

SRC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 23 MAY 2023 TIME:18H30 VENUE: RA ROOM

2023.24.01 Welcome and Attendance

Present:

-President: Ms Avuxeni Tyala (Attended virtually, joined late)

-Vice President: Ms Putuma Balintulo

-Secretary-General: Mr Lazarus Kgageng

-Treasurer-General: Mr Varshan Pillay

-Community Engagement: Mr Lihle Manene

-Media: Ms Nqobile Makamu

Absent:

-Student Development and Support Officer: Mr Eric Ofei

2023.24.02 Leave of Absence

-There was no leave of absence submitted.

2023.24.03 Confirmation of Minutes

-Mr Community Engagement confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, and Mr Treasurer-General seconded the confirmation.

2023.24.04 Declaration of Conflict

-No conflict was declared.

2023.24.05 Matters Arising

2023.24.5.1 Leadership Week

-Ms Vice President informed the executive that no speaker had confirmed.

-The response time was extended to the 30th of May as some emails did not reach the recipients.

-Ms Joyce Banda would be emailed, and her contact details would be gotten from Ms Magadla.

-Mr Cyril Ramaphosa would be emailed as well.

-Tomorrow, Ms Vice President would email the letters to Ms President so that she could sign them, and Ms President would send them out by 17h00.

-The Executive would think of more female people to add to the list.

-The Department of Health would be asked to give health advice.

-The DSA would be given a platform to speak on diseases that impact mainly women.

-Ms Vice President suggested that on Women's Day, one or two Mamas from each Dining Hall get invited to the lunch event.

-The executive agreed that they would look at the UN model and ask people from there to attend the Leadership Week.

-Tomorrow, before 17h00, the executive would send through name suggestions for the speaker for SRC Inauguration.

-The SRC would send to the Sports Admin a motivation for inviting SRCs that are not in the Eastern Cape.

-The Executive agreed that starting from tomorrow, the Council had two to three hours to engage with content share by Ms Media in the SRC group. A 20% deduction would be issued if a Councillor failed to engage with the content and people who did not respond were bounded by the decision the rest of the Council made.

2023.24.06 Municipal Feedback

-In the previous week, Ms Vice President, Mr Environmental, and Mr Community Engagement went to the Municipality. They were promised a call but they never received it.

-The SRC would use the Africa Day event as an opportunity to speak to the Premier with regards to the 08th of May so that he could put pressure on the Municipality to respond.

-Ms Vice President, Ms Media, and Ms International Affairs were delegated to speak to the Premier.

-Mr Secretary-General would email the Vice-Chancellor's office to enquire whether they had intentions of hosting a dinner for the Premier, then they would state the suggestion to host the Premier.

2023.24.07 Water System Awareness

-Mr Secretary-General was approached by Margaret with an initiative for the SRC to work with her office to tackle the Municipality water issue.

-Her office would work with Ms Media to raise awareness about the water system.

-Margaret would meet with Ms Vice President, Ms Media, and Mr Environment to educate students about the water system.

2023.24.08 Africa Day Mural

-Mr Secretary-General apprised the executive that Ms International Affairs wanted to the mural on the wall for Africa Day.

-The Executive rejected this as there was insufficient time, lack of planning, and lack of following proper procedure.

-The executive adopted the idea of posting a "good luck for exams" note on the wall. Ms Media would get the people to draw on the wall, and Mr Secretary-General volunteered to draw if Ms Media could not find the people to draw.

2023.24.09 SRC Budget Update and Semester Report

-Mr Treasurer-General reported back that since the SRC got the exam treats' cake for free, then Mr Student Benefits and Sponsorships' budget would stay at R4000.

-The R4000 per Councillor would be kept constant as Councillors would do their projects in the second semester.

-Mr Treasurer-General would present the budget in a spreadsheet format and not in a PowerPoint presentation.

-Mr Treasurer-General would set up a meeting with Ms Kivitts and cc Mr Phumzile in the email to discuss the SRC finances. The rest of the executive would also attend the meeting.

2023.24.10 Motsepe Foundation- Thank You Letter and Criteria

-The SRC would use the remaining money to fund students who needed funding.

-The executive was to draft a letter of gratitude for the Motsepe Foundation.

-The letter would be accompanied by a document detailing how the donation money was utilised.

-The executive would consult with Ms President about starting this process in her absence and handing it over to her when she returned.

2023.24.11 Council Functioning- First Semester reports (reviews)

-Ms Vice President noted that there were a lot of projects from the year plans that were not done.

-Going forward, each Councillor must do an event embodying the “action-based” motto.

-Ms Postgraduate Affairs’ portfolio would be assessed.

-Mr Sports and Societies would email the Council an apology for the statement he made.

-The executive noted that Mr Residence had still not apologised to the Council for his conduct. Ms Vice President would email Mr Residence to inform him to email an apology to the Council.

-It was agreed upon, with reference to the SRC’s constitution, that Mr Residence should receive a written warning and a 100% deduction for his continued misconduct. Mr Secretary-General would write the warning.

2023.24.12 Action-Based Leadership for next semester

-Vice President encouraged the Council to be an action-based one.

-Ms Media raised the point that Councillors were not bringing content to her so that she could vivify it and post it.

-Mr Secretary-General urged the executive to email him if they saw a deduction-worthy action being done by Councillors.

2023.24.13 Housekeeping

-Councillors should not chew bubble gum during meetings.

-Councillors should clean up after utilising their professional spaces.

-Councillors should refrain from bringing their friends to study in the offices during office hours.

-The executive would further deliberate on how the kitchen things would be used and where they would be stored during study times.

2023.24.14 Other Matters for the Agenda

-Broadcasting Club

-Ms President and Ms Media would have a meeting with Thandeka to discuss the Club.

-The document for this project would depend on the meeting.

-The SRC would take this as their generational project.

-The executive would adopt the project after receiving the document.

Amazwi Youth Day

-Amazwi would host a National Youth Day Programme on the 15th of June, and they wanted the SRC to pilot the project with them.

-The executive declined the invite as it was short notice and it coincided with examination time.

-The executive would ask the programme director if they would be interested in partnering with the SRC and create a youth event in the first week of the second semester.

-Whistle project

-Mr Secretary-General received an email from Bathabile who was part of the organisation that raised awareness of human trafficking.

- The organisation wanted to partner with the SRC to bring awareness to Rhodes University.
- The organisation would host a screening event with an admission fee of R25, and attendees would receive a whistle for free.
- Mr Community Engagement would adopt the concept and expand it to the Makhanda community. He would first speak to Nosi to see how this could be implemented.
- In the week leading to the screening of the film, the SRC would start with the awareness themselves.
- The screening of the film would take place at the Drama Department. The SRC would negotiate with the organisation that if a certain amount of students attended the event, then they would receive a discount off the ticket price.
- Mr Secretary-General would compile a document and email it to Bathabile and cc Ms Vice President.
- This executive adopted this project and agreed to put it as a standing agenda item.

-Naming Committee

- The executive expressed that they were against naming buildings and institutions after living people's names.
- The executive would go through the document and do thorough research on the suggested names.

Pick n Pay

- The executive decided to hand-deliver to Pick n Pay a letter of gratitude, flowers, and a certificate.
- The executive adopted that letters of gratitude sent by the SRC would be done by the President's office and not by a Councillor's office.
- Letters of gratitude would be sent within two weeks of an event.

2023.24.15 Closure and Date of Next Meeting

- The Chair adjourned the meeting.

-The next meeting would be on 30 May 2023, at 18h30.