

**14th May 2018 SRC Council Meeting**

**Start: 6:37pm RA Room.**

**Present:**

President

Vice President

Secretary General

Treasurer

Academics Councillor

Residence Councillor

Activism and Transformation Councillor

Community engagement councillor

Media councillor

Oppidan Councillor

Sports and societies councillors

**Regrets/ Apologies:**

Projects councillor (coming to the meeting later)

Environmental councillor

**Absent:**

International Affairs councillors.

**Minutes:**

### **Disability Week.**

- The official programme regarding disability week has been sent.
- The Activism representatives are going to be painting the stairs around campus for the visually impaired.
- Councillors are urged to join and contribute to the project.
- The day that is decided on is Wednesday from 12h30 to 13h30.
- Institutional forum at 2pm on Wednesday.
- Overalls will be worn for the event.
- The hash tag is #makingtheinvisiblevisible and #RUSRC2018 , at 10pm councillors should start posing the hash tag .

### **Nitsika Community engagement project.**

- It is confirmed that the community engagement project is happening this Friday (18<sup>th</sup> of May), at 14h30.
- The bus will be leaving at 14h00.
- Councillors who cannot make the engagement must email a formal apology to the secretary general.
- Leadership presentation (Vice President).
- Black SRC t-shirts will be worn on the day.
- Food from the office of the TG should be organised.

### **Ubuntu fund clothing/ purple Thursday.**

- The SRC will be accepting donations for the Ubuntu fund and simultaneously running the clothing donation project. Both projects will be executed this Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> May 2018).
- Media councillor will have a poster for Ubuntu fund by morning (15 May 2018).

### **Network Marketing.**

- A network marketing group wants to come to the university to have a talk to the student body about managing finances.
- A document was sent regarding the above.
- It was suggested that having this event this semester will be pressing for time.
- Committee for this project: The treasurer, community engagement, Student Benefits councillor and Oppidan councillors.
- SBS needs to contact the financial aid office for the collaboration of this event.
- The committee will return with a date for this event.

### **Cluster Meeting.**

- Proposed date for cluster meeting between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May in the evening.
- The consensus is that Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> is a good day from 5pm -6pm and 6pm -7pm.
- The VP is expecting a semester report (25<sup>th</sup> of May) by the end of the day.
- The report must be printed and given to the VP as she wants to put it in a file
- The report consists of what councillors have done each month, and upcoming events, challenges that councillors face and report backs.
- External clusters are the ones who will start on Friday (5pm-6pm).
- The Secretary General will be sent the agenda for the cluster meetings, and also what will be required in the report. By tomorrow (15<sup>th</sup> May) end of working day.

#### **Mbokodo Caucus.**

- A date is need for when councillors can meet to discuss this project.
- Decided time and date is Saturday 9am (19<sup>th</sup> May 2018).
- Councillors must come to the meeting prepared with ideas already in mind.
- The notes that were taken by the President regarding this project will be sent to council.

#### **Consent Talks.**

- Nkoli Fassie expressed how they did not want to work with the SRC anymore. This was concluded on the basis of them not wanting to align themselves with the previous media councillor.
- Nkoli Fassie wants to disassociate from the SRC, however they do the consent talks through the SRC therefore making it difficult to separate their function from the SRC.
- Going forward, the SRC is accountable for societies hence it is not possible for societies to separate themselves from the institute of the SRC.
- Therefore, the SRC will continue to attend the talks as per usual.
- A meeting between Nkoli Fassie and the SRC must be held concerning this issue.
- Council expressed the importance of these consent talks, they expressed the importance of relearning and unlearning and how these talks assist towards that.
- The talks are not compulsory they are however strongly recommended. Register is taken for record.
- It is recommended that the sports and societies councillor write a form of direction concerning these talks and Nkoli Fassie.
- Saying that the talks are compulsory is regarded by the students as too forceful however it needs to be clarified that there is no punishment if students do not attend, the talks are highly recommend.
- It is encouraged that hall wardens take a different approach in urging students to attend.
- The SRC should consider having the talks from the beginning of the year to foster the culture of continuously talking about such important issues.
- Sports and society needs to check the availability of Nkoli Fassie, so that a meeting can be held between them and council.

