

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DROSTDY HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON  
TUESDAY 02 MAY 2017 AT 18:30 IN EDEN GROVE SEMINAR ROOM 2**

**2017.02.01 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

**Present:** Catherine Deiner (Chair, *Hall Warden & PA Warden*), Emmanuel Kadewere (*Hall Senior Student*), Tlamelelo Mothudi (*AG Warden*), Sylvester Jeffries (*Celeste Warden*), Dr Albert Chakona (*Graham Warden*), Gugu Mahlobo (*AG Sub-Warden*), Nadene Kupemba (*AG Sub-Warden*), Sinazo Tshongweni (*AG Sub-Warden*), Buhle Ndebele (*Celeste Sub-Warden*), Mayi Lunga (*Celeste Sub-Warden*), Cameron Drake (*Graham Sub-Warden*), Sheldan Dolf (*Graham Sub-Warden*), Kudzie Tsvetu (*PA Sub-Warden*), Zilindile Ngcongco (*PA Sub-Warden*), Andiswa Mbonani (*AG Head Student*), Sakhumzi Mbilini (*Celeste Head Student*).  
In attendance: Candice Webber (*Drostdy Hall Administrator*).

**Apologies:** Ms Thina Maqubela (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Mr Edward Horn (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Mr Leon Coopasamy (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Augusto Junior (*Graham Head Student*), Ashley Bristow (*PA Head Student*).

Cath welcomed Emmanuel to his first Hall Comm Meeting, and to Sheldan in his new capacity as Graham House Sub-Warden as NK has sadly left.

**2017.02.02 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Hall Committee Meeting held on 27 February 2017 were confirmed by Cameron and Sheldan. It was noted that two corrections need to be made, Assegaai was spelt incorrectly and Leavers Dinner needs to be changed to Welcome Dinner.

**2017.02.03 MATTERS ARISING**

**2017.02.03.01 LIMIT ON YEARS IN RESIDENCE (2017.01.11)**

In future Hall Wardens will have the discretion on whether or not to accept 5<sup>th</sup> years in residence. This is already stated in the RU Calendar.

**2017.02.04 OTHER MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA**

1. Noise in Allan Gray Surrounds (*2017.02.10*)

**2017.02.05 REPORTS ON RESIDENCES BY HEAD STUDENTS**

**Allan Gray**

They currently have four vacant house comm positions. They have opened up nominations once again until end of Friday. So far one nomination has been received for community engagement rep. If they do not receive nominations the following current house comm members will head the following portfolios with the help of the rest of the team:

- Sports – Nadene
- Community Engagement – Andiswa & Aya
- Food & Entertainment – Sinazo
- Environmental – Katie

There have been complaints about shower cleaning. It was noted that this is probably due to the staff go-slow.

**Graham**

Emmanuel reported on Junior's behalf.

- A log will be created for table tennis in res in order to intensify the completion between res mates and at the end of the year they will award the best player.
- Their fines night will be held on Friday and it will take place in res for safety and security reasons.
- Will be having a res braai on Saturday.

- Wish to revive their garden and will be using students with hours and other students that wish to help.
- Will place cigarette bins in strategic places, to avoid people from smoking in inappropriate places.
- Wish to move their common room computers to the study commons, however they do not have enough funds. They will therefore fundraise and this will be a long-term project.
- Plan to put staples by their printer for students' convenience.
- Plan on having an academic function whereby one of the seniors will talk to the first years about the exam season.
- Plan to get an honours board like the Prince Alfred House one.
- R1306 tuckshop funds were carried over from last year and the current balance is R1506.
- Plan to raise awareness about personal budgeting.
- Will be continuing with the noodles, stationery and clothing drive.

### **Celeste**

It was also Sakhumzi's first Hall Comm meeting, and apologies were given for forgetting him at the welcome at the beginning of the meeting.

- The House is finally full.
- Res braai to be held next week Saturday.
- On the 4 April they held a fire drill and the response time was very poor.
- The story of the east side gate padlock is a mystery. Candice will try and find out from Grounds and Gardens if they maybe did this as the refuse is collected through this gate. In the meantime Candice has ordered a new padlock and will get keys cut.
- They are still planning to draw up a proposal for all flats to have equipped kitchens.

### **Prince Alfred**

Zilindile gave the report on Ashley's behalf

- Had their house meeting on Sunday.
- Will be placing their order for res hoodies on 1 June at Campus Concepts, and hopefully they will not have as much trouble as the last time when they ordered comm shirts.
- Res braai will be at Grey Dam this Saturday and they will collect litter on the way back to res, as an environmental initiative.
- Will be planting seedlings at their washing line area on Saturday 13 May.
- A movie night will be on Friday 19 May.
- The academic rep will be raising funds for their birthday night on Saturday 20 May and they will have treats and play games. All those who have had birthdays in the first semester will be invited and they will obviously have one again in the second semester. Prince Alfred asked everyone to please support their fund raising efforts and thanked AJ and Andy for helping Marilese with her muffin sales yesterday.
- Both their res microwaves and the kettle have gone on pension. They thanked Graham House for helping a few of them out while they wait for the new ones.

## **2017.02.06**

### **HALL SENIOR STUDENT REPORT BACK**

- Emmanuel attended the house meetings of the undergrad residences. He asked the students for feedback on Hall Debates and Drostdy's Got Talent, and most students are keen for the Talent Show.
- At a meeting with the SRC Residence Councillor we were asked to please encourage students to run for SRC Hall Rep. No dates have been given yet.
- Emmanuel suggested that we have a session on academics in the hall possibly a week before Swot Week. It was agreed to combine this with Kudzie's planned Hall ADP day and was scheduled for Saturday 20 May. Kudzie and Emmanuel to get back to us on how this will work.
- It was agreed to replace the Hall Sports Day/Braai with Drostdy's Got Talent on Saturday 29 July and this will be held in the Barratt. We can possibly sell tickets for this event and have food sales.
- A Hall Spring Social was scheduled for Friday 8 September.

