

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
IN THE SRC BOARDROOM AT 21:00**

**MEMBERS** Axolile Qina(Chairperson), James de Villiers, Marc Rudolph, Wim Steyn, Kara Meiring, Bradley Frolick, Marike Madison-Leibold, Reanne Olivier, Nonkululeko Radebe, Inge Barac, Danny Bezuidenhout, Bandile Mndebele, Carina Stapelberg.

**ABSENT WITH REASON** Nick Wayne, Lianda du Plessis, Lwazi Phakade, Farai Mubaiwa

**ABSENT WITHOUT REASON**

**OTHER ATTENDEES** Unarine Lefosa

	<b>AGENDA POINT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  AQ calls the meeting to order at 21:02.	
2	<b>WELCOMING AND PERSONALIA</b>  AQ extends his gratitude to Kadijah, Karina, Nonkululeko, Lianda, Lwazi, and Tino for all the great work they have done in their respective projects and campaigns.  JDV thanked Mr Kriuer for his efforts and role played in the SRC.  All guests were welcomed. AQ outlined that unnecessary comments or remarks would not be accepted, especially whilst other people are speaking.	
3	<b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>  <u>SRC meeting minutes of 15 February 2016</u>  The minutes were approved  JDV stated that the minutes cannot be approved because	

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4	<p><b>ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Feedback communication policy</b></p>	
5	<p><b>SETTING OF THE AGENDA</b></p> <p>#RegisterAll feedback, Tygerberg, MILAK, is removed Task team language policy is added AQ confirms that the agenda is set</p>	
6	<p><b>DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Council reform feedback</b></p> <p>AQ has spoken to the chief council, Nick and AQ asked if they could have a third student on the student council and he rejected that, AQ also asked to bring a student along to the council meeting and he rejected that as well. AQ also had a meeting with Johan who said that the register of the university should serve as a reminder of the role of council. He also indicated that AQ is the first African black male on the SRC to be on council. Nick discussed that he will stand for only two council meetings then he will step down for the third and fourth council meeting where he will be replaced by a black woman from his Tygerberg campus.</p> <p>RO asked if AQ wants to implement the same thing as Nick. AQ responds that on his experience on council, he realised the weight that his position carries and realising that being SCR chair has an impact on the council's decision and representing students, AQ commits himself</p>	



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	<p>to preparing for council meetings with the SRC remaining for the full year.</p> <p>JDV wanted to know the reason behind chairperson of councils motivation on refusing to allow a third member onto council and why does he not want a third member on the council. JDV would also like to know how the selection of the black female that will represent Tygerberg will be done because the selection has to be done by the SRC, and the person needs to be voted it. AQ responds that he is just giving feedback on the things discussed with nick and the process will be discussed. In response to why we cannot get a third person, there was no reason, the answer was just no but that's something we can push because at first there was only one student representative on the council and now there's two so we could try to push for three representatives for next year.</p> <p>BF responds that there's only two representatives because council is constituted by the Higher Education Act which stipulates that two students may sit on council. BF also points out that there was a south African black female that sat on council before AQ. BF also noted the disappointment in the decision. JDV raises that selection of council must be clearly defined within the constitution</p> <p><b>6.2 separation of church and state</b></p> <p>MR states that Farai cannot be here now and she asked that he step in on the point. It was a concern raised by a big group of students with regards to student parliament because a lot of the students felt that there was an external influence to the attendance of student parliament and he would just like clarification on why some of this information was going out and mobilising voters for a specific cause even though they carry little to no information of the context. There's nothing wrong with students attending student parliament but it's the</p>	



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	<p>first time that attendance was initiated by an email from a certain group. We must be careful to undermine the democracy we are working for like this. MR emphasises that we are subject to the Constitution of the Republic which is secular, we can not allow religion and politics to mix. MR gives AQ the opportunity to refute the claims that layed a role in this mobilization.</p> <p>JDV stated that as far as he knows, no one sent emails, so we should ask the groupings directly if they sent out the email because as far as he knows, no one here sent out the emails in their own capacity. WS asks what MR means by mobilisation. MR responds that it was mobilisation from a biased point of view, people where prompted to vote and he just wants to make it clear to the students that it was not initiated by the SRC members under investigation.</p> <p>Danny states that mobilisation is a way of campaigning so anyone would do it. WS emphasises that people are not obligated to follow and everyone has the right to mobilise so it is unfair for Marc to ask personal justification from the chair. Bradley states that it is a moral issue and we should check how far we let it affect personal decisions.</p> <p>JDV proposes that we schedule a meeting to discuss how the different sides feel. Inge stated that the amount of students that showed up is the amount that we should strive for, perhaps the way it was done is questionable but we should strive for that amount of students to attend student parliament.</p> <p>AQ mentions that he went to the church and spoke about inclusivity and we should push to get more inclusivity. AQ also states that, that behaviour in a place of worship was unacceptable. BF mentioned that he does not think what happened was shocking he has gone to many townships and that is the norm. RO stated that with regards to the venue, Kruis Kerk was not the desired</p>	<p>JDV will schedule a meeting</p>



