**Minutes for Student Representative Council Meeting held on the 29th of March 2021 in the RA room**

**Time Started**: 18:00

**Time Adjourned**: 20:41

**Chairperson**: Ms. L Nkambule

**Minute Taker**: Ms. M Makokove

**2021.03.01. Present**

1.01. Ms. L Nkambule 1.09. Ms. M Matariro

1.02. Ms. H Mpiti 1.10. Ms. T Phiri

1.03. Ms. M Makokove 1.11. Ms. I Ngutyana

1.04. Ms. L Gqamana-Mngeni 1.12. Ms. C Mude

1.05. Ms. L Leboho 1.13. Ms. T Hlako

1.06. Ms. N Mwenye 1.14. Ms. V Moyo

1.07. Ms. Z Gcumisa 1.15. Mr N Mkhulisa

1.08. Mr. L Cezula 1.16. Mr M Khopeli

**2021.03.02. Leave of Absence**

2.1. No leave of absence was submitted.

**2021.03.03. Other matters arising**

3.1. Distribution of green bags

3.2. Societies Training

3.3. Student Benefits and Sponsorship Updates

3.4. Orientation Week

3.5. Update on Year Plans

**2021.03.04. Conflict Declaration**

4.1. No councillor declared conflict of interest.

**2021.03.05. Matters Arising**

5.1. Tea tree publication

             5.2. Feedback from Committees

             5.3. #KnowYourRights Campaign

             5.4. April Council Projects

We opened the meeting in prayer and with igwijo.

**Discussions**

**5.1.** **Tall tree publication**

* Handbook for students written by students from Robert Sobukwe submitted to Madam Activism and Transformation.
* Acknowledgements upon publication will be due to the authors of the document.
* They want it to be published under the SRC because they were not able to do it in their res because of their warden.
* There are certain parts of the book that are outdated.
* To be distributed as a soft copy.
* Query on cost implication and it was said that there would be no cost implication.
* We must try and have a copyright established.
* Try and have intertwined launch of the SRC booklet and the “tall trees” publication.
* The group is to meet with the SRC so they can present the vision they had for the book.

**5.2. Feedback from Committees**

* The Secretary-General attended a disciplinary committee meeting on the 24th of March where they spoke about the conference office, vacation sub-wardens and sub-wardens and how they are disciplined.
  + - There were concerns about the rise in cyberbullying cases and as such, a task team has been established to come up with a policy that will speak to this issue.
    - Adv Rahim and the proctor (Sue Smailes) are co-heading the task team.
    - The Secretary-General will sit in this committee for student representation.
* Councillors are not getting invitations to committee meetings and I need to enquire with Lucrecia.
* The CE task team that emerged from the #AsenziNex movement:
  + Will speak to lawyers, teachers and high schools within Makhanda.
  + The aim is to raise awareness on what is happening inside the institution from an internal perspective.
  + The ideal platform for this would be to have it contact because connectivity and access to resources continues to be an issue, transport logistics may also be an hinderance. Our geographical location is also disadvantaging so we have to explore virtual.
  + On the virtual side, we could have Facebook and Instagram live videos that we can use to raise awareness.
  + We also need to speak to the unions to let them know that we are not against them or their workers.
  + Shy away from using Grocotts because most of their publications are biased.

22nd of April is the deadline for the interaction of this task team.

**5.3. #KnowYourRights Campaign**

* Raise awareness on student rights within and outside of the university space.
* Conscientise students on services that are available to them.
* Have a webinar that includes fallists, student leaders and student activists among different categories.
* Can be contact or pre-recorded.
* Suggestions:
  + were to have more than just one KYRCampaign.
  + Have people speak to how FeesMustFall fed into the 2021 National Shutdown.
  + PR can be done through the Lalelani show.
  + Have the date moved to an earlier date.
  + Create a series on student constitution.
  + Speak to alumni from 2020 to hear what the challenges were in the webinars that they hosted.
* Have good traction by means of:
  + - * + Emails
        + Social Media
        + Transformation Reps
        + Projects Team

**5.4. April Council Projects**

* It was agreed that during the last council meeting of the month, councillors must explain/present plans for the next month. (set as a standing agenda item).
* Councillors had mentioned what they wanted to implement but the process was halted because of the plans meeting that everyone had to have with the Vice-President.

**2021.03.03. Others Matters Arising**

**3.1. Distribution of bags**

* + Postgraduate students still ought to receive their bags.
  + To be announced by means of post/statement.
  + Mr CE ought to hand over door hangers to Madam PGA.
  + All sponsorship requests are to be made through the SBS councillor.
  + TG, SBS and PGA ought to have an offline conversation about the bags.
  1. **Societies Training**
  + You can’t be an honorary member of a society you have been part off.
  + Training will happen over 3 days between the 7 – 9 April.
  + 13 – 14 April is for sign ups.
  + BGM may result in two training in one year.
  + Videos are still going to be used.
  1. **Student Benefits and Sponsorship Updates**
* Advertising for the sponsors has to commence soon.
* Grant them permission for them to post on Rhodes SRC.
* Have posts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.
* Have Oppie Union assist in ads. E.g budgeting video and recommend Pick n Pay.
* Send a thank you email from Rhodes SRC to the sponsors of O-week.
  1. **Orientation Week**
* We can not continue with O-week but the content will continue to be aired during purple Thursday.
  1. **Update on Year Plans**
* The Vice-President is to have meetings with councillor before 09/04/2021.
* The Vice-President requested that there be a transformative element in all the plans.

**Meeting was Adjourned!!**