- Tlamelo will give Emmanuel the contact details for the proposed speaker for the Women's Day lunch event.
- Emmanuel requested that we get our dining hall verandah benches back. Candice will ask Grounds and Gardens if they can return them, as well as the Allan Gray and Graham bench.
- Emmanuel suggested that we have academic support notices up in the dining hall again and this was agreed on. Wardens need to give their academic rep a list of possible candidates to give academic support by Monday. The academic reps then need to approach these students by the 12 May to see if they are willing to volunteer and if yes, for which subjects. A photo of each volunteer and their e-mail address will be placed on the poster. Kudzie was asked to please inform the academic reps of this.
- Emmanuel proposed that we get honours boards for the dining hall as per NK's proposal last year. It was noted that this would be paid out of the 2014 Hall Capital Equipment Grant that we received in 2015 which has been carried over each year. It was noted that we have not received a Capital Equipment Grant since 2015. Emmanuel was asked to put together a proposal with all the specific details for the honours board. Any other Hall Comm members with proposals to spend the Capital Equipment Grant on something else are to bring their proposals to the next meeting.

**2017.02.07 SRC**

There was nothing else to discuss relating to the SRC.

**2017.02.08 HALL COMM PORTFOLIO POSITIONS****Community Engagement - Internal**

Emmanuel read out a report from Junior who was unable to attend the meeting.

It was agreed to make an offer to paint Ncedo for Nelson Mandela Trading Live Week. Candice was asked to submit the offer. The R700 left over from last year allocated to community engagement can be used towards paint needed. Buhle suggested selling cake to raise funds, as they did last year.

Cath reported that she checked with other Halls if they are prepared swapping clothes with us for our thrift shop. Only Hobson was prepared, but they only have females, and therefore it was suggested that we should rather sell our clothes. Selling the clothes removes the stigma of getting clothes for free. It was agreed to sell the clothes on the dining hall lawns and these funds could possibly be used for paint for Ncedo. Andiswa reported that the community engagement reps are having a meeting on Saturday and it was noted that they need to come up with a date ASAP for selling the clothes. It was agreed that Emmanuel will ask Junior if he is willing to take over the community engagement external portfolio as NK has left. Candice reminded students that the cupboard is not sorted and the clothes will need to be cleaned and sorted before any sale could take place.

**Environmental (Mayi)**

- The Green Fun Run this year was a disaster. Scifest organised it this year.
- Allan Gray no longer have an environmental rep.
- No major RU enviro events coming up.
- Earth Hour was on the 22 April and we can maybe have an earth hour in Drostdy next term.

**Sports (Ashley)**

Zilindile gave the report on Ashley's behalf

Nadene and Andy have been added to the sports WhatsApp group, as the Allan Gray sports rep has left Rhodes.

Prince Alfred has not entered one inter res event thus far. Therefore Ashley will be posting on the Drostdy page to keep everyone informed and hold their reps to account. Each res has at least one team entered for basketball this Saturday. Graham has participated in soccer and touch rugby. Allan Gray has participated in soccer, touch rugby and netball and are thus far

in the lead. Drostdy did not participate in swimming. It was noted that Graham also participated in volleyball and are in fact tie with Allan Gray.

#### **Academics (Kudzie)**

Everything was covered under Emmanuel's section.

#### **International (Nadene)**

Nothing to report.

#### **Communications (Sinazo)**

Members were reminded once again that content is needed for the Drostdy website on anything related to the residences and hall, even if just photos are submitted with a short caption. Even things like student achievements, grad photos, etc.

Sinazo asked if the dining hall rules can again be placed on Facebook and e-mailed to all students as some students have come to the dining hall barefoot or in slippers.

#### **Activism (Zilindile)**

- A member from the Equity & Institutional Culture Office attended the Human Rights movie night as a spokesperson, and a discussion was held afterwards. Mainly Allan Gray students attended, which was disappointing. Graham did not attend and it was noted that this is probably due to them not having an activism/awareness raising rep.
- This term the Allan Gray and Prince Alfred activism reps want to have a discussion. Zilindile is pushing them for dates.
- The next idea is for a "Show Me Your Roots" event for Heritage Day where cultural outfits are worn and possibly a session to pay indigenous games.
- University Transformation Summit will be held next term.

**2017.02.09**

#### **STUDENTS WANTING MEAL PREFERENCES OTHER THAN WHAT THEY BOOKED**

Lulu, Drostdy Hall Caterer has reported that students at meals when they go to the servery are wanting a meal preference other than what they are booked for.

It was noted that the staff at the servery have their student favourites and give these students whatever meal preference they want, and often there is no one at the servery manning the meal chips etc., and because of this certain food is running out. It was also requested that everyone must get the same portions, as some students get bigger portions.

There is a Food Rep Meeting next week Wednesday and we need to make sure everything is reported at that meeting.

A concern was raised that some students make excessive noise in the dining hall. There was concern on how you would go about monitoring and controlling this and establishing exactly what excessive noise is. As a Hall Comm we can decide if noise is an issue.

It was agreed that when the dining hall rules are sent out to make special mention of rule 27.7. and to ask the students to keep noise levels down.

**2017.02.10**

#### **NOISE IN ALLAN GRAY SURROUNDS**

Tlanelo reported that students are making a noise between Allan Gray and Prince Alfred, in Allan Gray parking lot and along the walkway from the dining hall to Allan Gray when coming back from the dining hall, clubs etc. Tlanelo asked the members to please help with keeping noise down in these areas. It was suggested that this be put on the Drostdy Facebook group.