



**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2016
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 Bezuidenhout, Bradley Frolick, Carina Stapelberg, Tumelo Motse, Khadija Bawa, Reane Olivier, Farai Mubaiwa, Tino Muzofa, Marike Madsen-Leibold, Bandile Mndebele, Nonkululeko Radebe, Siya Duna

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ABSENT WITHOUT REASON

OTHER ATTENDEES

Judy Lombard (minute taker), Sascha-Leigh Williams, Casper Durandt

	AGENDA	ACTION
1	OPENING Mr Qina calls the meeting to order at 21:06. Please no noise and comments to those attending the meeting.	
2	WELCOMING AND PERSONALIA None	
3	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES The previous minutes are approved by Ms Meiring and second by Ms Stapelberg and Ms Du Plessis.	
4	ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES None	
5	SETTING OF THE AGENDA Mr de Villiers request to remove 6.2 (Communcation policy) and 6.3 (3 Office Code of Procedure) and add point for Heemstede incident and	

	<p>communication and procedure and the stance forward.</p> <p>6.1 Disciplinary Committee 6.2 Heemstede incident 6.3 Communication, procedure and stance forward from Heemstede incident 6.4 Stellenbosch Council Reform 6.5 #EndRapeCulture 6.6 Men's Conference 6.7 Safety 6.8 Matie Identity 6.9 Molassesêr 6.10 Protest Policy Task Team 6.11 Sport Administration Tygerberg 6.12 Tygerberg 6.13 MILAK 6.14 Ex Officio Feedback 6.14.1 Societies' Council 6.14.2 Prim Committee 6.14.3 Academic Affairs Council 6.15 External Relations 6.15.1 Open Day 6.15.2 New Hope Summit 6.15.3 Homecoming</p>	
6	<p>DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK</p> <p>6.1 Disciplinary Committee Mr de Villiers informs the SRC Ms Barac, Bongeka Mlenzana and Tayla Faulmann were nominated to serve on the disciplinary committee. Mr Frolick is concerned that they are not able to question all the candidates as they are not all here. Mr de Villiers says they do not have to be here, but he will postpone the voting. Mr Frolick would like to question them regarding their competence and efficiency.</p> <p>6.2 Heemstede incident Mr de Villiers suggests the SRC wait 12 hours before releasing any statements regarding incidents. Mr Frolick suggests shortening the period. Mr De Villiers feels it is better to wait a while longer to get all facts. Ms Meiring suggests If it is urgent to rather call everyone to inform them. Ms Mubaiwa is concerned that usually it is only a few people who respond to problems, as an SRC they all need to respond and cannot be silent. Mr Steyn says for some it is not easy</p>	

to word their feelings so fast and for them it is important to first have a conversation to process what they are thinking. When writing a statement it is also an opportunity to educate those who do not understand. Mr Qina agrees that it is sometimes necessary to have time to process your thoughts. Mr Frolick emphasises that it is then even more important to contact those who can easily formulate a stance. Mr Frolick suggests that we push the waiting period to three or even four hours. Mr Phakade says if people do not respond on a whatsapp group they are not able to know if they have a problem or what they are thinking. It is not always a good place to raise issues on the whatsapp group, but then contact the relevant person like Mr De Villiers. Issues do not wait for others understanding it to occur. We need to think on our feet. Mr Wayne concur that as leaders they need to have an opinion and that is a commitment that all need to take to speak up if they have a problem with a statement being made. Ms Bawa is concerned that to wait 12 hours in for instance a rape case is too long. Ms Bezuidenhout says a time constraint is not always practical but it is impractical to expect a meeting to happen 5 minutes after an incident occurs but rather one or two hours after an incident. As an SRc they have to stand up to discrimination but they need to represent everyone on this campus. She feels they needed to make sure if the girls were painted black or purple. Ms Bezuidenhout stated four times in the SRc office that they must check what colour they are actually painted. Mr Steyn says that the whatsapp group is not the most comfortable place to share opinions. Not all is comfortable to express their feelings also in a specific language. Mr Qina states that the principle behind the 12 hour idea is to give more time to process thoughts. Personal messages and calls to get an idea of others thoughts are also advisable to help each other to state their opinion. Mr Qina concludes that everyone gets an hour during working hours to gather their thoughts and after hours situations are discussed immediately. Mr Muzofa reminds that that is where the executive committee comes in to make quick discussions.

