**Meeting Minutes**

**Students’ Representative Council Meeting**

**Date: 6 August 2020**

**Time: 17:00-19:00**

**Venue: Online**

1. **Welcoming Wama**
2. **Attendance Fadeelah**

Lewis

Wama

Fadeelah

Brandon

Sifiso

Cloё

Micheal

Tebogo (Ndaba)

Eric

Philip

Luigia

Christina

Grace

Jeff

Ntsako

Yanga

Tamara

Nomzamo

Tebogo (Mphahlele)

Ntando

Monwabisi

*Apologies*

Yanga (Will leave early to another meeting)

Lewis (Will be late due to compulsory class)

Prim and Vice Prim have another meeting

1. **Approval of previous minutes Fadeelah**

Previous meeting minutes approved

1. **Setting of the Agenda Fadeelah**

Communication’s officer voting point will be removed as per latest development.

*Additional points*

Driving School initiative Sifiso

NSFAS students in general and Boland students Sifiso

Rectors Awards Wama

Re-instalment of postgraduate portfolio Tebogo (Ndaba)

1. **Treasurer feedback Brandon Murray**

This point will provide clarity on financial processes that are to be followed moving forward, with reference to making payments, getting quotes and financial reporting.

Brandon notes that the financial guideline has been adjusted due to present circumstances and the previous draft guideline versions with only few amendments that will be sent to all SRC members, which they can read through and report back where applicable. This will also be passed on to the coming SRC for guidance. An email will be sent to all SRC members for further explanation on required documents with regards to financial reports for finalizing this document for the next SRC.

1. General Points

**Driving School initiative Sifiso**

The Driving School project is a collaborate project between the SRC and senior living spaces, for disadvantaged students, especially for those who are in their final year. This initiative has faced challenges in terms of getting access to funds. It’s very hard to access the funds that it have been allocated, and organisers of this initiative have appealed to the treasurer to access the funds and have not received communication from the treasurer, as a result, The initiative is being delayed. It is still in the process of applications; how many students will need this assistance is still unknown.

*Brandon responded by stating that there has never been intention to hold the project back in terms of finances, communication was received last week Wednesday with the application, and he states that he responded as soon as possible.*

Wama concluded by stating that Sifiso, Brandon and Tebogo including herself, will continue in communication to know exactly what’s going on with this matter*.*

**NSFAS students in general and Boland students Sifiso**

Sifiso states that it’s best to submit this motion to the SRC executive so that the discussion can go on between the SRC executive and management. There are are about 370 students who’s NSFAS was cancelled because a)some don’t meet the NSFAS application requirements, b) the N+2 rule that NSFAS has been using. These students have signed lease agreements with their private accommodation landlords. Sifiso requests that the SRC engage with management for arrangements such as moving these students from private accommodation to university residences so that it can be made easily to control the funding and the payments.

Secondly, next year NSFAS is planning to have direct payment to students, which should Sifiso comments he does not approve of, reason being that NSFAS always has delays of making payments which can affect our students. He suggests the SRC work to ensure that students can continue to receive payments through Bursary and Loans office, whom’st are doing a good work when in terms of payments as compared to NSFAS system. The SRC executive must present this to management.

Thirdly, Boland students are having difficulties in returning to campus, because Boland has different processes of student returning to their residences, therefore Sifiso recommends that the Prim committee must have engagements on this matter, with regards to the system that Boland is using for returning students.

*-Fadeelah states that the final engagement between the SRC executive and the rectorate management team has passed, however the SRC can and should use other communication platforms to communicate with them.*

*-Jeff asks if these students who have signed with their landlords, have appealed to NSFAS regarding this problem. Answer: unclear.*

-Brandon adds by stating that there will be a meeting with bursary and loans committee, and this will be brought up during those engagements.

**Rectors Awards Wama**

The theme for rectors’ awards was being discussed, however I will open these ideas to the SRC members if they have suggestions, they can message me, with any other theme suggestions.

**Re-instalment of postgraduate portfolio Tebogo (Ndaba)**

The postgraduate office raised questions such that they had been neglected and they need don’t received adequate support from the SRC such that the issues regarding postgraduate office is receiving proper support and there was a plea to re-establish the postgraduate portfolio within the SRC, however I thought to bring this matter to the SRC for further discussion.

*Fadeelah asks for clarity with regard to Tebogo’s motion. Does he wish this portfolio to be reinstated in the next SRC term or to be included in the constitution during the current SRC’s term as a mandatory portfolio?*

Tebogo responds by stating that it must be done in the next SRC term, and if so there must be a proper motion for this portfolio to be added in the constitution.

Wama states that this should be presented to the next SRC in their term, and/or during the handover as a recommendation as the current SRC holds no power over the incoming SRC’s additional portfolio decisions, and further the SRC should investigate proper method for them to include this in their next term.

1. **Next Meeting Fadeelah**

**19 August 2020**

1. **Closing Wama**