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	<p>venue but it was used because of its availability. A student from the floor said as a Christian, she was offended by what happened, the behaviour was out of line, and to reduce friction she agrees that there should be a more neutral space. MR thanks the student for the comment but does not agree, the students conducted themselves within a political context and not a religious one and agrees that we should motivate student attendance.</p> <p><b>6.3 Commitment to Equality and Intersectional motion</b></p> <p>MR apologises for the motion being sent out late, it will be used for purposes of the constitutional referendum.</p> <p>BF asked why we are passing the motion and the wording also needs to be considered and altered. MR responds that it assists with the policy and gives a platform to stand on. It also makes it whole lot easier to develop what is going forward. WS also states that our campus is not a representative of the whole country as stated in the motion. JDV mentions that the motion seems very philosophical.</p> <p>WS states that the motion might constrain MR and it looks like we are prioritising one issue and this might actually make his job very difficult. KM mentioned that she does not think intersectionality is a problem because it includes all aspects needed for change and if it will help then we can just all agree. JDV asks for the definition of intersectionality and BM respond that intersectionality is the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, and a person experiencing it all at the same time.</p> <p><b>6.4 #RegisterAll Regulations</b></p>	<p>MR will alter the wording on the motion</p>



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	<p>MR states that they are creating a seperate cost point for RegisterAll bursary and use it in conjunction with the M4M fund and he drafted a new policy which is being tabled for discussion. The draft is sent out and please give input and add value to it. MR doesn't want it to solely reflect his input because that would be too much authority. AQ thanks MR for his efforts and he encourages everyone to contribute to the input. WS states that he read it and it looks good although it seems like it's still a lot of admin to give a students a bursary. He suggested that more discretion be given in order to make a faster and a better decision. IB mentions that she went through the discussion with recruitment already and they have a certain scale which is used for accepting students.</p> <p>JDV asks why the control committee makes the decision for bursaries and not the bursary and loans office. MR responds that it gives a more hands on approach and makes the SRC more involved in the decision making. JDV suggests that it should be discussed further when LP and LDP are present. MR states that it's tabled so that there is transparency. AQ asks for feedback before the Exec meeting on Wednesday.</p> <p><b>6.5 Insourcing/Outsourcing</b></p> <p>BF said that he is sorry but he cannot give feedback because he was not informed by AQ that he should discuss this point.</p>	<p>AQ requests that feedback is given before the Exec meeting on Wednesday.</p>

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	<p><b>6.6 Matie Identity Presentation</b></p> <p>BM states that a video was created to inform people more about intersectionality, the projector is not working so the link to the video will be posted on the WhatsApp group. AQ suggested that we watch the video after the meeting. JDV proposes that the SRC comes together to discuss the issue of intersectionality.</p> <p><b>6.7 Arts and culture events</b></p> <p>MMD mentioned that Meta Mans and Hippocrates women won Molassarser. JDV stated that it is important to allow for a certain number of females to be allowed through. MMD responded that there were 5 girls and 15 boys. MR also agreed that more time should be put into training the ladies so that they can go through. KM states that it is a deeper problem of debating which needs to be fixed in all universities. MMD mentions that Minerva won ser last year. IB mentions that an extra effort should be put into the participation of PSO's. MMD mentions that this is the first in five years in which Tygerberg is participating and PSO's are being treated as reses.</p> <p>Gratitude is extended to those who took part in debating and watching, the finals are on the 10th of March at the Sasol museum and the student talent is on the 8th of March, have a lovely night. JDV Would like to add that maybe students should be taken to Tygerberg to have some of these event there and the successor should also be told that debating was also done during welcoming. MMD responds that it will be addressed. AQ extend his gratitude for the job she has been doing.</p>	