6.3 Communication, procedure and stance forward from Heemstede incident

Mr de Villiers is concerned that their stance was bias and harsh and would like to issue an apology to the students involved. Mr Phakade asks for clarification. Mr Kruger does not see any reasons for regrets, and no reason to apologise. Mr Rudolph concurs with Mr Duma and Mr Frolick and feels they covered many points and the opinion was not based on the photo but on the outcry of the students. Students felt uncomfortable at the party. The deeper issue is people covering themselves and hiding their true identity not the fact that they were painted purple. Mr Frolick explains the procedure

<p>of how the statement was drafted. Feedback from meeting was used in the statement, it was reviewed and certain sentences were changed that was too harsh. On a technicality it is now purple, but it does not matter if it is purple or black. The SRc is there to look at the statement as a whole they did not make a harsh sentence or said what needed to happen to the students or that they are guilty. But only stated that the students needed to go to the disciplinary committee. Ms Meiring says the incident happened out of a point of ignorance but that it is important to consider the impact it had on students and how it damaged them emotionally. Ms Bawa is very concerned that in previous incidents the SRc did not take a stand and management did not let anything happen to the students. If management does not take a stand against students acting ignorantly the SRc needs to stand up for them. Ms Mubaiwa feels SRc members are taking the same ignorant stance as other students. Black students at Heemstede said that they felt victimised and could not understand how students were allowed to go to such a party. A first year did not understand how this was allowed and students spoke to the primaria and said it is black facing where the primaria disregarded their concern. The suspended students apologised and recognised that it was black facing. The students themselves agreed then that it is black facing. At Heemstede groups of students felt hurt and angry. Mr De Villiers does not have to issue an apology as a white man on behalf of the SRc; he can do it out of his own capacity. They can have a discussion with the students and then issue another statement on the SRc web page but they do not have to retract any statements. Mr Steyn says the statement does not expressly state that the students are guilty, but the term black facing was used in a manner that implies that the girls are guilty. It is quite difficult to say that you cannot paint yourself any colour. The SRc cannot say that they did not imply that it does not need a fair trial. The pain others feel regarding the incident can still be acknowledged. Mr Rudolph agrees that social media is not enough evidence and the admissibility of it is questionable. They are the loudest voice regarding this topic. As white men they have a responsibility. Mr Motse says that painting of faces is allowed in the army and asks where should the line be drawn, but parties and costumes are different than camouflaging yourself. In the case of a costume there is no need to paint yourself. Those who think it is acceptable show their ignorance and disregards and mock others in a party scenario. It is not acceptable to paint your face any colour. Ms Williams states that any colour on faces being used as a costume is an attack on others. Painting yourself purple is alienating yourself from your identity and is insensitive to so many students who feel like aliens in their own land. Being a person of colour and having your skin colour made into a joke is violent and painfull. The jury always</p>	
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<p>needs to decide if it is black facing and the jury consists of white men. The previous incident was also not referred to as black facing. Often the Williams sisters are also masculinised and she is sure that it would have hurt them as well. The problem is white people are always those who need to decide what is racist and what not. They cannot make all of these decisions. Ms Barac has a problem with the assumption that as an SRc they did not give everyone at the residence an option to raise their voice. The prim of Heemstede also says she has proof that the first years did not speak to her and that other first years did feel comfortable. As an SRc they should've created a more comfortable space for others to voice their opinions. Mr Kruger suggests they listen to opinions of those who feel sensitive and the members involved as well as the first years. They should allow the disciplinary procedure to go its course. The act itself was problematic thus they do not need to focus on if the statement was problematic. If someone was raped we will not say let's have a critical discussion about the rapist. Ms Madsen-Leibold says they wear make-up etc, so do they now need to make an extra effort to let everyone know not to make up themselves? Mr Frolick disagree with the statement that not all first years were heard. The time for discussion about black painting is not now. If the university does not respond the SRc needs to. The University are only worried when their brand is attacked. There is a 7% decline in BCI students this year. Black facing comes from performance arts, it is wrong. If one person of colour is offended it is enough to make sure something like this does not happen again. Ms Bezuidenhout thinks this is a good way of educating students on why it is wrong to paint yourself even if it is purple. The girls was dressed up as aliens, it is not fair to them to get kicked out of the university for doing something they did not realize was wrong. Ms Mubaiwa still thinks that after this everyone will not know it is wrong because this campus is not transformative. Black facing will only increase as long as there are less students of colour on this campus. Many first years said they felt scared in the residence. One first year said they felt comfortable and the others told her she was wrong. Just because it is not a physical act does not mean it did not happen, we cannot disregard people's feelings. Sometimes they do not even feel like human beings the way some people speak of them, also when management disregards their feelings. Ms Barac did not mean that anyone's feelings must be disregarded. Ms Radebe suggests they wait for the disciplinary hearing. Mr De Villiers will not make comments on this regarding the whole SRc. He will refer anyone to Mr Qina. Mr Qina concludes that they wait for the disciplinary hearing. When the SRc makes a statement they will all stand together with it. Mr Wim also says that not every SRc member necessarily aggress that nothing should be done. Mx Mndebele reiterates that issuing an apology provides a dangerous platform for cultural appropriations, victimization,</p>	
