Mr Duma, Mr Frolick, Mr Wayne, Mr Koloi, Ms Froneman, Mr Bergsteedt and Mr Qina. In the first round of voting majority is not reached and the second voting is between Mr Frolick and Mr Qina. Mr Qina is elected to council with 8/15 votes, Mr Frolick received 7 votes. In the third round Mr Wayne is elected to council with 9/15 votes, Mr Frolick received 6 votes.</p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa, Ms Bawa and Ms Olivier expressdiscontent about the lack of female representatives on the council.They express their deep discontent at the fact that the SRC once again voted in a manner that is not</p>	

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<p>conducive for campus. They raised evidence of council consisting of predominantly white males, and the voices of the marginalized are not heard. They express the fact that the SRC had the opportunity to vote for a minority group by voting for a coloured female, and instead they voted for two males who already represent council.</p> <p>6.1.2 Senate</p> <p>Three members are to be elected to senate. The candidates for the positions are Ms Woudberg, Mr Phakade and Mr Rudolph. In the first round of voting Ms Woudberg is elected to senate with 8/15 votes. In the second and third round Mr Phakade and Mr Rudolph are elected to senate with 14/15 and 11/15 votes, respectively.</p> <p>6.1.3 Institutional Forum</p> <p>Three members are to be elected to institutional forum (IF) of which two must be SRC members. The candidates for the positions are Mr Koloj, Ms Bawa, Ms Hlomani, Mr Bergsteedt, Ms Froneman, Ms Mubaiwa, Ms Meiring (SRC) and Ms Barac (SRC). In the first round of voting Ms Hlomani is elected to IF with 8/15 votes. In the second and third round of voting Ms Barac and Ms Meiring are elected to IF with 8/15 and 14/15 votes, respectively.</p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa, Mr Frolick, Ms Bawa and Ms Olivier express satisfaction with the female representative, although Ms Bawa displays discontent towards minority representatives. She emphasizes the fact that the SRC had an opportunity to vote for an Indian Muslim female student, a minority group on campus and disappointed once again.</p> <p>Mr Frolick makes it clear that, as the SRC Chair of Transformation, he will not be able to project the SRC 2015/2016 as pro-transformation because it has elected two conservative males to Council, the highest statutory body, and has not given any regard for representation which is compounded by the fact that neither Mr Qina nor Mr Wayne enjoy support nor do they represent marginalised and progressive constituencies.</p>	<p>Mr Qina and Mr Wayne are elected to council.</p> <p>Ms Woudberg, Mr Phakade and Mr Rudolph are elected to Senate.</p> <p>Ms Hlomani, Ms Barac and Ms Meiring are elected to Institutional Forum.</p>

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<p>6.1.4 Institution of Transformation Committee</p> <p>Mr Qina states the what the position entails. One member is to be elected to the Institutional Transformational Committee (ITC). Mr de Villiers states that the position will not be voted on in the current meeting with 10/15 votes. The election for ITC will be postponed to the next meeting. Mr Rudolph stresses the importance of internal communication.</p> <p>6.2 Fees Increase Executive Motion</p> <p>Mr Qina welcomes Prof du Plessis to address the floor with regards to the university's budget and increase of fees. Prof du Plessis provides documentation and proceed to explain the financial situation and the fee adjustment.</p> <p>Questions are raised on (1) practical function of the budget increase, (2) sporadic increase of fees, (3) impact on low-income families, (4) strategic funds, (5) financial surplus, (6) impact on SU bursaries, (7) SU personnel benefit to free tuition, (8) indirect sources of income and (9) outsourcing. Prof du Plessis discusses the issues raised.</p> <p>Prof du Plessis encourages the suggestion made by Ms Bezuidenhout to get representatives of the SRC on platforms concerned with SU bursaries.</p> <p>Mr Qina mentions the meeting on the fee increase to take place on 13 October at 10:00. Mr Qina suggests to have another meeting following at which student parliament will be invited to.</p> <p>6.3 MAD2</p> <p>Ms Bezuidenhout discusses a proposition given by a start-up company to supply Wi-Fi on campus and surrounding areas for a fee of R99 per month. Wi-Fi is to be installed by February 2016 in the case of an agreement and SU is to receive 10% of the income. For feasibility purposes at least 10 000 students are required to participate.</p>	<p>The statutory body election for the Institution of Transformation Committee is to be performed at next meeting.</p> <p>Future meeting on the matter to extend an invitation to student parliament.</p>

