

**07 May 2018 SRC Council Meeting**

**Meeting started: 6:30pm**

**Present:**

Environmental Councillor

Student Benefits Councillor

Projects Councillor

Community engagement Councillor

Vice President : Chairperson

Treasurer

Secretary General

Oppidan Councillor

International affairs councillor

Academics concillor

Penny K

Eric

Lumka

**Regrets/ Abologies:**

Leaving at 7pm (International Affairs Concillor)

Community Engagement councillor will coming late

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Academic councillor will also be leaving early

**Absent:**

Society's councillor

## **Minutes:**

### **Great fields Party:**

#### **Staff intervention:**

The SRC staff members (Penny, Lumka , Eric) attended this council meeting to discuss what had happened In terms of duties that were supposed to be performed by certain council members whom they felt have not done so for the great field party. It was expressed by the staff that they were very disappointed by the performance and the commitment that council members had towards the project. A roster was created listing where each member was supposed to be, however according to the staff some council members were not at their duties at the time provided. It was expressed further that the great field party was a project that was supposed to be lead and headed by the Rhodes University SRC, despite the fact that the event was outsourced; members of council were expected to run the day.

Due to the aforementioned staff members were required to fulfil the duties of certain council members this included the week prior to the day of the event. It was expressed that this was indeed unfair as they also had duties that they needed to complete in addition to their daily jobs. A working relationship has already been established and staff members felt as though there are systematic procedures that are put in place by the university that could govern how the staff –council relationship is. However, because of the fulfilling nature of their work they choose to go above and beyond what is expected of them.

It is then upon their request that council members be cognisant of the issues that were brought forward in the meeting, to continue to foster mutual respect between staff members and council.

It was then asked by staff members that council members account for where they were on the day of great field party and to further account for reasons as to why certain duties were not performed. Council Members went around the table expressing the above.

#### **Accounts form members:**

Student Benefits Councillor: It was said by the student benefits councillor that Him and the community engagement councillor had excused themselves prior to the event as they had a camp which they had to attend. On Saturday they were here to fulfil duties for the great field party accordingly.

Projects Councillor: The councillor expressed that she on the day was ensuring that everything went accordingly, ensured that there were people at duty stations and finalised all the minor details that were required for the day.

Media councillor: The council member expressed that she was in communication with the projects councillor throughout the week before great field party, she also was able to construct a last minute video for the great field party, on the day of the event she fulfilled her duties, also had a performance and was with the media team as there was a lot of work on the day for the media team.

Secretary General: Both staff members and council members requested that the secretary general account for days she was unavailable and unreachable during the week prior to the great field party. This was due to the importance of the secretarial functioning in council. On days the secretary general was unavailable all communication was lost and as a result meetings were missed during the course of the week. The council members explained the week most communication was lost as approaching dysfunction. In addition to this, both the vice president and president were unavailable during the week; this means that it made it more difficult for anyone to take over the missing functions and duties that remained vacant during the course of the week.

The secretary general explained that she had external issues that she was dealing with during the course of that time. She had a conversation with Penny (staff member) about the above and would need more time to express and account for her whereabouts to the rest of council, as she could not at the time. It was then that council requested that a way forward be spoken about. To ensure that the secretary general is able to assume her position or an alternative be sought after in the event that the secretary general could not resume immediately. The secretary general said that she would need a minimum of a week to recollect, and it is after that week that she would be able to resume her duties.

Treasurer: The treasurer explained that on Thursday he had a teaching practical at Kingswood. On Saturday morning he was coaching rugby. During the day of great field that treasurer roamed around assisting where help was needed.

Environmental councillor: The environment councillor explained that he had been extremely exhausted due to having to balance family life and his teaching practicals. The councillor sincerely apologised for not fully contributing on the day. The councillor said he did ask someone if any help was needed and he was told at the time that most duties were fulfilled.

Activism and Transformation councillor: The activism and transformation councillor explained that they attended every meeting that she needed to attend during the course of the week and meetings that she could not attend she had emailed the secretary general. During the week she was able to assist in painting overalls and after 3pm there were no duties for the councillor on the day of great fields.

