

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**IN THE SRC BOARDROOM AT 21:00**

**IN ATTENDANCE** Axolile Qina, James de Villiers, Lianda du Plessis, Marc Rudolph, Lethiwe Mbatha, Mynhardt Kruger, Lwazi Phakade, Wim Steyn, Inge Barac, Kara Meiring, Nicholas Wayne, Daniele Bezuidenhoudt

**ABSENT WITH REASON** Brandley Frolick, Carina Stapelberg, Natasha Woudberg

**ABSENT WITHOUT REASON** Tumelo Motse

**OTHER ATTENDEES** Christa de Kock (minute taker), Rejoice Malisa van der Walt, JD Blanckenberg, Neil du Toit, Ashanti Kunene

	<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1	<b>OPENING</b>  Mr de Villiers calls the meeting to order at 21:04.	
2	<b>WELCOMING AND PERSONALIA</b>  Mr de Villiers makes excuse for the late arrival of Mr Qina, Mr Wayne and Ms Bezuidenhoudt. Mr Phakade and Ms Barac are to proxy for Mr Frolick and Ms Stapelberg, respectively.	
3	<b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>  The previous minutes are approved by Ms Meiring and second by Ms Barac.	
4	<b>ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>  #IAMSTELLENBOSCH to be discussed as an agenda point.  Welcoming Week Task Team to be discussed as an agenda point.	
5	<b>SETTING OF THE AGENDA</b>	

	<p>6.12 #IAMSTELLENBOSCH 6.13 Welcoming Week Task Team 6.14 SRc Launch and Clothing 6.15 Poster Certification 6.16 White Privilege Project The agenda is approved by Ms Barac and second by Ms Mbatha.</p>	
6	<p><b>DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK</b></p> <p>Ms van der Walt introduces Young Women in Science Engineering and Technology (SET) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) to the SRc members. The program focuses on the development of women in these fields – throughout all educational levels. Ms van der Walt asks for the SRc’s support on a tertiary educational level.</p> <p>Ms van der Walt confirms that STEM/SET is not politically affiliated and has relationships with various other universities including the Israeli Ben-Gurion University.</p> <p>Mr Blanckenberg suggests incorporating SET/STEM with the Post Graduate International Office (PGIO) or Academic Affairs Council (ACC). Mr de Villiers confirms and suggests it could also be established as a society. Ms Barac suggests getting more information on the matter on which Mr Rudolph agrees and adds that portfolios of the SRc would then assist.</p> <p><b>6.1 Tygerberg</b></p> <p>Mr Wayne discusses the allied health sciences departments at the Tygerberg campus and elaborates on an issue identified where these students are prohibited to partake in SU activities. Mr Wayne explains the matter has been addressed with the heads of departments and the dean. Suggestions to improve the matter include mentor programmes within faculties and slight changes in curriculum.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers asks on the issue of transportation between Stellenbosch and Tygerberg. Mr Wayne confirms that the issue is apparent. Mr Kruger is to look into the matter and speak with the various parties involved from SU.</p> <p><b>6.2 MILAK</b></p> <p>Mr Qina mentions issues with the printer at MILAK is identified – only one functioning machine which operates with money. Ms</p>	<p>Mr Kruger to speak to SU on transport matter.</p> <p>Ms Stapelberg to investigate matter on printers at MILAK.</p> <p>Mr Qina to clarify the relationship between SU and Elsenburg with RMT.</p> <p>Mr Phakade, Ms du Plessis and Ms Bezuidenhout to organise events.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers to release a statement on the language policy.</p> <p>Ms Barac and Mr de Villiers to draft a document on SRc guardian expectations.</p> <p>Ms Meiring to send document on guidelines of event calendar.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers to announce relationship with OS.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers to</p>