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<p>6.6 Constitutional Referendum Task Team</p> <p>Mr Rudolph speaks on the mandatory referendum to take place and requests a task team. A unanimous vote agrees in appointing a task team for the constitutional referendum.</p> <p>Mr Rudolph discuss the motion regarding the interpretative measure of the constitutional referendum. The motion is seconded by Mr Frolick. Mr Rudolph reads the motion and it passes with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>Mr Rudolph discuss the motion regarding the resident and PSO constitutional review. The motion is seconded by Mr Frolick. Mr Rudolph reads the motion which entails that the constitution of all residences and PSOs should be sent to student court for revision before the end of the first term in 2016. Mr Blanckenberg suggests drafting a template for the residences/PSOs and investigating the faculty constitutions. Mr de Villiers mentions utilising the PK as means to distribute the template to residences/PSOs. Mr Rudolph confirms the language budget is able to cover the translation expenses. Mr Qina reads the reviewed motion and it passes with a unanimous vote. Mr Qina encourages members to introduce motion to relevant student structures to ensure it is interpreted positively. Ms Mubaiwa reminds the SRC of the importance of a constitutional review given the fact that various residences on campus still have unconstitutional practices.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers recommends to the constitutional referendum to add that a constitution of any structure at SU needs to be reviewed within a certain time frame.</p> <p>6.7 Shuttle Service Issue</p> <p>Mr Phakade speaks on the current issue where students living off campus are required to walk long distances to and fro the shuttles. The safety of students is put at risk.</p> <p>Mr Mbitho states the criticality and extensiveness of the</p>	<p>A task team to be appointed to the constitutional referendum.</p>



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<p>matter and requests shuttles from SU. Discontent on the current situation is stated by students utilising the service. A signed petition is handed to the SRC for free shuttles to be made available.</p> <p>Mr Phakade proposes to discuss the issue with the RMT. Ms Mbatha to arrange for temporary transport. Mr Frolick suggests management provides the students with an allowance for transport.</p> <p>Mr Qina concludes that the shuttle services and security issue will be discussed in an interim meeting with the RMT. It is suggested to have a representative in the meeting who makes use of the service. Mr Qina expresses discontent and stresses the importance of the matter and the need to implement a permanent solution.</p> <p>6.8 Anti-discrimination discussion</p> <p>Ms Bawa mentions the various entities involved in the task team and explains its goal as an overarching policy for students to refer to on various levels. The task team to head the drafting, procedures and implementation. The document has been compiled and will be formally presented to RMT at the end of November to successfully be approved early 2016. Mr Blanckenberg asks on the student representation in the approval of the document.</p> <p>6.9 External Relation Briefing Document</p> <p>Ms Stapelberg presents the document which includes a two-fold proposal of (1) hosting the New Hope conference and (2) involvement of tours and benchmarking in Africa and various countries including USA and BRICS. Ms Stapelberg to finalise the document and forward to members for input.</p> <p>6.10 Mission and Vision</p> <p>Mr Qina discusses the summary of the mission and vision of the SRC sent to members as a guideline to align with strategic planning.</p> <p>6.11 Intersectionality Campaign</p>	<p>An interim meeting to be held with RMT to discuss the shuttle service issue.</p>



