

SRC COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday 19 September 2022

Time: 17:00

Venue: RA Room

Agenda

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Minutes of meeting

2022.27.01. Attendance

Present:

- Vice-President: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- Treasurer-General: Ms. Palesa Makoli
- Secretary-General: Ms. Omphulusa Nengwekhulu
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo
- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Activism and Transformation: Mr. Ibabale Sobekwa
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya
- International Affairs: Ms. Heidi Bottcher (Late)
- Media: Ms. Lerato Pae (Late with apology)
- Oppidan: Siviwe Gaika (Late with apology)
- Projects Manager: Mr. Bongani Pellemu
- Residence: Mr. Mlungisi Dindili (Late with apology)
- Sports and Societies: Mr. Asanda Kubheka (Late with apology)
- Student Benefits and Sponsorship: Mr. Pfano Mulaudzi (Late with apology)

Apologies

- President: Mr. Botlhale Modisaotsile (On leave)

2022.27.02. Confirmation of Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Madam Community Engagement. This was seconded by Mr. Environmental.

2022.27.03. Declaration of Conflict

- No conflict was declared.

2022.27.04. Matters Arising

SRC Toy Drive

- Madam Community Engagement explained that the bus would be available on Wednesday to Friday by 13:30 for 12 councillors. She requested councillors to let her know when they are attending.

- Mr. Environmental requested council members to ensure the office space was tidy that week.

SRC Elections

- Madam Treasurer-General noted that voting was meant to open that day for resident students; however, voting stations weren't open at the dining hall.

- Madam Postgraduate Affairs noted that the Independent Electoral Board was not being transparent about Oppidan voting as students have noted that they were voting for the third time.

- Madam Vice- President explained that she received an email enquiring about whether the SRC had held a student body meeting to elect the current IEB members and to provide the minutes to such a meeting. There was general consensus to email the Vice Chancellor's office for advice on the way forward.

Constitution of Student Governance

- It was explained that the corrections would be provided by the 30th of September and the document would go straight to Senate as it is a class A matter.

2022.27.05 Housekeeping

- Madam Secretary-General explained that semester reports were due on the 7th of October and handover documents were due by the 23rd of September at 16:00.
- Madam Secretary-General noted that the purple golfers would be worn at the Inauguration rehearsal.
- Madam Secretary-General stated that she did not appreciate the lack of apologies from councillors missing events or being away without informing her. Mr. Environmental highlighted that Madam Secretary-General should be informed of every leave through email.
- Madam Community Engagement noted that the issue of allowing academic work in the office needed to be regulated. Madam Secretary-General would deal with the issue offline.
- Madam Treasurer-General noted that Xtreme was still awaiting on the bomber jackets which would be arrive that week and embroidery would take 2 days.
- Madam Postgraduate Affairs requested the keys to the office female toilet and noted the lack of cleanliness in the office toilets. Madam Secretary-General stated that the matter was pending.
- Madam Vice-President reminded council members that events end on the 30th of September and requested proposals by the 23rd September.
- Madam Vice-President reported that the Law Society approached her regarding the Law Ball on the 1st of October and requested her to send a motivation to have the event to the Registrar. There was general consensus that the Law Society could either move the date or send the motivation themselves.

2022.27.06 Feedback

University Council

- Madam Postgraduate Affairs noted that the university was reviewing the University Statute and the registrar had welcomed input from the Council.
- Madam Postgraduate Affairs noted that the vaccine mandate was not welcomed as an agenda item by the University Council as a health assessment needs to be conducted beforehand.

- Madam Vice-President highlighted that this was concerning due to its impact on incoming students especially as it is not sitting in other councils. There was general consensus that the matter should be taken to the Vaccine Appeal Committee.

Environmental Committee

- Mr. Environmental noted that the Environmental Awards were back and the Committee was currently working on the criteria to motivate students and avoid the awards being only awarded to people who work on big environmental projects.

2022.27.07 Soup kitchen

- Madam Vice-President explained that the Council would be collaborating with a school providing equipment and nutritionists. She noted that a full course meal would be served.

- Council members were divided into groups for the soup kitchen and the tournament and Madam Vice-President requested that the latter sign up for activities to prepare for the soup kitchen.

2022.27.08 Heritage Day sport tournament

- Mr. Sports and Societies explained that the Health Care Centre and Eastern Cape Liquor Board would be involved, with the latter providing 10 medals and drinks. He also highlighted the International Office had offered flags for the draw which would be live streamed.

- Mr. Environmental noted that proposals should reflect all specifics and not promote sexism. Furthermore, responses to questions about proposals should be courteous.

- Madam Media noted that there was an oversight regarding the poster. She further noted that the Council's podcast did not air on Rhodes Music Radio (RMR) that week due to issues with the audio. There was general consensus that Mr. Sports and Societies and Mr. Residence should shoot a video for the SRC's Instagram.

- Madam Secretary-General requested all communication to be done through email.

2022.27.09 Noodle Drive

- Mr. Projects noted that the annual event was back. He would approach business entities to donate noodles and requested R100 from each councillor's portfolio. He further noted that Mr. Residence had donated R500 from his portfolio fund.

- Mr. Projects noted that there would be a floating trophy for the residence that donates the most noodles. Oppidan students would donate at the Oppidan Hall. The Division of Student Affairs (DSA) and the SRC Financial Office would be involved.

- There was general consensus that a permanent certificate would also be given. Furthermore, Head Students and Wardens should be requested to assist.

2022.27.10 Pride March

- Mr. Projects highlighted that October was Pride Month however, the Council was not allowed to have events in October. Thus, the Pride March, which would include staff members, would occur on the 29th of September from Botanical Garden to Great Field. There would be a pride cake and participants would wear white t-shirts and there would be power paint.

2022.27.11 Intervarsity alternative

- Mr. Projects noted that the main artists had been confirmed and Redbull had agreed to sponsor the event.

- There was general consensus that the Great Hall should be used for the event.

- Madam Postgraduate Affairs suggested that student artist should be given 'thank you' prizes such as vouchers.

- There was general consensus that auditions would be held through video submissions.

2022.27.12 Safety campaign

- Acting Madam Oppidan noted that the event name was changed from "Oppidan safety week" to "Safety Campaign" as everyone on campus experiences safety issues. She noted that the event would be on the 26th of September at 12:00. The lawns were still to be booked. There was general consensus to request Mr. Ofei to book the venue.

- Invitations would be sent to wardens and Acting Madam Oppidan would follow up on the external stakeholders.

2022.27.13 Heritage Day campaign

- Madam Vice-President noted that she had received an email from students requesting the Council to advertise their vision around African Languages.
- There was general consensus that the Council would help and would print posters with the SRC Logo and the student's logo. The students would put them up around campus.

2022.27.14 Student Development and Support (SDS)

- There was general consensus that the Council would appreciate being informed whenever Mr. Ofei is unavailable or on leave.

2022.27.15 Any other business

- Mr. Activism and Transformation noted that he was collaborating with the Admin of Rhodes Theatre for an improvised acting event and he would be organising the closing act which would be a dance. The SRC would assist with advertising and would attend the event on the 22nd of September at 19:00 in purple golfers.
- He noted that he would use his portfolio funds to pay for the photographer.

2022.27.16 Date and Time of Next Meeting

- The next meeting would be on Monday, the 26th of September 2022 at 18:00 in the RA Room.

The meeting adjourned at 20:32.