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<p><b>6.8 Ex Officio Feedback</b></p> <p><b>6.8.1 PC</b></p> <p>WS states that the next meeting is on Tuesday. The SRC Facebook page will not be used and they want their own Facebook page so that it does not seem like they are competing, some of the issues were a small venue and racial comments and we are waiting for the public statement by tomorrow. They also spoke about the Heemstede and SRC feedback. PC decided they want to do a public announcement of the outcomes of the investigation apologies from it. IB mentioned that the task team restructuring PSO relationship reports recommend doing a survey with the visiting heads. Two appointments were made because that's all that can be afforded and they are meeting on Sunday to discuss and focus on more integration. BF states that they are looking for clarity on the Heemstede and Exec involvement. MR responds that they are scheduling a meeting with the SRC and the exec. WS states that he will be on the side of PK and not the SRC.</p> <p>NR suggests that when the discussion is happening people should not become personal about it. MR asks if WS will be attending the meeting as he understands that this puts him in a difficult position, WS confirms that he will be at the meeting. JDV asks if it is necessary for the SRC to come and is it ok if they come for about half an hour and then leave. MR asks BF respond in that regard because he has more information in that regard. BF raises that he stopped receiving emails and cannot be certain about it. WS responds that he thinks it is a good idea for the SRC to come to the meeting and will make sure everyone gets an invite. RO asks for feedback from sensitivity training in first year. IB mentions that she has started a draft that will generate feedback.</p> <p><b>6.8.2 SC</b></p>	<p>AQ will have a meeting</p>





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<p>KM shares that Absa will sponsor for the rest of the year and there is a direct link to the sign up for society. There is also a meeting with AfriForum youth and they are liable for deregistration. AQ requests to be invited to the meeting and also states that a contract with Absa should be checked with LDP, KM and MR. JBV states that we should not give personal feedback to AfriForum and MR states that if the SRC want to attend the meeting with AfriForum, the request should go through the policy director first. JDV asks for feedback on points discussed regarding the SRC, KM responds that the language policy was discussed and nothing related to the SRC was discussed. MMD asks to join the meeting where are Absa and Standard Bank will be discussed. IB congratulates on her work which has helped to centralise everything on campus. AQ states that there needs to be a very important meeting regarding Absa and Standard Banks, with their contracts. JDV mentions that LDP gives approval so we should clarify with her.</p> <p><b>6.8.3 AAC</b></p> <p>NR shared about how they had a camp on restoring order and structure on how to work from here. There will be a podcast because we do not have blended learning and podcast with help, looking at the issue of the library closing early during exams and how the computer areas become full and there are not enough African modules. The language issue goes beyond English and Afrikaans and the language Centre has courses that cost about R6000 and it's too much. We are looking at our data policy from old faculties and general procedure regarding all things.</p> <p>We need to communicate more with students and not only teach them about HEMIS and Mentor session, but there will be leadership and faculty specific leadership courses. All Exec members will have a group that they will be over seeing. Someone else has been nominated because NR has been the treasurer and the chair, the memorandum has been shared with Prof Schoenwinkel and a meeting was held</p>	<p>regarding Absa and Standard Banks contracts together with the relevant parties.</p>

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	<p>with him. We will also be running another marketing campaign to increase awareness about us. We have also been speaking to the Deans and information will be shared at the beginning of next week.</p> <p>JDV congratulates NK and enquiries if Maties 101 falls under her portfolio? JDV also mentions that we should all communicate through one channel and send one email to everybody. DB states that communication works better with people you liaise with. JDV also mentions that we want to communicate in section meetings and house meetings. KM responds that JDV does not understand that we have our own channel and it is not all house meetings. JDV understands this but there are some meetings where NK's are not present. AQ states that we as different houses should communicate.</p> <p><b>6.8.4 Reshuffling of safety, section and information portfolio</b></p> <p>JDV expresses his gratitude towards Mynhardt Kruger for the contribution and efforts on a portfolio. AQ adds that Mynhardt implemented some things including security and infrastructure and that is a very big portfolio. BF agrees that it is indeed a very important portfolio. MR mentions that advertising the position should begin and that security should be more prioritised at the start of the year because that is when the crime is the highest. IB states that the new person who will be elected will be elected on condition of the portfolio. JDV asks for clarification on the constitution. IB states that we need to add more time to the time limit for electing a suitable candidate. JDV states that it be addressed in the executive meeting as well.</p>	
7	<p><b>GENERAL</b></p> <p><b>7.1.1 UFS visit</b></p>	



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	<p>CS asked that the SRC diarise the week after recess because that is when the UFS SRC will visit.</p> <p><b>7.1.2 New Hope Summit</b></p> <p>CS mentioned that the date is moved later to the 16th or 17th of April there will be big media involvement and it might be streamed. JDV thinks we should ask them to tell us how they handled their struggles. CS replies that the campus where it happened is not the one that's visiting but we can still ask them to discuss what they know.</p> <p><b>7.1.3 SRC Summit</b></p> <p>AQ states that people's attendance depends on funds, we want to send 4 people and the reason for attendance is that we want to equip ourselves in that regard. BF enquires who is organising the event. AQ states that this will be emailed to everyone. RO asks that AQ should update the emails because new emails are going to the old email accounts. AQ, BF and, CS, will be asked for feedback on Wits.</p>	

