RHODES UNIVERSITY

students’ representative council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 24TH OF JANUARY 2011**

**AT 18:00 IN THE R.A ROOM**

**2011. M6.1 ATTENDANCE** The Chair welcomed councillors to their sixth meeting of Council.

# 2011. M6.2 PRESENT

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# President (Chair);

# Vice-President External;

# Environmental;

# Community Engagement;

# Student Benefits;

# Societies; Residence;

# Activism & Transformation;

# Treasurer;

# Oppidan;

# International;

# Media

# 2011. M6.3 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Projects; Academic; Vice-President Internal; Liaison

**2011. M6.4 OTHER MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA**

**2011. M6.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the:

5.1 **17 th of January 2011**, subject to the following amendments:

**2011. M6.6 MATTERS ARISING**

* International Affairs Councillor enquired about the compilation of the file of the Institutional Rules, which had been previously minuted that all Councillors would have to familiarize themselves with. ThePresident apologised for not compiling this file, and reassured Council that he would follow the matter up.
* Oppidan motioned that the President establish whether Projects would be returning as part of Council. President further noted that more information would be divulged about Projects should further information become available. President emphasized the importance of working together

**2011. M6.7** **OFFICE SPACE**

* Media Councillor addressed the issue of Office Space, by stating that this week served as an example of the lack of space in the office for the entire Council to work effectively & efficiently. Media Councillor opened the debate up to Council to find possible suggestions of how this matter could be resolved. MediaCouncilloralso addressed the issue of the President’s decision to move into the RA Room, to make it his sole executive office; stating it was unsatisfactory for various members of Council, as it could be seen as a waste of resources, as the space could be used more effectively – especially considering the lack of space which is already a problem.
* President noted the concerns of Council, and stated that the decision to make the RA Room the Presidential Office, was an attempt to maintain control of the room, as the University Administration was attempting to take control of the room, and unless the room was effectively utilized, such as having the President use it as his/her office, the Administration would repossess it.
* President motioned for the following to be minuted:
  + Recommendation for the utilization of the RA Room by Councillors
  + Recommendation for the utilization of the Board Room by Councillors [further deliberation as to whether to combine the Purple Lounge and Board Room]
  + Recommendation for the utilization of the RA Room by President(s)
* President noted that the *Presidency* would convene a meeting before the next **Council Meeting** to re-evaluate and discuss whether all three *Presidents* utilizing the RA Room could be a viable option; feedback would be received by Council via e-mail from the VPI**.**
* Community Engagement motioned to postpone to next week: *Not Seconded.*
* VPE motioned that the Presidency’s happiness to be taken into consideration
* ***Council*** deliberated and debated whether to postpone till next **Council Meeting** or resolve the issue immediately:
* Societies motioned to postpone till next **Council Meeting**; ***Council*** agreed to deliberate and consider all arguments during the course of the week; **International** motioned that a vote be taken at the next **Council Meeting** to avoid any further debating on the matter.

**2011. M6.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

* Community Engagement: CSD would like to attend a **Council Meeting** for a presentation – explore possibility of working together with the SRC for the year on various Community Engagement projects.
* VPEmotioned that CSD consider collaborating with the SRC for Reach Out And Donate [R.O.A.D]
* President recommended that protocol be observed – CSD to contact VPI. Advised to arrange something after O-Week.
* Community Engagement informed ***Council*** of President’swillingness to take part in Community Engagement Site Tours, and noted that a future site tour to be arranged.
* Community Engagement informed ***Council*** that *Ms. Vera Adams* has been appointed as the new Director of CSD. ***Council*** advised to introduce themselves.
* Internationalmotioned for the statistics of the progress of the SRC regarding Academic and Financial exclusion cases be obtained and posted on StudentZone and the SRC Website by the Media Councillor**.**

**2011. M6.13 UPCOMING EVENTS**

* President reminded ***council*** about their respective upcoming meetings.

**2011. M6.14 SRC EXECUTIVE**

**2011. M6.15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

**2011. M6.18 REPORT BACK**

* President:*Dr. Vivian de Klerk* suggested that the SRC work towards implementing/instating ‘Overall Day” as a new Rhodes Tradition:

Notion being that Overalls have become associated with debaucherous/drunken activities on campus – by making overalls more commonly associated with Community Engagement {for example}it would remove from the negative stigma associated to overalls and Rhodes Culture.

* ***Council*** commended all those ***councillors*** involved in the notification of those students needing to write Supplementary Examinations, even when they have not gained access to their results due to financial reasons.
* ***Council*** was informed that *Mr.* *Jacob Nwigwe* would be arriving in Grahamstown the weekend of the 28th January to commence his duties as Academic Councillor. ***Council*** advised to welcome and introduce themselves to the new Academic Councillor**.**
* **VPE** will inform ***Council*** of their respective duties for O-Week in due course.
* President thanked Council for all their hard work throughout the week, and emphasized the importance of time.

**2011. M6.19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next council meeting will be held on Wednesday the 26th of January 2011, in R.A room at 14:00.