

SRC Council Meeting- 10 February 2020

RA Room- 19:55- 21:25

Agenda Items:

1. Student Development and Support Officer:
 - Councilors need to nominate candidates to be the IEB chairperson (Nominees should be sent to SG.
 - Resignations: Zandile Gcumisa resigned, and her runner-up Nkanyezi Ngwenya was approached, and he agreed to take over the position of Student Benefits and Sponsorships councilor.
 - By-elections will be for the election of a Sports and Societies Councilor and dining halls without SRC Hall Reps.
 - Communication problems were encountered during the last weekend of O-week, staff members did not know what was happening, and that reflected poorly on the SRC. The DSA asked him if he doesn't sit in SRC meetings. He suggested that the SRC should claim their independence and speak to the DSA about being uncomfortable with having him in their meetings.
 - The level of engagement from the council was excellent during the HIV and Leadership Presentation by the AIDS Healthcare Foundations, Africa Regional Policy and Advocacy Manager, Larissa Klazinga. This presentation took place at the beginning of the meeting.
 - Overall, O-week went very well.

2. Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs Extravaganza Feedback
 - The extravaganza went very well. The presence of SRC councilors was appreciated at the environmental affairs presentation as well as members that came to show face. It would have been much appreciated if councilors were to split themselves between the different presentations. There is always room for improvement.
 - Environmental affairs presentation was a bit shaky when it started, but things turned out really well.
 - A suggestion was made that we have a report compiled to Mr. Projects.
 - SG to set a deadline for submissions towards the O-week report.

3. Term Projects

- A motion was raised to have the term one projects planned.
- A document was sent by each councilor with year plan and objections, and that document needs to be restructured as a plan to be implemented in specific times.
- The deadline for a final year plan with term projects is the end of February.
- Objectives submitted earlier on were a rough draft. This will be further expanded on in cluster meetings with VP.
- Councilors have a certain amount of money allocated to their portfolios. For significant events that fall outside the allocated event, councilors can approach sponsors.

4. New Societies Approval

- The problem started last year when 2019 Sports and Societies Councilor (now President) approved societies together with the 2019 council, and now some 2020 councilors are affected (President provided background story).
- Challenges: Process was started last year, and the Finance and Admin Assistant (Mrs. Lumka Gomba) never said anything about the approval of societies. Mrs. Lumka Gomba said that societies could only be deactivated after being inactive for five years.
- The way forward: we are going through with the new societies, and the staff members will have to add them to the system. Madam President will send an email to Mrs. Lumka Gomba

5. Office Hours

- The council needs to start doing office hours, which are 5 hours per week, to be spread out within at least three days.
- A concern was raised that the 2019 council used to have a sign-in/ sign out book, but that didn't work. We need to come up with a system to monitor office hours effectively.
- Suggestion: Let's have the sign-in/sign out book placed in a staff member's office, Mr. Ofei.
- Students should work on an appointment basis, and there shouldn't be fixed office hours.

- An email should be sent to the student body, explaining that the SRC will be working on an appointment basis.
- In that regard, SG should follow up on having at least one computer set up in the Purple Room and also make the Purple Room conducive for working.
- Councilors should also respect each other's work stations.

6. Academic Records

- The government has responded to the request by SAUS to have universities allow students access to their academic records and examination results, whether they owe the university or not.
- President will find out if this communicate was issued to universities.
- If this communication comes from the government, then the university has to abide by it
- Way forward: An email will be sent to the university (Registrar's Division) to engage them on the transcript issue, and a response is expected within 48 hours.

7. Communication

- We should make use of the Student News mailing list to relay information to the student body.
- There should be open communication between SRC councilors as well as staff.
- What happened to the SRC RUConnected page? We should make use of it.
- Councilors should take the initiative in cases where one councilor does not communicate.
- We should make use of Whatsapp broadcast messages with the substructures.
- Let's communicate kindly with each other.

8. Matters arising

- Call for agenda items should be made well in advance.
- Minutes should be sent to councilors two days after sitting for a meeting.
- Madam Media can post resolutions made in a meeting on the SRC website after meetings

Meeting adjourned: 21:45