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<p>microaggressions and macroaggressions. It also undermines the SRC's commitment to intersectionality and its values. Furthermore it impairs the integrity of the SRC and invalidates the cumulative work of SRC managers.</p> <p>6.4 Stellenbosch Council Reform</p> <p>Ms Mubaiwa is explains about the ongoing process of council that needs to be reformed. Three critical engagement groups were formed for intersectionality but none of these portfolios are represented on council. Both representatives from the SRc (Mr Qina and Mr Wayne) are the norm and both are not transformative enough to speak for all voices. Woman also needs to be represented. Mr Wayne's experience on campus is very different to Mr Frolick's or her own experience. She says that Mr Qina's gender and religion means that he is not marginalised. He is not on campus enough to represent all other students. Mr Qina's absence was tangible in the office and she does not understand how he is able to represent them all at council. Ms Mubaiwa does not understand how both of them proclaim servant leadership but they do not see that practically played out. Their representation will not lead to campus being transformed. She requests that Mr Qina and Mr Wayne step down from council and that elections are reopened. She also want woman to be encouraged to stand. On council only five members are black and only four women. She does not understand how the most powerful body at the University can be making decisions on behalf of campus regarding intersexuality, Muslims and woman etc. if these groups are not represented on the council. Mr Wayne says her points are valid. He will not say he can properly defend all students on campus, but no one in this group can represents all the thousands of students. Tygerberg Student Council is not represented and for him this is an opportunity to be the voice of Tygerberg campus. This is not for personal gain but for the needs of the students on the campus. Personally, he does not understand why she has not raised this conversation with him previously and do not respect that she has not spoken to him before now. He goes on to say that no one can name any issue currently happening on Tygerberg. He says to Mr De Villiers that they cannot put everyone on the stand that they have elected every single week. They have all voted on this. Ms Mering calls for a point of order as they were not all able to vote. Ms Bawa reminds the rest of them that as managers they could not vote. Ms Olivier suggests someone else from TSR to stand that is maybe someone of colour or a woman to address council. Mr Frolick reminds Mr Wayne that they have stated previously that they do not support their election to council. Other TSR students did run for council. Mr Wayne cannot say that printers are more important than woman or black people. Mr Wayne will</p>	
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discuss with the Tygerberg Student Council, but he feels that the SRC does not understand the issue Tygerberg has of not being represented well at the University. Mr Wayne says he will not give up his position. The printing example was unnecessary; it is not more important than racial issues etc. Mr De Villiers reminds them that he does not have to prove himself, they already voted for him. Ms Bawa does not have a problem with the procedure, but with the fact that the SRC is not transformative. Ms Mubaiwa says that this is not an attack on them but that they are not progressive and that Mr Wayne and Mr Qina cannot represent the black face issue. They need to be intersectional. Stellenbosch will never change if they do things as it was done as previously. Many said that Wayde Group was the only representative member on council. Mr Rudolph would like to comment on the democratic voting, reducing a problematic situation to democratic centralism is not how a SRC should function. The positions for council came up often in executive meetings, but was casted aside. Mr Steyn would like to see that in the minutes. Ms Radebe asks that the SRC hold each other accountable. As woman they experience many different problems. She does not feel that they will be able to express their concerns regarding black facing and rape. There are already men there to represent them as men. Mr Bandile were absent in both discussions on the issue of rape, but feels there is a lack of intersectionality. Ms Bawa reminds them that everyone knows she only has five places to eat on campus, but still no one represents her needs. Her telling them has not changed anything. Leadership does not mean she tells you and you carry her complaints. Mr Muzofa says they are a team and need to listen to each other. Everyone has echoed Ms Mubaiwa's opinions and they are now waiting for a response. Mr De Villiers apologises, he has received a lot of flack for stating that council needs to change. Mr Dumo has raised this issue at the SRC camp. They would like to know what Mr Qina can offer on council that the women cannot. Mr Qina believes he does not need to be black, heterosexual etc., but rather wisdom and insight. He says he is smart, has critical thinking and able to stand on council and represent others. Mr Duna is concerned about his absence at campaigns against rape. How can he represent women if he is not a women. Mr Qina wants to state that he has five sisters. He has the skill and ability to represent others. Mr Phakade reminds them that they have just had the issue of white people speaking on behalf of black people and so the chair is out of order to say he himself is able to represent black or white woman's issues or transgender woman. He requests Mr De Villiers to rule on that and ask the chair person to withdraw. Ms Bawa asks if Mr Qina has ever been to the SSVO. She feels that Mr Qina does not know how problematic the SSVO is. Mr De Villiers says they have agreed to not try speaking on behalf of committees they do not represent. Mr Qina needs to withdraw statement. Mr Qina withdraws

