

# MINUTES | Rhodes University SRC Meeting

**DATE:** 21 August 2018

**TIME:** 18h30

**VENUE:** Purple Room, SRC Offices, Steve Biko (Union) Building

**CHAIR:** Madam Vice President

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## APOLOGIES

- Student Benefits and Sponsorship Councilor
- Oppidan Councilor
- Sports & Societies Councilor
- Activism & Transformation Councilor
- Academic Councilor
- Secretary General
- Community Engagement Councilor would arrive later in the meeting pursuant to prior engagement. In her absence, the meeting was not quorate. Upon her arrival, about 15 minutes later, quorum was reached

## **NO APOLOGY WAS RECEIVED FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCILOR**

*All other Councilors were present*

## PREAMBLE

- The President announced that the registrar made a request to meet off-campus on 22 August 2018.
- The President, upon reading the agenda, called for other matters arising.
  - o The Vice-President proposed to discuss the situation pertaining to the Secretary General
  - o Projects Councilor proposed to discuss the resolutions of the Council in respect of Nkoli-Fassie
    - Vice President noted that this would not be possible owing to the absence of the Activism & Transformation Councilor.

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## SECRETARY GENERAL SITUATION, HONORARIUM & RELATED MATTERS

- The Vice-President announced that the Secretary General is at the time of the meeting unwell, and that, upon discussing it with him, the Treasurer General has availed himself to assume the duties of the Secretary General in her absence. She (the Vice President) would assist him in the normal way, as per standard procedure
- The International Affairs Councilor requested information on how excuses work, and what constitutes legitimate excuses
  - o The Vice-President clarified that excuses are to be given timeously (at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a given SRC engagement; that Council is to decide on the legitimacy of excuses
- The Vice-President posited that owing to her ill-health, honorarium ought not to be deducted from the Secretary-General.
  - o The Treasurer General contested that honoraria is awarded for work done, thus – in the absence of work done – honorarium ought not be awarded
  - o The President agreed that honorarium is awarded for work done, however given the specific circumstances as they relate to the Secretary General, there ought not be deductions
  - o Council resolves to let the Treasurer General handle the honorarium issue
- In respect of honorarium, the Projects Councilor clarified that there is a 5% deduction for lateness without excuse of 5 minutes, and a 10% deduction for lateness without excuse of 2 hours.
  - o The Treasurer General pointed out that there is a difference between late-arrival and non-attendance; he further posited the redundancy of the distinction between lateness of 2 hours and total absenteeism, as most SRC engagements do not even last for 2 hours.
  - o The President requests that Council not belabour these specific procedural points.
  - o The President expressed deep concern in respect of SRC representation at the rugby match that had taken place the night before (20 August 2018); no valid excuse for backing out of an SRC commitment should incur some kind of penalty

- She further noted that the burden to represent the entire SRC institution disproportionately and unfairly falls on her shoulders; she requested that fellow councilors take seriously the engagements of the SRC; she noted that in the last few months people have been slacking; she called for fellow Councilors to respect each other's time and effort.
- The Treasurer General echoed these sentiments, noting that discipline was waning; the Council cannot accept mediocrity, and if calling each other becomes personal then so be it

### HAND-OVER

- Vice President noted that drafts of each Councilor's hand-over program are due to Mr. Eric Ofei by email by 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 12 noon; these should include 8 sessions of an hour each, detailing the nitty-gritties of the various Councilors' portfolios.
- International Affairs Councilor asked if she could work with Mr. Dingaan Boo in this respect, as he is in the International Affairs Office.
  - This was assented to in general by Council
- Treasurer General asked what if he wants to start the hand-over process sooner.
  - This was assented to in general by Council
- Projects Councilor expressed concerns that some Councilors do not have computer access during the vacation period, and thus it would not be fair to expect the draft programs on the first day of term.
  - Vice President noted that there is ample time to create the program, even if it is by hand, over the vacation period – the only proviso being that it is typed and emailed to Mr. Ofei upon return for the start of term.

