

A 16th SRC MEETING TO BE HELD ON **8th APRIL 2024 AT 18H30 IN THE RA ROOM.**

MINUTES

2024.16.01. APOLOGIES

1.1 Mr Oppidan will be writing a test.

1.2 Student Development and Support Officer, Mr Ofei has a training in Pretoria.

2024.16.02. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Madam CE

2024.16.03. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

2024.16.04. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 SBS

4.2 A&T

2024.16.05. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Leadership Week (VP)

VP asks for SBS to provide detailed feedback by Sunday of the progress of the sponsorship letters. SG has sent out 32 letters with help from Avuxeni with more letters being drafted by day leaders, Pres hasn't sent out any letters yet but is set to send out all letters by Friday, 12th April 2024 and maintains the claim that the international institutions emails are bouncing. Mr International has contacted Alumni (Dingaan) regarding more email addresses and has received one from the University of Zambia so far.

The letter to the VC and Vice Chancelorette has been sent out by the Pres. VP requests a list of letters sent out to local and international SRC's for progression purposes. Madam PGA, Madam Res, Madam Enviros and Mr A&T have assisted Madam SG in the sending out of letters with an overall compilation of 12 additional letters for various days.

Mr Media has invited journalists locally with media marketing, TG says the military forces can only assist with the drill of the army but the request for the helicopter has to be done via the airforce with 6 weeks

correspondence from the latter. VP has chosen to step down from Leadership Week as his project with the support of the President due to the mental and academic toll and its effects, any councillor who wishes to spearhead this project may volunteer.

Madam Projects notes that while the VP relieves himself of spearheading this event, this does not relieve the rest of council from their duties as this event has been adopted by council. Sufficient consensus to tabulate revisitation of the number of days that will go into Leadership Week, all duties proceed as normal.

5.2 International Extravaganza

Mr International requests for any contribution from council regarding the upcoming international extravaganza with concern of the weather posing a posing threat to the venue. Madam Enviros brings up concern of participating societies meeting society quorum requirements. General consensus for the 2-hour session on Thursday, 11th April 2024 at 18h30 for plan of action.

VP has concerns about the budget allocation and the resources to fund the event. Formality of concept documents to be exercised in compilation of documents for future purposes, the GED will be funding the whole event. Mr Media asked for delegation list by end of day tomorrow, 09th April 2024 with a possible shift in time of the beginning of the event.

2024.16.06. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

6.1 Purple Thursday (Projects)

There were no contributions on the concept document, Madam Projects pleads that councillors also engage with the concept of purple thursday as Purple thursday is a council project and not just her project alone. Mr International suggests that Madam Projects provide a guideline so that councillors know how and where to contribute. Seeing as the event is an ongoing project, Mr Media's concern was the sustainability of having to go through the VP before every Purple Thursday. Madam Projects, however, has confirmed that the VP has given her permission to allow everyone to have input to speed up the project and its efficiency.

6.2 Setting of the Student Body Meeting (Pres)

Constitutionally we are set to have a student body meeting this term, we need to send out a call out for agenda items from tomorrow, the 09th of April, to give students enough time as per constitution. President raises a motion to have the meeting on the 19th of April, VP also raises a counter-motion, the Sports and Societies councillor rises on a point of procedure of raising a motion on a motion, the President retracts and apologizes. The new motion, accepted with general consensus, is that the student body meeting be held on the 23rd of April with the call-out for Agenda items advertised via Mr Media through our social media pages. VP suggests that a google doc circulate to allow all students to contribute to the agenda to avoid emails getting lost in traffic if sent to the SG's email address.

6.3 SRC Report for University Council (Pres)

The DVC requires proofreading and minor grammatical errors of the report we submitted to the institutional forum. Pres suggests councilors go over the document and please add onto the document any arising matters since we last updated the document. Madam Res to note on the document the concern about policies seeing as policies are to be reviewed this year as an important factor considering the significance of the meeting.

Madam Res declines the suggestion because she'd prefer Madam SG to note it immediately for the report during the meeting, Madam SG declines supported by Madam Project's who highlights that Madam SG is currently occupied with minutes and therefore cannot note down things for the report during the meeting but rather Madam Res email it so that during the report compilation, Madam SG is still aware of it.

6.4 Learn 2 Drive (Pres)

TG suggests that we renegotiate the given price range to get them to drop them even if by R200 or more as to avoid just taking things at face value when we can benefit the student body and SRC better. VP suggests we find new avenues that are also beneficial to the SRC even if we incorporate a bargain where a purple Thursday participation winner gains a free driving lesson before undergoing the package.

Madam Sports is in disagreement with the prices. Pres is in disagreement, Madam SG and Mr International argue that it's still worth a negotiation because in as much as it's a business and a brand it is being advertised to the student body. General consensus that we tabulate it for until we've negotiated with the business owner.