statement. Ms Mubaiwa has a problem that Mr Qina is not present at critical discussions and that he does not understand the impact of his comments. She feels Mr Wayne actually acknowledged his white and male privilege, but that Mr Qina has not acknowledged anything, not even his male privilege or Christian privilege. She is disgusted by the patriarchy. Mx Mndebele agrees with Ms Mubaiwa's call and says both members were apathetic to student issues such as the #EndRapeCulture campaign and alleges that Tygerberg has not done anything to end rape culture or raise awareness on this matter. Further, asserts that there's a lack of intersectionality and commitment. Mx Mndebele informs members of the inaccessibility of the Rooiplein for People with Disabilities and adds that the epitome of privilege is expecting to be educated constantly on intersectional lives. Mr De Villiers wants to encourage the elective members to engage in this debate. Ms Meiring as a member who has voting rights agrees with Ms Mubaiwa's statement. Ms Barac also agrees that the positions need to be reconsidered and still stands with her vote of not voting with the majority vote. Mr Wayne says it is not physically and economically viable to attend all the events at Stellenbosch. He has represented Muslim students and others not like him and shown that he is fit to serve on council. Mr Steyn feels this conversation brought him more understanding. Mr Qina will gain understanding perspective from his council and meet more with the managers.

6.5 #EndRapeCulture

Ms Mubaiwa informs how scary and shocking the welcoming week statistics on rape was. This shows more students are coming forward to the police. There is a lack of awareness of rape culture. Men thought they were all accused as rapist but it is just that they are ignorant. There are incidences where a person rapes another and does not know it is rape. Not consensual sex is rape. They would like to see more SRC members part of discussions regarding rape culture. She apologise for not informing everyone earlier about the chalk project. Many students approached Ms Mubaiwa after sessions and some are unsure if what happened to them was rape or not. Rape culture affects everyone.