### BENEFIT CONCERT

- Treasurer General announced that the Benefit Concert is to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018; he was unwilling to publish notice thereof as yet, given that the tickets must be ready beforehand; so far R20 000.00 (TWENTY THOUSAND RAND ONLY) has been donated to the Ubuntu Fund; posters are to be hung around town and in the townships; Unathi Msengana is in the process of working with him to get

Computicket to the point of sale of tickets –however, for now the Treasurer General is still solely responsible for printing of the tickets; insofar as marketing is concerned flyers are being handed out with, and on the first Thursday of the new term arrangements could be made with supermarkets to market at/in their places of business.

- Projects Councilor noted that Unathi Msengana will be in Grahamstown for the Thursday and Friday; she requested that Council think what else to do with her besides the Concert – perhaps a luncheon and/or a visit to Ntsika High School
- The President suggested that a promotional video be made
- Residence Councilor suggested that the days for marketing the Concert are, for the SRC, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 20h00.
- Council resolved to use Lalelani to further promote and market the Concert

#### UNAKO

- The Treasurer General noted that the NPO wants to have a tour of Rhodes by grade 11 pupils; the SRC may structure this tour as it sees fit; he asked if this is something the Council would be willing to do
  - o Council resolves to taking on the above project by majority vote
- Residence Councilor noted that the 7<sup>TH</sup> is the day of the launch of the Mbokodo Caucus, and that the date for the abovementioned project must be changed.
- Treasurer General to communicate change of date to the NPO.

#### NTSIKA

- Community Engagement Councilor confirmed that they are keen for a tour of campus on Thursday; by 15h00 the tour will be concluded; she requested that the Media Councilor have the projector ready
- In respect of the clothing collection, clothes should be given out to the community at large and to start with the car-guards for PR purposes.
- The Treasurer General suggested that a further project should be undertaken on Saturdays to give out soup and bread
  - o The President suggested that this be done in collaboration with societies who are already involved in such a project

## REPORTS BACK

- Projects Councilor noted that there is still a lot of paint left over; she suggested that Women's month be ended off with the #IAMWoman wall-painting project before the Ntsika tour; the poster for that is ready
  - o The Treasurer General suggested that the Ntsika scholars ought to make a stop at that wall-painting
  - o The President asked how the marketing of the projects information ought to be packaged
    - The essential idea is people dialoguing on what makes them women; resolved that all women on Council would participate and that a live video would be made
- President reported on the CrimeWise Campaign
  - o Next term a video will be made and published of the most ideal reporting situation; the Media team is to help; on the 08<sup>th</sup> September a community activation anti-crime event will be held at Market Square at Shoprite
- President further reported on the Mbokodo Caucus
  - o The registrar called a meeting
- The Treasurer General reported that the President and Vice-President are to travel to Cape Town for Gender-Based Violence/Sexual Assault Sitting; call for submissions must be made
- Residence Councilor reported that a conference and presentation with the multi-lingualism committee is to be held; she further reported that owing to certain circumstances the pad-drive could not be conducted.
- Projects Councilor reported that Purple Thursday is coming up; she re-iterated points on the Benefit Concert; she also further reported that "we no longer have RedBull,"
- Community Engagement Councilor reported on the Assupol handover; she further reported on the matric dance collection and noted that the Community Engagement Office wants to do a similar thing by combining their project with that of the SRC at Nombulelo High School
  - o The President noted that if there leftover dresses at Ntsika High School, then those resources can be diverted to Nombulelo
- The President noted that there is not enough social media presence in respect of recording work. She requested that this be picked up and that it should be done

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timeously. She noted that submissions should be made through the office of the Media Councilor.

- Projects Councilor requested information in respect of term reports
  - o Media Councilor noted that they are due on the first day of the new term (03<sup>rd</sup> September 2018).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 19:40**

**NEXT MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON 03 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 18H30**