

## SRC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 02 May 2023

TIME: 20h00

VENUE: RA ROOM

### **2023.22.01 Welcome and Attendance**

#### **Present:**

- President: Ms Avuxeni Tyala
- Vice President: Ms Putuma Balintulo
- Secretary-General: Mr Lazarus Kgageng
- Treasurer-General: Mr Varshan Pillay (arrived late)
- Community Engagement: Mr Lihle Manene
- Media: Ms Nqobile Makamu
- Academic: Ms Tshepo Malebana
- Activism and Transformation: Mr Ibabale Sobekwa
- International Affairs: Ms Tsidzo Hove
- Environmental: Mr James Njoloza
- Oppidan: Mr Adrian February
- Residence: Mr Simphiwe Mnyande
- Postgraduate Affairs: Ms Milisa Mamase
- Projects Manager: Mr Thabiso Ngubane
- Student Benefits and Sponsorships: Mr Indiphile Ralo
- Student Development and Support Officer: Mr Eric Ofei (Arrived late)

#### **Absent:**

- Sports and Societies: Mr Buhle Luthuli

### **2023.22.02 Leave of Absence**

-There was no leave of absence.

### **2023.22.03 Confirmation of Minutes**

-The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Mr Environmental, and Mr Oppidan seconded the confirmation.

### **2023.22.04 Declaration of Conflict**

-There was no conflict declared.

### **2023.22.05 Matters Arising**

#### **2023.22.5.1 Leadership Week**

-Ms President would sign the backup letters by tonight.

-The “coming soon” post would be uploaded since letters have gone out.

#### **2023.22.5.2 Oppidan Union**

-Mr Oppidan relayed to the Council that the admins were compiling documents to be sent to the disciplinary board.

-The handover process for the Oppidan representatives would happen this weekend since some could not get their handover last year.

### **2023.22.06 Feedback**

#### **2023.22.6.1 NSFAS meeting**

-Ms Vice President and Mr Student Benefits and Sponsorships went to an NSFAS meeting, and they relayed to the Council that NSFAS wanted to introduce a direct payment system.

-The two Councillors reported that NSFAS failed to reply and account for most issues the SRCs raised.

-The Council noted that NSFAS did not align with the Rhodes University calendar; therefore, a direct payment would disadvantage the students.

### **2023.22.07 Budget**

-Mr Treasurer-General indicated that the alumni had not given him a handover yet, and he did the budget presentation without guidance.

-Mr Treasurer-General did the budget presentation in front of the Council.

### **2023.22.08 Student Development and Support Officer**

-Mr Ofei expressed concern as he felt that the Council lacked a sense of urgency regarding Leadership Week.

-Mr Ofei explained to the Council that some appeals did not need a face-to-face presentation as their written part would be sufficient to provide a feedback to. Face-to-face presentations were done when there were opposing sides.

-The Council was informed that companies advertising on campus through the SRC needed to contact Mr Student Benefits and Sponsorships and Ms Media.

### **2023.22.09 Other Matters for the Agenda**

#### **-08<sup>th</sup> May shutdown**

-Ms Vice President, Mr Residence, and Mr Oppidan were in a meeting with Ms Jay Pillay and her co-workers who informed the Councillors that it was late to prepare packed meals, but vouchers would be convenient.

-The students who lived in residences would receive vouchers on Sunday.

-The oppidan students that ate at dining halls would not be charged for meals on that day as dining halls would be closed.

-The Council was informed that the Vice-Chancellor was the one who would provide guidance on whether students would be permitted to receive vouchers.

-The manager of housekeeping would increase cleaning staff to ensure that facilities were clean on Monday.

-Ms President relayed to Council that the executive met with the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr Tondi, and the CFO regarding the shutdown. In the meeting, the University's management expressed disappointment as they felt that the SRC did not exhaust their options before opting for a shutdown.

-The SRC would meet with the University's management on Thursday and one of the things they would consolidate was the vouchers.

-The Council reached a consensus to open labs at 17h00 on the day of the shutdown so that students could work.

-The Council noted that some University staff were planning on continuing with the shutdown on 09<sup>th</sup> May. The SRC would have a meeting with the workers and the Unions.

-Ms President, Ms Vice President, and Ms Academics would meet with the Deans tomorrow at 16h00.

-The SRC would consolidate a letter of demand to the University and further provide the University with timelines to get things done, and if those things were not fixed or done after the July vacation, then the students would not start the second semester.

-The Council noted that if the protest happened at Purple Square, then there were legal ramifications as it was a public road, and the police would be involved if there were any contraventions with the law.

-The SRC Hall Representatives would meet with the respective committees of their halls to get the requisition issues that they highlighted as green (could be fixed with a short span of time), orange (needed a bit of time), and red (require a long time to fix).

-The timelines for each colours: green- needed to be fixed by end of SWOT Week, orange- End of July, and red -end of the September vacation. If the timelines were not met by the University, then another shutdown would occur.

-Since the Thuma Mina document did not get sent to the relevant stakeholders of the University, the SRC would get requisition issues from each hall and those would be showed to the University's management and inform them that Thuma Mina confirmed all the issues raised by the different halls.

-There was a suggestion for the Thuma Mina document to be sent to Council and everyone would get 24 hours to respond to the document.

-The President asked the Council to speak to their mentors.

-International Week

-Ms International Affairs would write a report on International Week and would send it to Council by 20<sup>th</sup> May.

-Ms International Affairs would do a duty roster by midnight.

-The Council was briefed on what would take place during the Exchange Fair.

#### -Exam treats

-Exam treats would be distributed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

-The green bags and pens left over from O-Week would be used as part of the exam treats and more things would be added.

#### **2023.22.10 Closure and Date of Next Meeting**

-The Chair adjourned the meeting.

-Date of next meeting: 09 May 2023, 18h30.