### **Toiletries.**

- Demand for toiletries from the DSA has increased; therefore the toiletries are running out.
- Student Benefits councillor expressed his willingness to assist as the DSA approached him on this matter and he requested that council also assist in the matter.
- The DSA has not communicated needing help for the toiletry project as a whole. Councillors explained that there are no funds from the SRC to assist with toiletries. It was further said that there were different institutes and structures (including the Alumni office) that were put in place to deal with such matters, it is unfair of those institutes to transfer responsibility and financial assistance to the SRC when obstacles arise.
- An engagement is needed with the DSA pertaining to this issue.
- Financial sustainability for project is lacking and a concrete solution is required.
- An email needs to be sent to remind and clarify the DSA on their role in providing for students, they cannot pin projects that they find difficulty executing to the SRC. The TG is asked to send the email regarding this matter.

### **Tutoring Programme.**

- There is a tutoring project that will be held especially for first years, this would be tailored to classes which results show that students are struggling.
- Councillors may help the academic councillor to identify which subjects need tutoring.
- Stress management talks are held by the counselling centre. The residence councillor will send an email to ask which halls have already had their stress management talks to identify where the counselling centre can assist where they have not already.

### **The University of Mpumalanga.**

- The SRC President of the University of Mpumalanga has contacted the Rhodes SRC President relaying their wish to come to Rhodes University to benchmark from 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> of May. Councillors are required to express if they are willing to host their SRC as this would require hosting their council for the week and preparing presentations and activities. In order to benchmark a lot of preparation would need to come from the SRC.
- It was decided that they be asked first what they would be specifically benchmarking on so councillors are able to gauge the required commitment.

### **Get home safe.**

- Get home safe has stopped functioning. They are not functioning due to unavailable funds and budget cuts.
- Students were asking where it has gone to.
- It must be communicated to students the initial functioning of get home safe. Get home safe was meant to take drunken students to safety; it was not created for the actual safety of students around campus.

### Report Backs.

- **Vice President:** On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of July there is a conference for post graduates. Post graduates in the SRC need to attend. The councillor also had institutional planning meetings.
- **Community engagement councillor:** The hosting of CE week was a success. Monday (last week) dinner the councillor had at ADC ; On Wednesday last week the councillor attended the VC distinguished CE awards; On Thursday she presented her thesis at the CE symposium ;Thursday night the CE councillor, President and Residence councillor attended the dinner for the symposium .
- **Activism and Transformation councillor:** The councillor had meeting with Dr Lanche discussing the possibilities of having unisex residences for undergraduates.
- **Academics councillor:** 1<sup>st</sup> of May- humanities meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> of May- meet at the law faculty meeting; 3<sup>rd</sup> of May- students services meeting (the issue of transport for hilltop students was discussed); 8<sup>th</sup> of May- meeting for science; 9<sup>th</sup> of May -faculty of humanities meeting an apology agenda item was sent; 10<sup>th</sup> of May- pharmacy department meeting, education faculty meeting in the afternoon; 11<sup>th</sup> of May - commerce faculty meeting. The DHET awarded Rhodes University with 9 million for reaching the enrolment target which was 8000+, 40 million was also awarded to Rhodes university for residence.
- **Sports and Societies councillor:** The councillor had a meeting where the need for more student representation is needed in the students sports council ; There has also been a issue with lotto and their sponsorship, the company has expressed how they want to pull their funding as reports have not been sent to them.
- **Residence councillor:** Collection of noodle drive has been ongoing; Pick n Pay has committed to donating a R1000 towards noodles; the councillor has also approached a number of other places for sponsorships.
- **Secretary General:** She has returned to office all communication will be through her; Poetry Thursday at (oldies) 6:30pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 6:30pm –RA room.