

# **RHODES SRC COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**DATE: 10 JANUARY 2022**

**Opening:** Mr President opened the meeting by welcoming council members

### **1. Present:**

The following councillors were present for the meeting

- President: Mr Bothale Modisaotsile -
- Vice President: Ms Tinashe Hlako
- Secretary-General: Ms Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- Treasurer General: Mr Njabulo Mkhulisa
- International Affairs: Ms Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Post Graduates Affairs: Ms Vuyelwa Moyo
- Academic: Ms Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Environmental: Mr Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms Khwezi Maloma
- Oppidan: Ms Omphulusa Nengwekhulu
- Projects Manager: Mr Bongani Pellemu
- Activism & Transformation: Ms Lebo Ramohapi
- Student Benefits & Sponsorship: Mr Pfano Mulaudzi
- Sports & Societies: Ms Palesa Makoli

-Community Engagement: Ms Panashe Maneya

- Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili

## **2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

-The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 08<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 were sent out to the council prior to the meeting by the Secretary-General and were confirmed by the council.

## **3. Communication**

-The council spoke about strengthening communication between the council and the student body and it was left to the Media Councillor to brainstorm ways to keep students engaged with the SRC pages.

-It was stated that the SRC can increase their content across all social media pages and it was suggested that there can be small snippets made of getting to know your SRC.

-The council members reminded each other to approach the student body with respect and grace when addressing queries.

- The council also agreed to be careful of what they post on social media and avoid painting the council badly.

-For effective communication within the council it was decided that there should be transparency if communication took place in a different SRC group e.g., executive, the rest of the council should always be updated and the student body.

-The council decided that it will communicate with the student body using emails and the relevant SRC page.

## **4. Mandatory Vaccination-Exemption**

-The President met with the SRC President of Stellenbosch University about the mandatory vaccinations matter in order to learn how they are handling this matter.

-The Secretary General will be meeting the Wits council to also learn the stance they are taking on this matter and how they will be handling this matter.

-It was raised that that the virtual communication with leadership from other institutions is not sufficient, the council needs to send representatives to those institutions in order to see how things will be done.

-The council mentioned that the 2021 SRC accepted the University position on mandatory vaccinations subject to exemptions. However, the issue is whether the 2022 council can reject the mandatory vaccination stance taken by the university and the 2021 council.

-The council considered that rejection of this mandate is not ideal as communication regarding this matter has already been released by the university, thus the council should focus on the exemption and finding ways to assist students who refuse to vaccinate.

-It was raised that the council needs to familiarize itself with the exemption document to find loopholes that will enable the council to form a strong argument in order to help students who find themselves unable to register.

## **5 Orientation Week**

-The council decided that during O-week they will be present and visible and will be seen wearing their formal uniform so that parents can know of its existence and role in assisting first years.

-Feedback to the council was discussed on the various sponsors that will be sponsoring the items in the purple/green bag for the first years.

- From the ones that have responded, Spur wants to launch an app and thus requested a meeting with the SRC which will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January.

-Red Cafe has promised to issue loyalty points

- Alumni house will be contributing key rings, there is no clarity on Rhodes Stickers

yet. -Van Schaik will be contributing Pens and highlighters

-Picknpay will also be sponsoring with 2300 purple bags

-Aura Hair Salon who have been in contact through PGA has also agreed to distribute 2400 vouchers by 8 February to give ample time to pack for O-week.

## **6 Book Drive**

-Council collectively agreed that ideas on how to go about the book drive will be raised as soon as there is a proposal on the book drive and how it is to take place during O-week.

## **7 Uniform**

-It was explained to the council that there were quotations from different suppliers. However, the issue with funds is that there is a backlog on the Rhodes system as the university has changed its payment system and thus can only process urgent funds.

## **8 Code of Conduct**

-It was explained to the council that the Code of Conduct is a rule book pertaining to everything about council e.g., deductions. It regulates the council's conduct while in position.

-The points added to the Code of Conduct

- Confidentiality
- Uniform and masks may lead to a 20% deduction if not adhered to.
- Members to bring their blazers to council meetings if not will be subject to a 10% deduction.
- Purple Thursday which is essential for SRC visibility on campus. Not showing will result in a 10% deduction.

- Council not to wear their uniform with any political regalia, this will also result in a 10% deduction.

### **9 SRC Committee allocations**

--SRC councillors will be allocated to committees and the list will be circulated within council.

### **10 Matters Arising from the SRC Executive**

-There was no meeting held by the SRC executive.

### **11 Other Matters Arising**

-The council discussed the opportunity to be a member of SAUS which requires a joining fee of 50 000 and that affiliation with SAUS will require council to embrace the stances of the organization particularly on mandatory vaccination etc.

-It was collectively decided that the council will decide on affiliation once more information about SAUS has been received.

### **12 Adjourned**

-After thanking the councillors for their presence and contribution, Mr President adjourned the meeting.

**13 Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday 17 January 2022**