

SRC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: MONDAY 03 AUGUST 2022

TIME: 18H00

VENUE: RA ROOM

Minutes

Attendance

Present:

- President: Mr Botlhale Modisaotsile
- Secretary-General: Ms. Nobesuthu Mnkandla
- International Affairs: Ms. Rumbidzai Gondongwe
- Activism and Transformation: Mr. Ibabale Sobekwa
- Community Engagement: Ms. Panashe Maneya
- Environmental: Mr. Anda Mtshintsho
- Media: Ms. Lerato Pae
- Oppidan: Ms. Omphulusa Nengwekhulu
- Student Benefits & Sponsorship: Mr. Pfano Mulaudzi
- Residence: Mr Mlungisi Dindili

Apologies:

- Vice-President: Ms. Tinashe Hlako
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms. Vuyelwa Moyo (on leave)
- Academic: Ms. Sisenalo Onica Makwedini
- Projects Manager: Mr. Bongani Pellemu (on leave)
- Sports & Societies: Mr. Asanda Kubheka (on leave)

Radio podcast

- The pilot episode for the podcast would be released on Friday, the 12th of August.
- Mr. Environment raised concerns about the podcast clashing with the inauguration.

Feedback

- Madam Treasurer-General enquired about why a visual statement had not been released for August and it was a busy month but no one is aware of the Council's activities. Mr. President

apologized for the oversight but stated that a visual statement could be released for September and shot in the last week of August.

- Mr. Environmental requested that all apologies should be sent to Madam Secretary-General.
- Madam Treasurer-General reported that she had received another quotation for bomber jackets and has requested Mrs Kivitts to label it as urgent to speed up the process.
- The Council raised concerns about the lack of instructions provided by Mr. Projects. Madam Community Engagement noted that they had made comments on the document, however, the program had last-minute changes requiring the Council to be actively involved outside of Purple Thursday. Furthermore, Mr. Projects did not provide clarity on the games to be administered on Friday.
- Madam Treasurer-General requested council members to continue working on their projects whilst on leave. She noted that not doing so placed a strain on Madam Interim Secretary-General as she had to do a lot of the administration of projects that she didn't know how to deal with.
- Mr. President noted that the Director of Student Affairs (DSA) had approached the Council with the project, and they could not say no as it was for students. Unfortunately, Mr. Projects went on leave and there wasn't a proper handover. Mr. Environmental noted that this was unfair for the DSA to do as the Council already had commitments and academic work. It was unfair on him to be expected to plan and lead an event he had little information on.
- Madam Secretary-General noted that the Mental Health Week document had been labelled as feedback and that caused some confusion. Madam Secretary-General also noted that many council members no longer request to go on leave but simply inform her that they are going on leave. She requested that council members send their notice of leave a week prior, to ensure proper handovers.
- Mr. President directed counsellors to raise any questions, queries and concerns on the WhatsApp group.

Purple Thursday

- Mr. Environmental requested council members to arrive at 11:30 to set up for the societies extravaganza for mental health week and noted he would not be available in the evening. Mr. Environment noted that the Council's time slot was 12:00 to 14:00. Madam Secretary-General noted that the DSA is attempting to redeem themselves with this event however, the pressure should not be put on council members as they have academic commitments. She further noted that several council members have expressed that they were exhausted and the

number of council members going on leave was putting a strain on the Executive. She requested council members who would not be available to send their apologies. Mr. Environmental stated that he would be available to supervise the societies to make up for being unavailable in the evening.

- Madam Secretary-General reported that the Exec had discussed whether a statement should be released stating the SRC's stance that they distance themselves from homophobia. Exec had initially agreed to release the statement and Madam Secretary-General wanted to get the view of the rest of the Council.

- The resolution was that Council would release a statement with Mr. President casting the deciding vote not to include any names. There was general consensus to release the statement the same week. There was a request for urgency regarding the statement.

- The meeting was adjourned.