

Rhodes University
Student Representative Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016

2016.M06.1 PRESENT

President (*Chair*), Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Media, Projects Manager, Oppidan, Community Engagement, Activism and Transformation, International Affairs, SRC Advisor

2016.M06.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Academic, Student benefits and Sports and societies.

2016.M06.3 OTHER MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA

No matters for the agenda were tabled for the agenda.

2016.M06.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Amendments were made by council before confirming minutes for the previous meeting.

The Vice President noted that it needs to be noted that Mr. Ntlabezo resigned then his resignation came afterwards. This had to added on the minutes of the previous meeting.

Ms. Oppidan noted that in the first paragraph last line that the following should be added “ensure impartiality”.

The international councillor added that the minutes did not capture Mr. Ofei’s explanation on the process of resignations. And he said the minutes need to be corrected so they can clearly state that Mr. Dlomo only lodged his resignation after Mr. Ofei explained the resignation procedure as per constitution.

The Media councillor suggested that the part that speaks to councillors donating some money to Mr Ntlabezo be removed from the minutes. Madam media also added that all portfolio’s on the minutes should be capitalised.

Mr. Ofei suggested that the motion about council donating some money to Mr. Ntlabezo should be left on the minutes and not removed.

It was noted that academic was misspelt on page two.

The Treasurer asked that the point that speaks to Mr. Ntlabezo's donation please be rephrased.

Consensus was reached by council that there needs to be consistency of mentioning councillor's portfolio's instead of just referring to each councillor as councillor.

The Oppidan councillor asked that it be mentioned that she would like her objection to be noted on page 3 as this had been left out in the minutes.

The Media councillor asked that there needs to be consistency with regards to quotations in the minutes.

The Oppidan councillor asked that it be added that the Activism councillor told the VP that he wasn't being told to resign.

Minutes were confirmed by the Vice President and seconded by the Projects Manager.

2016.M06.5 O-WEEK REPORT BACK/FEEDBACK

The chair raised concerns that council members had not reported back about O-week and this was crucial for the sake of drawing up a report for o-week.

The chair suggested that all councillors need to submit an o-week report about all events and what they did during o-week to the Secretary General.

The Vice president then suggested that the reports be sent to the Projects Manager as she needs to draw up the final report as the O-Week CEO.

The Oppidan councillor requested that minutes from the previous meeting please be circulated by the then Secretary General (Mr. Gift Sandi).

General consensus about this item was that all council members will draw up a report and submit it to the Projects Manager who will draw up a final O-week report.

2016.M06.6 STUDENT BODY MEETING

The chair spoke about the demands that some members of the student body brought forward as well as the motion for a vote of no confidence.

The Vice President then highlighted how the institution clearly stated that Student body meetings need to be announced 5 days prior the meeting day.

Ms. Oppidan added that because this was requested on Monday 22 February, constitutionally the meeting should be on Monday instead of Friday 19 February 2016 as requested by students.

The Vice President then reiterated that constitutionally the student body meeting can only overlap onto Saturday but cannot be on Friday.

The SRC advisor highlighted that the SRC needs to stick to the constitution.

The Oppidan councillor indicated that having a meeting during the weekend will disadvantage most students.

Council then agreed to stick to the constitution and not overriding it, the Vote of no confidence student body meeting was then decided to be held on Monday 29 February 2016 which entails 5 working days to notify the Student Body.

2016.M06.7 OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary General spoke about office administration. She stated that all council members need to start signing in and out as of the next week. The Secretary General spoke about committee meeting reports, she indicated that all council members need to submit reports after all committee meetings. She then stated that she will send an email to the entire council reminding them about the entire item on the agenda.

2016.M06.8 FUND RAISING INITIATIVE

The Community engagement councillor informed council about a particular house that wanted to involve the SRC in their fundraising initiative. The

Community engagement councillor said that she will confirm the activity time and date that they would like to have their fundraising for give 5.

The Community engagement councillor explained the purpose of firewalk and encouraged council members to partake in this initiative.

The Secretary General then highlighted that council members will not be able to attend the firewalk as it falls on the same day as the first day of retreat, but she said council needs to do something for Give 5 nonetheless.

2016.M06.9 HARASSMENT OFFICE

The Activism and Transformation councillor explained how she has decided on lodging a harassment charge for the student that harassed her on social media. She further explained that the issue the offender shared on social media was something that was shared in confidence among BSM members. The Activism councillor said she saw the importance of doing this to make it clear that such behaviour is not acceptable. She concluded by saying that she will draw up a statement that she will publish on the 23rd of February about the steps she has decided to take as well as highlight rape culture.

2016.M16.10 REPORT BACKS

The Vice President and former Residence councillor reported on the flooding at Piet Retief and indicated that some students were forced to share room and the residence councillor communicated this to Mrs. Pillay.

The Oppidan councillor attended a meeting between her, the Oppidan chair, SRC President and the DSA talking about the relationship about all these structures. The Oppidan councillor also attended Oppi 1 on 1 and assisted with drawing up the agenda.

The Projects Manager hosted a thank you braai for her projects team and spoke about cutting the projects team as most of the m underperformed during their tenure in O-week. Madam Projects is also sorting out liquor license for the Great field party. Attended intervarsity meeting on the 22nd of February 2016.

The Treasurer attended one appeals meeting.

The Activism councillor attended a meeting that was centred around student enquiries.

Community Engagement councillor had a talk for first years with the CE office. She raised some issues that made her unhappy about the CE office and further stated that she had resolved this through mediating this Benita from the CE office. The Community Engagement also stated that she is waiting upon Ms Veronica Israel to communicate to her how CE reps will be involved in this year's plans.

The Media councillor indicated that she will be opening applications for her media team and has decided to extend the closing date for all applications.

The International councillor reported that he is collecting names of all international students who still need assistance.

The Secretary General and former Student benefits reported that she attended 2 appeals meetings, had a number of student consultations, hosted two banks during O-week for activations and confirmed another activation for March.

President reported that he finalised SDB and SDC interviews.

2016.M06.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Vice President asked about the Mehato project and when it will be launched. The Secretary General responded saying that the launch cannot happen as yet. She further stated that she is still waiting on documents that clearly stipulate all benefits and shares from the agreement, that need to be ran through the law clinic then signed by the SRC and Cell before launching this fund raising initiative.

The international councillor inquired about the one on one suggested between Mr President and the former President Mr Dlomo. The Media councillor responded to Mr Internationals

inquiry and said that she has spoken to Oppi TV to try and set up an interview between the former President Mr Dlomo and the Current President Mr Sandi.

The Media councillor asked all councillors to please inform her about all their events well in time.

The treasurer asked to talk about her duties during the next meeting.

2016.M06.12 SRC ADVISOR

The SRC advisor reminded council about retreat and that all council members need to avail themselves for this weekend as it is something that council was informed about straight after being inaugurated. The SRC advisor also spoke about council members coming to see him individually to speak about councils weaknesses' and strengths which will all be presented during retreat and as a way to build a strong team.

2015.M16.17 UPCOMING EVENTS

Vote of no confidence 29 February 2016

Student body meeting 1 March 2016

2015.M16.18 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

29 February 2016