<p>Stapelberg to look into the matter.</p> <p><b>6.3 Elsenburg</b></p> <p>Mr Qina states than an agreement has been drafted and given to Elsenburg. It entails the adherence of Elsenburg to the SU student constitution. Unless the agreement is signed, Elsenburg would not be able to participate on campus, including MAD<sup>2</sup>. The matter has been discussed with various parties of SU.</p> <p>Mr Rudolph explains that only the B.Agriculture students at Elsenburg fall under SU. Furthermore the document is a step based procedure to provide tangible growth to Elsenburg campus. This aims to integrate the student body of Elsenburg. The SRc is working in collaboration to formulate programs to be implemented.</p> <p>Ms Barac asks on the disciplinary process and mentions that Elsenburg ought to adhere to the welcoming practices as well. Ms Bezuidenhout suggests a formal document to state the relationship between SU and Elsenburg.</p> <p>Mr Qina concludes that the SRc are to clarify the relationship between SU and Elsenburg with the Rector's Management Team (RMT). The proposal has been set into motion.</p> <p><b>6.4 Vote and acceptance of Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>Mr de Villiers mentions that a copy of the Code of Conduct has been distributed to all SRc members with adequate time to read through the documentation.</p> <p>Mr Qina manages the voting procedure and a unanimous vote of 12/12 is recorded. The document is to be signed after the meeting.</p> <p><b>6.5 Run for Maties</b></p> <p>Mr Phakade explains the lack of financial support to students, specifically during the registration process. An initiative to provide this financial support is to host a running event on Saturdays at the J.S. Marais Park.</p> <p>Ms du Plessis states the matter is discussed with the municipality with regards to the costs. Ms Bezuidenhout suggests to collaborate the event with MGD and to commence a point-taking system as incentive to residences to participate. Ms du Plessis</p>	<p>advertise statutory body positions.</p> <p>March against racism to be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Matter to be addressed at next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Qina and Mr de Villiers to temporarily manage the certification of posters.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers to set guidelines on the matter.</p>
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confirms the preliminary dates of 10 and 17 October for the events to take place in this year. The *Run for Maties* is to proceed in the next year.

Ms Bezuidenhout emphasises that the first event should have proper marketing. Mr de Villiers asks the assistance of MGD on the initiative. Mr Qina concludes that Mr Phakade, Ms du Plessis and Ms Bezuidenhout are to manage the events.

### **6.6 Feedback on Language Policy**

Mr Qina explains that management released a statement on the document that has been drafted on the language policy. The document is taken to council on 28 September for approval.

Mr de Villiers states that the T-option is ineffective and that the SRC should take a stance to promote parallel medium communication. Ms Kunene emphasises the use of parallel medium in official communication from SU. Mr Phakade furthermore mentions the lack thereof in meeting invitations.

Mr Qina says the language policy is a key issue for the SRC as part of strategic planning and stresses that the document should be scrutinised and a clear stance should be taken in terms of communication to student and student leaders. Ms Bezuidenhout suggests the use of task teams within faculties to manage practical language issues proactively by providing practical recommendations.

Mr Qina concludes that (1) the document is to be scrutinised, (2) a statement is to be released and (3) task teams are to be implemented in faculties. A statement is drafted, discussed and voted on. The motion passed with 10/12 for the statement and 1/12 against with 1/12 abstained.

### **6.7 Emphasise structures of PK (Vision and utilising structures)**

Mr Steyn stresses the structures within residences and PSOs which could be utilised strategically. Mr Qina encourages SRC guardians to be relevant and to challenge the residences/PSOs with specific regards to their respective portfolios.

Ms Bezuidenhout mentions the need of documentation to keep SRC accountable as guardians. Ms Barac and Mr de Villiers to draft a document on the expectations of SRC guardians.

## **6.8 Ex Officio Feedback**

### **6.8.1 Societies Council**

Ms Meiring mentions the first meeting took place on 23 September where the Institutional Forum representative and most of the executive committee for the societies council have been elected. The executive committee will be finalised by 30 September.

Ms Meiring speaks on the UNASA event, Youth to Business Forum, to take place on 10 October. Information will be forwarded to SRc members.

Ms Meiring confirms six new societies were registered. Mr de Villiers requests of Ms Meiring to send communication document with regards to the guidelines of the event calendar.

### **6.8.2 ABR**

Ms Woudberg is absent.

### **6.8.3 PK**

Mr Steyn mentions the first meeting took place on 22 September and explains the concept of cluster meetings held prior to the formal meeting. The issues addressed through discussions include sexual identity, race, language and religion. Research has been performed on the culture of alcohol misuse and a document drafted in support of declining such culture is to be signed by the Prims at the next PK meeting.

Ms Barac speaks on a document drafted on the restructuring of PSOs to integrate PSOs within clusters and split resources amongst them. Ms Barac confirms that all formal communication from the PK to the residences/PSOs will be channelled through Ms Barac and Mr Steyn.

The next PK meeting is to take place on 7 October at 20:00 (venue to be confirmed). PK meetings are open to any students.

## **6.9 Safety and Protests and “the Message”**

Mr Kruger discusses the message that was sent by an individual prior to the SASCO march in attempt to raise concern. Investigations will proceed to identify the individual and

disciplinary actions will follow if he/she is found guilty.

Prior to the march precautionary steps were taken by the SAPS as part of the municipal responsibility to provide security. Mr de Villiers mentions the private security present at the Admin B building. Mr Kruger explains the safety precautions and the process of risk level identification made by SU prior to protests.

Mr Qina discussed the distinction to be made between gathering acts or commercial events. The latter can be organised and implemented through the Neelsie for free if part of a student organisation. Gather acts, where more than 50 people are present, need to be approved by municipality or police as it makes use of public areas.