6.6 Men's Conference

Ms Mubaiwa requests that the conference be banned as it undermines all the work of critical engagement. Mr Qina explains that he and Ms Mbatha planned the Men's Conference and there is also a critical engagement session regarding rape culture. The event also ties in with the FVZS. This conference will not be only for men, but women are invited as well. This is not an attempt to patriarchy. Ms Mubaiwa feels that Stellenbosch as a whole is patriarchal and



<p>therefore the conference should not proceed. This conference will only further empower men. At the previous SRc election only four woman run, thus we cannot have even more men empowerment. Women's conferences take intersectionality into account but men's conferences do not. This cannot be incorporated with what the management teams do. Ms Bawa suggests naming it a human conference to include everyone. Mr Frolic proposes to have a conference on intersectionality. Mr de Villiers commends Ms Mubaiwa on her work on the #EndRapeCulture campaign and encourages the SRc to support all management portfolios. Mr Qina explains that the men's conference is also to create a safe space for men to raise concerns. The Israeli women's conference was a mistake on the previous agenda. Ms Mbatha feels unsafe in the meeting to speak up in the meeting as everything you say is seen as of less intellectual capacity. She feels she is faced by condemnation and criticism. They all represent different groups of people she cannot impose her identity on others. If it is a women's conference it is for those who feel like woman, it is to give them a safe space. It is not to say others are not as important. They need to be given a space to be who they are. Mr Pakade agrees but reminds that this SRc will never allow rapists to be rapists and homophobics to be homophobic and patriarchs to be and patriarchal. Ms Mbatha is also from a diverse family but people need to be given a place to raise their concerns. Mr Muzofa suggests that a time limit be set on each discussion point. Ms Olivier reminds the SRc that their vision is to include and these conferences exclude by separating men and woman. She feels Ms Mbatha still does not understand intersectionality. Mr De Villiers personal concern is that the norm is not challenged. Mr De Villiers suggests that the meeting cut off at 12 pm. Mr Rudolph agrees with the idea of an intersectionality conference. Addresses Ms Mbatha on her point that men need safe spaces and points out that men already have too many safe spaces, that is why we see the perpetuation of such problematic norms. Mr Duna asks who they you dealt with regarding this conference at FVZS, as some people there are unsure about the conference. Mr Qina explains they met with Brandon Como and Folkerz. A meeting with the managers is still to be held. Mx Mndebele stresses his concerns about a men's conference alleging that it is very cissexist, transantagonistic, and allows a platform for male privilege and queerphobia to be perpetuated.</p> <p>6.7 Safety Mr Kruger says the Shuttle services can be pushed. There are more plans to educate on safety. Security officials now have name cards. Ms Bawa is concerned that that is not what was discussed. A number on a lanyard can easily be flipped or traded. Mr Kruger informs that by the end of February there is a possibility</p>	<p>Email feedback to Mr Kruger regarding safety project</p>
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<p>that campus security will have a toll free number. There is a project that they wanted to launch end of last year – GPS tracker device on cell phone and an emergency button. This focusses on the individual and not property. There are two payment options. At Free State University there are panic buttons every second lamp post. The cost to implement in Stellenbosch will amount to R2.2 million a month. This is not economically viable. With the GPS tracker on the cell phone individuals can pay R80 a month to take contract out with the company. This is a contract between company and individual and not through SU. Mr Qina is concerned that this is another outsourcing issue. This issue will be discussed again later and ask that the other members email their feedback on this issue to Mr Kruger. Mr Kruger excuses himself as there is an emergency at the LLL houses.</p> <p>6.8 Matie Identity Mx Mndebele says that ableist slurs are equivalent to racial slurs, adds that the skakels are problematic, urges members to commit themselves to unlearning ableism and advocating for universal access and invites members to attend the critical engagement at HRB at 18:00 which seeks to discuss this and the hegemony or stereotypes in being a Matie to great length.