6.5 Human Rights day and Movie report (Activism)

Madam Projects apologizes to Mr A&T as she cannot access the google form of the debriefs of this event hence the delay in sending the result so that Mr A&T is able to add it to his report for student parliament.

Madam Projects suggests that Mr A&T work on the language and diction of his reports, that it be more formal and less conversational and casual.

6.6 Student Development & Support (Mr Ofei)

2024.16.07. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2024.16.08. OTHER MATTERS OF THE AGENDA

8.1 Bomber Jackets (TG & SG)

TG raises concern of whether or not council would like to have bomber jackets, taking into consideration the budgeting and timely production. VP raises that there be no need to decide and pose motions on this agenda item as it was already decided and adopted having agenda items, that this instead be an announcement of council members to take time to think of possible designs.

Mr A&T asks if these will be sponsored or not, VP announces that we already have a budget for these bomber jackets by virtue of our blazers being sponsored. Madam Projects will add TG to the uniform committee to get the process going and appoint someone to get a quotation. Madam PGA suggests we get the samples of the adopted bomber jacket.

8.2 House Comm & SRC Disjuncture

Disjuncture between house comm members, sports reps and the SRC. Suggestion is that SRC meets with the head of houses to combat this. Mr A&T questions duty of SRC hall reps and head students in filtering down information and student apathy. Mr Media and Pres suggests putting this up as an agenda item for the student body meeting and ensure this invitation reaches all house comms on campus and off-campus.

8.3 Mismanagement of SRC funds

Pres notes that the celebratory graduation event was never decided on by council but rather, the student development and support officer called for the purchase order via the Treasurer General and has abused his power as he is not a member of council and therefore should not have autonomy to use SRC money without the acknowledgement of the council, with R7990 being used at the dinner.

Pres points out that the mistake of the TG was not coming back to the council to let us know about the funding of this event prior the fact. Pres calls for that money to be put back into the budget by either Mr Ofei or his division, Pres will mention this in the student body meeting and for accountability purposes, the TG will have to add it to his budget speech in April for transparency purposes.

TG will talk to Mrs Kivitts about whether this was from the money allocated to Mr Ofei by the university or whether it was directly from council's budget. TG will request a breakdown and report from Mr Ofei about the R250 000 he is allocated by the university under the SRC institution.

VP cautions that this is done in a procedural and well thought-out manner and not be irrational about the manner in which it is addressed and the consequences of highlighting this manner institutionally. Pres acknowledges this but stands on the fact that this information was, still, omitted from council and the consequences of this will reflect on the institution. Pres poses the question as to how is it the report back, when a councillor for a project or the student body requires something, the answer is that there aren't enough funds but money was spent on an "unlawful" meeting, without the consent or awareness of council.

Madam Res and Sports ask for a detailed expenditure report, deduction report as well as a budget report with general consensus from council. TG will formulate emails to create a paper trail of the conversations he will be having in regards to the above requests so that he can provide feedback with a suggestion from Pres to have Mrs Kivitts and Mr Ofei present the report thoroughly, accepted with general consensus. Timeline wise, VP and Pres will work on the invitation for the report and it will be sent out tomorrow, 09th April 2024 at 17h00 by the President.

Mr Media requests that the draft of the report be sent to the SRC whatsapp group for proofreading purposes before the email is sent out. Thoroughness and detail is necessary for the report and the feedback we require for accountability and transparency purposes.

8.4 Letter of Concern

Mr International suggests we ensure that we already have accountability measures in place as an alternative for accountability measures. The President, as per constitution, was supposed to have been consulted regarding the financial incentives of council. Madam Projects points out the constitution regarding the payment measures constituted by the university, make use of the Higher education Act and the constitution of student governance in defending our honorariums and work strategically. VP asks for deadline of the formulation of this document. Pres suggests a lot of research be done in the formulation of this document. Madam PGA suggest we start off with a letter of concern to Mr Ofei to make him aware of our concerns in response to Madam SG pointing out the procedural methods of the dissemination of this document.

General consensus to letter of concern and proceeding with this process.

Mr A&T motions the letter of concern be sent out on Friday, the 12th seconded by Academic ([Motion Passes](#)).

Madam Projects motions for next week Wednesday, the 17th seconded by Mr International.

Pres appoints writing committee of Madam PGA, Pres, Madam Enviros, Mr International and Madam Res. Mr International asks that councillors please assist in finding relevant documents and policies, Council can expect the final draft on Thursday 12h00, 11th April and final council contributions by council be on Friday, 12th April 09h00

2024.16.09. HOUSEKEEPING

9.1 Kitchen key is on top of the door ledger for all to use. A table sheet for sign in times and use of the keys will be put for accountability purposes. Councillors who have lost keys are yet to declare, deductions will follow. Requisitions are to be sent out for two more additional purple room keys and the name tags are delaying but further feedback will be provided.

2024.16.09. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 15TH APRIL 2024 AT 18H30