12:10: Meeting called to order by Madam President

Present: Pres, VP, SG, TG, Media, Academic, CE, SBS, Enviros, Activism, Res,

Excused: International Affairs, Projects, Sports & Societies, Oppidan

1. Student Media Colloquium

Media: Media Colloqium is a mini-conference where student media houses will be invited to participate (3 student media houses, and Grocott’s, SRC media team)

Idea is to have workshops and discussions on how to improve student media at Rhodes University.

She already spoke to the Media Team about the colloquium, thinks it’s a good gift to the media team to appreciate them for job well done.

Proposed dates: Week of October 19th

Already spoke to Mr Projects for assistance.

Media: Event will be after Pride Week, from 19th-21st of October. Hence VP was asked to shift the Rev. Gqubule Memorial Lecture. Media will book Raymond (RMR) to assist and will need to secure speakers and draft a programme (2 members of SRC).

President: Suggests there be a delegation of duties and a google doc of the working document to be shared with the rest of the council.

1. Social Media Engagement

Media: An announcement to everyone that every time we post stuff of social media (statements, posts), questions are going to arise, and Madam Media does not have answers to everything. Councillors need to be active and check posts for any questions that may arise.

President: Agrees that engagement has been lacking. Posts are not being shared enough by councillors. Encourages councillors to share, retweet and like posts.

SG: Asks Madam Media to forward questions to relevant councillors in case we miss the questions

President: Asks if Madam Media will be able to do so?

Media: Understands what SG and President are saying. Urges councillors to at least check the posts once a week.

1. SRC Magazine

Media: This is an SRC Year Book similar to what most schools do by publishing highlights of the year. Head designer will request assistance from Journ 4 students. The magazine will be online. Only 4 copies for SRC Staff and Communications. Will start with a letter from SRC President, and reflect on how the year was for the SRC. After that, will be a letter from the Media Cllr as Editor, after that, every single person in council will have a page dedicated to them, starting with fun facts, duties and responsibilities and essays. Those who do not have project-based portfolios can give a review on how it was being in the SRC this year. They can have someone in their team giving a testimonial and if there isn’t anyone to do so, the writing team will work on something. Pictures and bios of all councillors will also be uploaded. And it will be wrapped off by SRC elections being online.

VP: Question is whether the council is keen on doing this or not, that is where SG was coming from.

President: Suggests we put it to a vote. Yes, if we can continue with us, No if we cant.

CE: Clarity on whether this is with regards to the magazine or everything in total?

SG: Clarifies that the problem is with submissions expected from the council.

Voting: Yes- 4

 No- 7

President: Unfortunately, that is a project we can push aside mainly due to time constraints.

1. SRC Staff Members: Job profiles and concerns

President: This is after the request from Madam Activism for job profiles of SRC staff members. This has been brought to the attention of the DSA and the reason this is brought up is that there have been concerns from councillors with regards to duties and conduct by staff members. There have been some hiccups on the functioning of the SRC staff.

President spoke to DSA and Mam Noma mentioned that we should write something. The discussion opened to the council so that the concern can be taken forward.

SG: Suggests way forward as writing to DSA requesting job profiles of SRC staff members. Set a deadline.

TG: Deadline. SRC needs to have an operational document with staff members.

Meeting adjourned.