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	<p>Mr Qina discusses the anti-racism march as a Shaken Silence against discrimination. The relevance to the portfolios of consciousness and critical engagement is indicated. Mr Frolick requests the scope of the campaign to be expanded to include intersectionality. Ms Bawa display concern on the continuity of issues raised. Ms Olivier explains the similarity to the human dignity march and suggests looking at other platforms.</p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa speaks on security measures with regards to campaigns and marches that ought to be consistent and thus need to be addressed. Mr Frolick suggests the event to be the welcoming wee programme. Mr Qina to set up a working group with Mr Frolick, Ms Bawa, Mr Mndebele, Ms Meiring, Ms Olivier and Ms Mubaiwa. A vote of 12/13 is in favour of the campaign with one vote abstained. The name is yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>6.12 Ex-officio</p> <p>6.12.1 Societies Council</p> <p>Ms Meiring to send an email with the relevant feedback.</p> <p>6.12.2 ABR</p> <p>Ms Woudberg to send an email with the relevant feedback.</p> <p>6.12.3 PK</p> <p>Mr Steyn mentions that Neil du Toit spoke to the PK on the White Privilege Project and it was received well. The objectification of men and women in residences is discussed in PK meeting and a task team has been appointed to the matter. The SRC statements were discussed at the PK meeting. Mr Steyn explains the situation with regards to Ms Mubaiwa's tweet mentioning a specific male residence. Ms Mubaiwa clarifies the matter.</p> <p>6.13 Sensitivity Training</p> <p>Ms Olivier discusses the 4-hour workshop which speaks</p>	<p>Mr Qina to set up working group (with no delegated authority) for the campaign.</p>

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	<p>on gender, sexuality and safe sex. The training is proposed to all Prims and HKs to perform in the two weeks prior to welcoming week. A short course will also be made available to the SRc. Mr Qina explains the need for student leaders to do sensitivity training.</p> <p>6.14 Women Empowerment Vision</p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa speaks on consciousness on campus with regards to women empowerment and accentuates the importance thereof.</p>	
	<p>GENERAL</p> <p>7.1 Rooiplein Discussion</p> <p>Ms Stapelberg states the launch will commence at 12:45 on 13 October and finish before 14:00. It is compulsory for all SRc members. The clothing arrangements are discussed. Mr Frolick asks to be excused due to prior commitments. Ms Stapelberg explains the procedure of the launch and mentions a suggestion made to end the event with a soapbox.</p> <p>7.2 Weekly Meals</p> <p>Mr Rudolph discusses the free meal made available weekly for SRc members. Mr Qina confirms that the managers' meals will be paid from the SRc budget. Mr de Villiers suggests having the first meal at Wilgenhof and to set a fixed day per week. A document will be placed on Google Docs to determine the specific day.</p> <p>7.3 Homophobic Attack on Disciplinary Hearing</p> <p>Mr de Villiers gives an update on the current state of the alleged incident. A flaw in the policy is encountered which augments to victimisation of the victims. Mr de Villiers to make recommendations to the policy review to</p>	

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<p>ensure fairness. In case of no conclusive result, Mr de Villiers will take up the matter with SU Ombudsman.</p>	
<p>IN CAMERA</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>QUESTIONS AND VARIA</p> <p>Mr de Villiers expresses discontent with the state in which the SRc office is treated.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers advises no formal communication to be made on WhatsApp.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers mentions that the office duty list will be updated as soon as possible.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers confirms that the managers' email addresses will be set up by the end of the week.</p> <p>Ms Olivier asks on the external institution addressing SU in next week. Mr de Villiers states sensitivity of matter and states that no further information can be given as of yet.</p> <p>Mr Steyn expresses discontent with the length of formal SRc meetings and suggests a practical and sustainable solution need to be made. Mr Frolick suggests increasing the meeting frequency.</p> <p>Mr Frolick explains situation with Woordfees with regards to Discourse Café and expresses his disapproval at the</p>	<p><action></p>



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	<p>narrow-minded and counter-revolutionary Woordfees organisation and concept. Mr Frolick to address the issue in the SRc Executive Committee. Ms Madsen-Leibold requests to attend the meeting regarding the Woordfees.</p> <p>Mr Qina and Mr Rudolph to leave for Durban from 14 – 17 October; Mr de Villiers to take responsibility.</p>	
	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next general meeting is to take place on in 2016 TBC in the SRc Boardroom (subject to change).</p>	
	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Mr. Qina adjourns the meeting at 3:00 am</p>	