</p> <p>6.9 Molassesêr Ms Madsen-Leibold informs of the Molassesêr that will be held at Wilgenhof at 18:30. The SRc is invited to come, they need only to wear their blazers to obtain free entry and sit on the reserved seats. There will also be an event on Tygerberg campus with gumboot dancing, traditional dancing and also incorporating international students. Ms Barac is concerned that only one PSO hosts Molassesêr this year. Ms Madsen-Leibold says that is for logistical reasons.</p> <p>6.10 Protest Policy Task Team Mr Rudolph wants to form a task team, also open to other SRc members, to look into the policies behind protest actions. The task team will finish in two months with the protest policy. They can possibly receive free legal advice. It is relevant to have a less oppressive protest policy. Everyone agrees that a task team must be formed. A closed ballot vote is taken: In favor of: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p>6.11 Sport Administration Tygerberg Mr Duna informs the SRc of the forum that was formed for all the</p>	
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<p>sport HK's. The issue that he now raises about Tygerberg came from Maties Sport. As far as he knows it the PK has meetings the Tygerberg prims do not complain about academic obligations but his experience is that during welcoming there were many complaints about academics from the Tygerberg sport HK's. Tygerberg do not consult with Maties Sport and just do as they please through the help of their Sport HK's. If Tygerberg continues to act exclusively from Maties Sport they will stop supporting them. There were problems regarding fees and a sport day on Stellenbosch. Mr Wayne agrees that the sport issue is a problem on campus. The issue was only brought on after the budget was set. Tygerberg functions under one brand - Medics and not individual residences. they will conclude the discussion after the meeting,</p> <p>6.12 Tygerberg Mr Wayne shares that workshops also take place on Tygerberg. They experience difficulties regarding the fact that more than 40% of their students are post graduates and are unrepresented. A post graduate council is formed. Their council will also change to incorporate everyone and represent all students on campus.</p> <p>6.13 MILAK Mr Motse apologises for 28 of January. At the military they expect most students to be Christian. They will work on incorporating the norm as in Stellenbosch to give a moment of silence.</p> <p>6.14 Ex Officio Feedback</p> <p>6.14.1 Societies' Council Ms Meiring is satisfied with a successful Societies fair. The fair was also visited by #FeesMustFall. Signups are increased compared to those at previous fairs.</p> <p>6.14.2 Prim Committee Mr Steyn is happy to announce that welcoming was a success. Most leaders were on board when disciplinary processes had to happen. He also informs that the dean of students will be on same level as Mr Pieter Kloppers and Ms Munita Dunn. We will now consult with different bodies.</p> <p>6.14.3 Academic Affairs Council Ms Radebe welcomes herself to the meeting and informs that the lack of planning lead to disaster for the AAC. They secured a meeting regarding the appeals committee with Prof Schoonwinkel on 22 February. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is also a meeting regarding leadership of class representatives. There is still a big debate regarding language especially in the law faculty.</p>	
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	<p>6.15 External Relations – Ms Stapelberg</p> <p>6.15.1 Open Day This will take place on the 27th of February, details to follow.</p> <p>6.15.2 New Hope Summit Conference will take place 9, 10 April with themes like decolonisation and reconciliation. All are welcome to join meetings.</p> <p>6.15.3 Homecoming SRc alumni homecoming will also be in aid of #RegisterAll. Details will follow.</p>	
7	<p>QUESTIONS AND VARIA</p> <p>Mr De Villiers asks that everyone please respond to emails and keep time open for the SRc debrief. Some members ask that he do not use their personal emails, and gives that as the reason why they do not respond.</p> <p>Ms Olivier asks what the photos are for and is informed by Ms Stapelberg that it is for the SRc posters.</p> <p>Mr Muzofa informs about the post graduate welcoming evening taking place on 1 March at Academia at 18:00.</p> <p>Ms Bezuidenhout requests that there are less meetings and discussions during class times as it is difficult to attend all.</p> <p>Mr Motse asks that no one send an email in Afrikaans.</p> <p>Mr Phakade ask that other members be consulted on extra expenses like the business cards in order not to waste money. He would also like Mr Qina to be more in the SRc office.</p> <p>Mr Rudolph reminds the PK on the feedback that he requested at their previous meeting. It is also important to inform the SRc on important developments like Quan Piers resigning.</p> <p>Mr Frolick requests that Mr Motse receive a personalised university email, as is standard procedure.</p>	



8	NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be confirmed.	
9	CLOSING Mr Qina adjourns the meeting at 00:10am	