**RHODES UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT REPRESANTATIVE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29TH OF MARCH 2017**

**VENUE: RA ROOM**

**TIME: 18:35PM**

**2017.M05.1 PRESENT**

President, Vice President, Secretary General, International affairs, Oppidan councillor, Student Benefits, Community engagement, Academic Councillor, Sports and Society, Activism and transformation, Residence Councillor, Advisor.

**2017.M05.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Environmental- apologised, his flight got delayed from the airport

Treasurer- is writing a test

**2017.M05.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Vice President- amended some points (M04.11, M04.12) and others

Minutes to be confirmed in the next council meeting.

**2017.M05.4 OTHER MATTERS OF THE AGENDA**

* Van Schaik sponsorship
* Co-Objective

**2017.MO5.5 WELCOMING THE NEW COUNCILLORS**

President- congratulated the new councillors for making it to the office and encouraged them to feel free yet respecting each other and united.

**2017.M05.6 OFFICE KEYS AND ALLOCATION**

Secretary- said they have been experiencing problems with the locks and keys. They are also still waiting for the locks to be fixed. Purple room will be a new office space for the new councillors and they are still working on other councillors that will join them.

**2017.M05.7 OPPIDAN MEAL FUND**

Oppidan- stated that she has been getting more names of oppidan students who need assistance. She has been fundraising and would like the urgency of the meal fund to be taken into consideration.

Vice- requested that she gives a more concrete plan on what she wants black market to look like.

Oppidan- said she is still waiting for suggestions from the council and requested that they email them to her.

President- requested that he presents in the next council meeting.

**2017.M05.8 FIRST THINGS FIRST**

Student Benefits- said Mr Mzizi asked that the SRC collaborates a theme and assist them in marketing the event. The SRC is also requested to take part even if they just take photos by the tent and post them. She further explained that no one is forced to get tested. The media, resident, projects and oppidan councillors have to meet with Student benefits councillor and attend a meeting on the 22nd of March (Wednesday) at 13HOO-14H00. The venue of the meeting has not been confirmed yet.

**2017.M05.9 COUNCIL CONDUCT**

President- requested the council to respect each other even if they are frustrated or under pressure especially in social media and meetings. The council needs to conduct themselves professionally under any circumstance.

**2017.M05.10 VAN SCHAIK**

Student benefits- told the council that Van Schaik has offered them R300 airtime and R200 gift card. They requested that they go there physically so they need to come up with the date and time. They want to build a relationship with the SRC.

President- said people must go and check their time tables then respond.

**2017.M05.11 CO-OBJECTVES**

Vice- said he circulated an email via email and did not receive feedback from one council member. He also had a plea of meeting with the new council members and put them at speed with the co-objectives.

Oppidan- asked if they are supposed to join the briefing of the new council members.

Vice- said he will with the new councillors only, he will also give them a deadline on which they should submit their vision, what they would like to achieve etc.

President- asked if their emails are linked yet and how are they going to be put into speed with what has been happening thus far.

Advisor- said their emails should be linked by Wednesday

**2017.M05.12 REPORT BACKS**

Vice- said he was part of the delegation that went to Johannesburg but the president will report more on that. He has combined the co-objectives document. Last week he facilitated the elections of the class reps in the law faculty.

Community- said her two initiatives which she mentioned during grazzle are coming into reality.

1. The leaders forum in High schools is starting next month
2. Counselling in the location next month, she spoke with the counselling centre and they agreed. She will be working with Gift Sandi, Madikizela and Hlatshwayo.

Projects- she managed to get the griller and she is still waiting for the treasurer to send her shops to approach. She also managed to get sizes for the blazers.

International- Purple Thursday was not good the previous week. The international office is hoping to have talks on police clearance.

Student benefits- Managed to speak to Alumni house and they said the SRC needs to inform them on what they have. She said she was also part of the delegation. The pads distribution is commencing the following week.

Oppidan- said she has no report back

Media- said the website has been updated with council photos except for the two counsellors who have not come to her yet. There are few errors that need to be amended in the business cards.

Secretary- said there is a SDBSDC training on Friday. He will also take forms to the offices, they are ready.

President- said the summit of higher education that they went to at Johannesburg has been disrupted by some political parties and even got into physical violence. There has not been a date that has been suggested for the next summit.

**2017.M05.13 ADVISOR**

ADVISOR- said they were supposed to have training last week but they could not. It will be on the 7th-9th of April 2017. Every single counsellor is expected to attend. If possible they must request an LOA because they must leave at 15H00. He congratulated the new counsellors saying they have joined a very united SRC and he pleaded that they join that unity. Confidentiality I key and this is their team, they must contribute to its unity and prosperity. Every first Monday of the month, they will have training, someone will come and speak to them about anything. If they have issues that they would like to discuss they must initiate them. Their year of council should be educational as well. They have up to two weeks to master the meeting etiquette or else they will have to go through intensive training. The new councillors must try and find mentors, preferably academic stuff because it is easy for them to negotiate on their behalf should they encounter any issues. By 13H00 on Wednesday they must send him those names. In terms of honorarium, whoever has an unmet deadline must be punished accordingly. The advisor requested that they inform him and there will be a deduction on their salaries because such in unacceptable and unprofessional. He said he has been learning of the good and nice things that they are doing as the SRC but the student body is not informed and they need to know what they have done thus far. The SRC must think about some nice PR stuff, like mothers’ day, fathers’ day etc. they can pitch a tent and maybe give them some goodies. The Advisor will be having a meeting next week with all those who chair meetings.

**2017.M05.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Media- suggested that they do something for the 21st of March (Human Rights Day). Maybe do placards and write messages then take photos.

Advisor- he seconded the proposal saying Human Rights Day is very important to South Africans.

Oppidan- said the council must not forget that the 21st of March is also about the Sharpeville Massacre.

Vice- Emphasized that the SRC does not post in the UCKAR page in any capacity.

**2017. M05.15 UPCOMING EVENTS**

* 23 March 2017- Student service council at RU Chambers
* 22 March 2017 – inaugural lecture

Date of next meeting: 27 March 2017

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT**

**19:45PM**