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<p><b>7.2 Meeting with Dr. Ramphele</b></p> <p>MR asks if he should push for a meeting and needs 10 or more SRC members. RO wants to know what's on the agenda and how it adds value to the SRC. MR replies that will not be able to reply with specifics in that regard, but it will be to discuss leadership and provide mentorship. BF states that it is also initiates personal development. IB states that it is important to advertise with regards to the portfolio.</p> <p><b>7.3 Post-Mediation follow up session</b></p> <p>RO mentions that they received a follow-up from Craig and will advise not to have him back because it costs a lot of money and would like to enquire if we are ok with assessing the chair's performance. WS replied that we should get consensus if we are doing it so that we can decide when to do it. IB says that if we see that the discussion is not going anywhere can we appoint an independent person to assess the chair's performance. RO states that she can facilitate the session but not as an elected member of the SRC. General consensus is that it is allowed.</p> <p><b>7.4 AFD Social Impact</b></p> <p>KM mentions that we want to establish and do the first year or the first two years with regards to development in Stellenbosch. They have expanded and it is a year-long programme where one does a lot of research. We go in December and January when others have holidays. The Belgium students will also be going. If we can get support, we can take the project further. AQ states that we want academic development in Africa specifically. JDV calls the point of order that people should not be on their cell phones during the meeting as it is a sign of disrespect. RO enquires if it is focusing on postgrad only. KM replies that it is</p>	

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	<p>undergrad and postgrad and in the meeting she provided Tino's contacts. The Belgium people said that they spoke with PGIO already.</p> <p><b>7.5 Values of the University and Leadership</b></p> <p>AQ states that people should carry the values on their portfolios and put them into practice in the working space. BS adds that they are also the university's values and we should take them as our own.</p> <p><b>7.6 Rector's Awards</b></p> <p>AQ states that the person nominated and elected will be responsible for organising it and being the MC.</p> <p>JDV is nominated. AQ nominated CS. BF nominated BM. KM nominated DB. BM nominated NR. MML nominated DB. BF enquires when the votes will take place because some people have a proxy. AQ responds that he will send an email to all candidates informing them of what their responsibilities will be then, information on voting will be emailed.</p> <p><b>7.7 Task team language</b></p> <p>JDV states that he received an email saying we need to nominate someone by the 19th of February to be an SRC representative on the team. BF ask for clarity on the matter. JDV asks if we should ask for another extension and BF replied yes. IB mentioned that in future if something should be voted on all, the SRC should be told and not only the Exec SRC. AQ apologizes for that and will ensure that the SRC is told. Extensions will be requested and the whole SRC will be emailed and it will be voted at the next SRC sitting. MR mentions that the motion will be tabled in the next SRC meeting after it has</p>	<p>AQ will email the information</p>

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	<p>been amended.</p>	
8	<p><b>Questions and Varia</b></p> <p>JDV could not finalise the office roster because Mynhardt had not registered himself onto it.</p> <p>IB mentions that next time we should be informed about voting beforehand so that we can discuss it with our proxy and that MR should send the agenda earlier, and the stuff that will be discussed in the meeting should be sent to the SRC. MR states that everything is posted on the website and he informs everyone, but will resend it in the future.</p> <p>BM cannot attend open day</p> <p>CS mentions that there was very little response from the alumni, and there were lots of negative responses so on Tuesday they will discuss if it should still even happen.</p> <p>BF enquires if managers can vote, it will not be a binding vote but it's just to get a perspective of what they think. MR responds that it should not be called a vote but rather a consensus.</p> <p>MMD raises that not all computers at the SRC office are working and the space is too crammed up. JDV replies that she should speak to Julia. MMD also mentions that her name is spelt wrong even on her email. MR apologises for</p>	



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	<p>that and states that he was following the spelling in her email. MMD asks if we can use the new blue letterhead and states that she will not be at the next SRC meeting.</p> <p>RO asked if we could push the meetings to 19:00 because she lives far from campus and it becomes a safety issue. AQ had assumed that people work till 21:00 then have the meeting and then go to bed but if safety is an issue, it will be sorted out at the SRC exec meeting. AQ also raises that SRC members should inform him of their schedule so that he can find the time that fits everyone. General consensus is that SRC meetings should be moved earlier.</p> <p>NR will be attending the 1st generation camp with BM. Members were not aware of agenda points.</p> <p>MR enquires if the blue letterhead was approved and CS replies that there's nothing on it that has not been approved.</p> <p>AQ asks that people please reply back to emails whenever they are asked if they can, or cannot make it whenever they are invited.</p>	
9	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next general meeting is to take place at 21:00 on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the SRC Boardroom.</p>	



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10	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>  AQ adjourns the meeting at 23:28.	