#### **6.10 Open Stellenbosch**

Mr Qina states that the SRc need to partner with various bodies to reach strategic goals. Mr de Villiers supports open communication between the SRc and Open Stellenbosch (OS).

Mr Qina facilitates an informal vote to establish a critical relationship between the SRc and OS, and enter into conversation. A unanimous vote of 13/13 is made for the motion. Mr de Villiers to make a public announcement.

The matter of sexual harassments within residences was raised. Mr Rudolph confirms the relationship between SU and the municipality will shine light on issues. Mr Rudolph to meet with the Ombudsman.

#### **6.11 SRc Meeting for Statutory Body Elections – date and time**

Mr Qina states the elections on positions in council, Institutional Forum (IF) and senate will be performed in the next SRc meeting. Mr de Villiers is to manage advertisement and communication thereof.

The IF will hold an informative meeting on 7 October and the first IF meeting is to take place on 15 October.

#### **6.12 #IAMSTELLENBOSCH**

The written statement by Mr Frolick is read to the attendees. Mr de Villiers mentions that a letter of apology is received from Motlhabane Koloï and it states that a formal discussion will be

held on the matter.

Mr Qina proposes a march against racism to be linked with to the dignity march as an entry point to infiltrate various student communities. Mr Qina suggests a Rooiplein discussion to follow the march. Ms Bezuidenhout and Mr de Villiers propose performing it in conjunction with various causes and student bodies.

Mr Qina concludes that the proposal of a march against racism will be discussed in the next SRc meeting.

### **6.13 Welcoming Week Task Team**

Ms Barac confirms that Mr de Villiers still needs to discuss the matter at SRc Executive Committee meeting. Therefore the matter will be addressed at the next SRc meeting.

### **6.14 SRc Launch and Clothing**

Information given by Ms Stapelberg is read in her absence by Ms Barac. The SRc inauguration is to take place on 8 October and a launch is to be planned for either 9 or 12 October. It is suggested to take place on 12 October.

Mr Rudolph questions the necessity of a launch and Mr Qina promotes the idea of rather launching discussions where the SRc listens and works together with the students. A unanimous vote is given for the event to be held on the Rooiplein on 12 October.

Mr de Villiers states that the SRc blazers have been ordered by Tulia George and should arrive at the end of October. Mr Qina explains the professionalism of the blazers for the SRc as representatives. A unanimous vote proves to be in favour of the blazers.

### **6.15 Poster Certification**

Mr Phakade states that posters of a Simonsberg event, undermining the role of women, were put up in Irene residence. The head of Irene complained as the posters were certified by the SRc.

Mr de Villiers is to send a formal apology to Irene. Mr Steyn is to notify Simonsberg to immediately remove all posters.

Mr Steyn apologises for certifying the posters. Ms Barac states

	<p>that the issue will be discussed at PK and joint with a task team on “skakels”, objectification of women and alcohol.</p> <p>Mr Qina concludes that he and Mr de Villiers are to take responsibility for the certifying of posters until guidelines are formalised. Mr de Villiers is to set guidelines on the certifying of posters. It is suggested that all posters be signed along with the stamp for accountability purposes.</p> <p><b>6.16 White Privilege Project</b></p> <p>Mr du Toit discusses the initiative which provides readily made available information on issues experienced on campus such as gender, race, and religion inter alia. Mr du Toit asks the support from the SRc in (1) getting a venue and (2) getting people to attend the event.</p> <p>Mr Qina mentions the collaboration with consciousness and critical engagement portfolios. Ms Bezuidenhout suggests that Mr du Toit draft a list of topics and distribute it to the Prims for students to talk on issues in a safe environment.</p> <p>Ms Meiring suggests for the next event that Mr Steyn and Ms Barac send an invitation to the Prims, while Ms Meiring invites the societies.</p> <p>Mr Steyn suggests inviting Mr du Toit to speak at PK meeting on the project. Mr Qina concludes that SRc is to support the project. Mr Steyn is to manage the initiative.</p>	
7	<p><b>QUESTIONS AND VARIA</b></p> <p>Ms Mbatha asks the support of the SRc on the STEM/SET initiative of Ms van der Walt.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers reminds SRc members to sign documentation as approval of the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Mr de Villiers mentions the New Hope Summit has been cancelled.</p> <p>Ms Barac speaks on the economic conference to take place on 2 and 3 October.</p>	
8	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p>	





	The next meeting is to take place on Monday 12 October 2015 at 21:00 in the SRc Boardroom.	
9	<b>CLOSING</b> Mr Qina adjourns the meeting at 01:23am.	