Tygerberg Student Parliament

(04/04/2019)

First ordinary sitting of the term

**Agenda:**

* **TSR Minutes, Budget, Half year reports**
* **Lack of Tygerberg NSFAS liaison**
* **Shuttle from Tygerberg to Stellenbosch main campus**
* **Student safety on and around campus: Students living across from campus**
* **State of the SS**
* **Fedics: Variety of food sold**
* **Price increases on campus**
* **Parking on campus**
* **Taps on campus (for drinking water)**
* **Campus engagement and integration, i.e. Cluster**

**Minutes:**

* Opening and welcome done by speaker. (18:13)
* Deputy speaker: Rules of engagement.( Find in Student Parliament constitution)

 **TSR Minutes, Budget, Half year reports**

TSR secretary: Lack of presence from the students

POI: To address the house respectively

Secretary: Budget was given at their meeting with no acknowledgement from student body.

TSR minutes: Minutes are uploaded on drive, technological difficulties were encountered< only had a break through in February. Acknowledgement on the new TSR student Liaison. Minutes have currently been given to the student body through the chairperson’s email and other TSR members. A link was shared with the TSP Speaker once he prompted them to.

Questions:

Point of clarification: (Article 27 TSR constitution) Clarity as to when these actions stipulated in article took place within their term.

Response: Secretary: Portfolios were sent out, goals and budgets was sent out. At the beginning of the TSR term exams (given the academic climate of the Tygerberg campus) were underway and as such their first official meeting with the Student body was held the beginning of 2019 and furthermore uploads were made to have a technological copy for the student body. Chairperson: Issues encountered with student governance with their cost points. Visitations of residences for introductory purposes was made. Technological issues encountered that were only fixed earlier this year.

Question: Concern of the student body is the lack of communication that the TSR shows towards the students. Recommendation: because of the climate of the campus their policy unit officer should alter the constitution as opposed to going ahead and acting unconstitutionally.

Lack of Tygerberg NSFAS liaison:

Chairperson: Emails of NSFAS liaison sent out to the student body when one comes on campus. Several emails were sent to the TSR with regards with student issues with NSFAS and the lack of a liaison on the Tygerberg campus. Bursary office was communicated with and let into light to the issues faced by the students and a further email was sent to the office and necessary bodies with regards to a way forward about a liaison being recruited for the Tygerberg students.

Shuttle from Tygerberg to Stellenbosch main campus and Student safety on and around campus: Students living across from campus:

Member of the TSR: Have been conducting various meeting with student affairs and transport affairs. They have sent out links to the survey to go ahead and show the importance of it. 16th

* Closure of entrance by physiotherapy
* No security to transport student off campus

USBD number at the back of the student cards is that of the main campus. There is lack of cameras and no security. Thus they have sent out an email through the survey to engage about the various issues faced by the students.

Question: Current shuttle services, inconsistent availability of hours of the current shuttle.

Response: The times and hours are set through statistics of the most cost effective way to go forth. (TSR member in charge of student affairs not present at sitting.) Feedback will be given on the 16th of April.

Question: Change of times that makes no sense.

Response: Mon-Wed Tygervalley, Thur-Fri Parow centre ,Sat- Both. Bookings should be made in advance.

Question: The necessity of paying the shuttle and acknowledgement of students with no financial means.

Speaker: Deviation from point but chairperson has offered to email school on behalf of student body.

**State of the SS**

* Not conducive for studying and poor state.

Response: Meeting was had with the necessary body, was told to come back with statistics. A survey was given out to the student body and results with the grievances will further be taken back to necessary bodies at the next DMT 24th of April.

POI: Clarity on manner of engagement.

Library hour extension has been put in place for an alternative to studying in the ss.

Question: Application of library working only put on facebook and thus unfair also due to the algorithm of facebook.

Response: Was also shared on whatsapp but not the HK groups.

Questions: Posting of important information on ones Whatsapp stories which leaves one questioning if they should watch statuses to be notified.

POI: Hippo Prim: Posters were shared

**Fedics: Variety of food sold:**

\*Price increases

\*Variety of food little to be desired

TSR Chairperson: Feedback to be given on the 16th.

Question: Point continuously brought up and yet nothing is ever done. Why do the TSR members need to be prompted before addressing this issue.

Response: Contract with the Varsity and thus are allowed to use the prices of the nearest shops and had only been in competition with a garage and thus a new pick ‘n pay has been opened and thus FEDICS has been asked to change prices in comparison to that. Student services rep of TSR has monthly meetings.

Question: How much influence does TSR actually have.

Response: FEDICS takes student input into consideration but they do make the final decisions.

**Price increases on campus:**

\*General increases across campus of services

\*Vote for deferring this point to the TSR feedback session: Positive

Question: Why the TSR wants to defer the point

Response: Lack of elaboration and TSR member on a rotation away from campus

Response:

**Parking on campus:**

TSR member had a meeting with faculty and an email was sent out to the student body. This email is explicitly the points received from the faculty and not necessarily those of the TSR.

(Refer to sent email)

**Taps on campus (for drinking water)**

Chairperson: Feedback was not given by the member of TSR but will be given on the 16th. However problems with regards to water sources will be fixed in particular a hydroboil in the TSS and plans are underway.

**Campus engagement and integration, i.e. Cluster**

PK Chair clarity: They report to the necessary bodies, however not the PK Chair nor the TSR.

Question: Critical engagement HK is making possible engagement possible.

Question: Have cluster part of parliament.

Speaker: acknowledgement of point.

**Conclusion of Sitting by speaker**