

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DROSTDY HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 08 OCTOBER 2018 AT 18:30 IN ST PETER'S ROOM 34.**

Moment of silent reflection in memory of Sinazo Tshongweni.

2018.04.01 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present: Catherine Parkinson (*Chair, Hall Warden & PA Warden*), Adv. Shuaib Rahim (*Hall Fellow*), Mr Evert Knoesen (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Adam Butler (*Hall Senior Student*), Lewis Komu (*SRC Hall Rep*), Sylvester Jeffries (*Celeste Warden*), Dr Albert Chakona (*Graham Warden*), Gladys Francis (*AG Sub-Warden*), Simphiwe Tshabalala (*AG Sub-Warden*), Tadiwa Mutizwa (*Celeste Sub-Warden*), Rapula Diale (*Graham Sub-Warden*), Sheldan Dolf (*Graham Sub-Warden*), Tariro Mbiba (*PA Sub-Warden*), Namhla Tukulu (*PA Sub-Warden*), Natasha Bezuidenhout (*Celeste Head Student*), Fungai Musesengwa (*Graham Head Student*), Dimakatso Pitja (*PA Head Student*).

In attendance: Candice Webber (*Drostdy Hall Administrator*).

Apologies: Mr Edward Horn (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Tlamelo Mothudi (*AG Warden*), Zama Luthuli (*Celeste Sub-Warden*), Siphwo Mthonti (*AG Head Student*).

2018.04.02 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Hall Committee Meeting held on 25 July 2018 were confirmed by Sheldan and Tariro.

2018.04.03 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

2018.04.04 OTHER MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA

There were no other matters for the agenda.

2018.04.05 REPORTS ON RESIDENCES BY HEAD STUDENTS

Prince Alfred

- They finally got their house banner.
- The past weekend they had their awards night, where they announced their house comm.
- The weekend before was their 2nd semester birthday night.
- Their shower curtains have been put up.
- The Academic Rep slipped motivational words under each student's door.

Allan Gray

(Simphiwe gave the report on Siphwo's behalf, who was not in attendance)

- They are going to have a house comm sharing/handover afternoon.
- On the 22 September they had a combined braai with Goldfields House.
- They cancelled their awards night, in respect of Sinazo's passing.
- They will announce their awards at their house meeting on 21 October.
- A study tips event is planned.
- They had a cultural games day on Heritage Day.

Graham

Their awards night and braai was held this past weekend.

Celeste

- They had a res braai two weeks ago.
- Celeste hosted a games day with Oakdene House.
- They will be having a fire drill soon.

- They will have their final house meeting next Sunday to discuss end of year procedures.

2018.04.06 HALL SENIOR STUDENT REPORT BACK

Adam thanked everyone for their help with the Leavers Dinner. It was confirmed that the Hall Committee photo will be taken prior to the dinner at 18h20 in front of the dining hall. It was suggested that students with compulsory service hours help with set-up for the dinner.

2018.04.07 SRC HALL REP REPORT BACK

Nominations for 2019 SRC Hall Rep will open again.

2018.04.08 HALL COMM PORTFOLIO POSITIONS

Community Engagement – Internal – Simphiwe

A summary of the year:

- Prince Alfred: held a movie night for the kids of Noncedo, and they held a clothing drive.
- Allan Gray: took the Noncedo kids to visit the museum and arrange packed meals for them, and they held a toiletry drive.
- Graham: held a noodle drive, as well as a toiletry drive.

All four residences helped to paint Noncedo.

Community Engagement – External – Namhla

- The Community Engagement Reps do not relay messages to their residences.
- It is difficult for students to volunteer to fit in with Noncedo school times, and weekends are also difficult as the school is closed.
- Drostdy managed to complete all three goals for the year for Noncedo.

Environmental – Tadiwa

It was noted that in future it would be wise if projects started early in the year and to tell the Environmental Reps that these projects take time, and to keep it simple.

Evert reported on the Grahamstown water crisis. It was agreed that we need to communicate the urgency of saving water in the Hall with the time we have left this year. Tadiwa was asked to get posters done. It was suggested to rather stay away from :”day zero” countdowns, and to rather have visual representation in the dining hall. Catherine asked everyone to please familiarise themselves with the water protocol, and that we should be disciplining those students who leave their taps on and cause floods in res.

Sports

(Simphiwe gave the report on Siphwiwo’s behalf, who was not in attendance)

Allan Gray is leading in the female inter-res sports competition, with Prince Alfred coming second. In the male competition, Graham is coming third.

Academics – Adam

We need to recommunicate the progress we have made this year, and now is the time to live up to the June exams. Adam was asked to do posters or place on Facebook.

International – Tariro

- Tariro has been sharing all the visa info.
- VFS is supposed to be coming back end October.

Communications – Zama

No report received, as Zama was not in attendance.

Activism/Transformation/Awareness Raising - Sheldan

- A video was made for the Silent Protest.
- Each undergrad residence held a movie night with a transformation topic.
- A Hall talk on disability by the Enable Comm was held at Graham House on 16 September.

- The paint has arrived to paint various stairs in the Hall for the visually impaired. It was suggest to start painting after Leavers Dinner and to invite the Enable Comm to come. A painting demo will be given by the RU painters.

2018.04.09 HALL WARDEN REPORT BACK FROM DSA/HALL WARDENS MEETING

- There is a backlog with appointing Wardens and Hall Administrators, where there are vacancies. This has been put on hold until the IDP and strategy planning for the Division is completed.
- Cath informed the comm of the sad news that Sylvester has resigned.
- ER24 is on board next year.
- Catherine asked everyone to make sure they were implementing the water outage protocol in their residences, e.g. doing laundry shut-downs properly.
- There have been complaints about the Mental Health Talk held last week Thursday night. Catherine confirmed that this talk was not about tackling issues and was not marketed that way, and was targeted to Sub-Wardens. A concern was raised that many students are going through a lot, and how do we identify and address these issues? Cath reported that one-on-ones with Wardens work, and Cath asked the Wardens to please put up booking schedules in their res for one-on-ones with their students. It was noted that alcohol abuse is also a concern and that we need to address this next year.

2018.04.10 CLAUSE FOR NON-PERFORMANCE OF HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR HALL CONSTITUTION

It was agreed to drop this clause.

2018.04.11 END YEAR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Candice reminded everyone that these reports are due at the end of October. Head Students were asked to remind their House Comms. Hall Portfolio Reps are also to submit a report.

Evert offered to run a free accredited training short course qualification for the Drostdy leadership students sometime next year, as an incentive for our leaders.

2018.04.12 RES MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Adam and Dee were excused from the meeting at this time, as they are applicants for the Res Merit Scholarships.

The Committee considered the five applications received from the following students:

- Adam Butler 17b1037 – Graham House
- Ngqiqo Mlokoti 18m6171 – Graham House
- Bridget Mtetwa 18m2417 – Allan Gray House
- Dimakatso Pitja 17p6845 – Prince Alfred House
- Nkhame Lydia Raphela 17r1140 – Allan Gray House

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Res Merit Scholarships for 2018 be awarded to the following:

- Dimakatso Pitja 17p6845 – Prince Alfred House
- Bridget Mtetwa 18m2417 – Allan Gray House
- Adam Butler 17b1037 – Graham House

No students to be listed as reserves.