Residence councillor: The residence councillor was in meetings with the hall reps, the councillor had a teaching practical at the location which ended at 3pm, she helped with general ticket sales and continued to assist with what was needed.

Oppidan councillor: The councillor had a practical on Thursday which he sent an email to excuse himself and in the evening he had an academic group meeting. On Saturday he was at the meeting that was held and he also helped the projects councillor with the games. He was also in the safe room with sis Noma and Lumka. During the course of the event he was also checking the Oppidan bus for functionality, and he also went to go get the money for the prizes.

Vice President: The Vice president had an exam on Friday; she was able to come to the office on Monday and also helped out with the student body meeting during the course of the week. On Thursday evening she came to the office and on Friday finished the exam after 3pm. Saturday they

came to the field in the morning. Around 3-7pm she was in charge of the performances. The rest of her time was spent helping out in the safe room.

In conclusion in the event that the top three of council is not around the councillors should vote for an acting president amongst themselves (as per the constitution). Councillors are expected to produce a report on the great field party, a list and description of different duties needs to be sent to the SRC advisor and further more feedback on the event needs to be sent to the student body. The projects councillor has provided a week for councillors to complete their reports.

#### **Disability week:**

- Next week (Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> to the Friday 18<sup>th</sup>) will be disability week.
- Posters for disability week will be out during the course of the week.
- On Thursday there was a meeting that was held along with the able society to discuss different events that will be held during disability week.
- The programme for the week will be sent to council members.
- Council members are encouraged to fully participate and help out where they can in relation to the programme.

#### **Community Engagement:**

- **This week is community engagement week! Councillors should please check the programme**

#### **Clothing programme :**

- On purple Thursday (a specific date will be given), where the clothes will be presented.
- Communication to the student body needs to be sent on the clothes.

#### **Ntsika High School RCL programme:**

- Suggested date to meet with the RCL is the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, next Friday 14h30.
- By the next meeting councillors need to confirm this date.

#### **Noodle drive:**

- Currently 400 packets have been collected.
- There has been a call for councillors to mobilize the noodle drive as people have been shutting it down.
- Alumni office is meeting with the DSA and sponsors for the noodle drive.
- On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May during the purple drive the noodle drive will also be on display. Sweets will be provided by projects councillor as an incentive for the drive.
- By Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May councillors must organise their purchase orders (contributions of 100 packets from councillors).
- The treasurer advised councillors to reach out in their own capacities as well as the project is one that is ongoing.

### Medi :

- The media councillor was briefing members on the prospects of an SRC web.
- The page will be able to archive and display profiles on each councillor and work that has been done by councillors and the SRC as a whole.
- NB: As soon as councillors are aware of events that they are holding they need to inform the media councillor so that she can begin planning for the website and prepping the media team.

### Report backs:

Treasurer: Friday or Thursday may be leaving with another council member to go meet corporate about the Ubuntu fund in Johannesburg; the councillor also had an idea to show the champions league match for the purposes of the Ubuntu fund at the sports bar.

Activism and Transformation Councillor: Mock debate was a success; the councillor also thanks councillors who also attended the consent talks.

Residence Councillor: Sunday noodle drive committee met; meal review is done and has been circulated to the students; the councillor has the SSC meeting along with the academic councillor.

Oppidan Councillor: The councillor met with Prof Juma and PGV subwardens, they got to a solution that the PGV students paying for the bus service.

Student benefits councillor: Give 5 committee will stand as it is for the remainder of the year; the councillor will do the handover of the TV to founder's hall, council will be alerted on the details of attending.

Community engagement councillor: The councillor met with the CE reps to brainstorm on the big community engagement project.

Media: Concerning radio, the councillor is still waiting for Ray; she had four meetings with the media team and she separated them into different functionalities; the media team was there for the renaming of the reses which they were also able to capture and post; they have also been discussions of a semester magazine.

Champions league for Ubuntu fun

Vice President: The VP had a meeting with the post grad liaison which she attended; on Thursday and Saturday there will be a post grad event (for more details enquire the VP).

26<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 is the African ball.

Next meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 6:30pm.

Meeting ended: 11:00pm

