AN 18TH MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 29TH 2024 AT 18H30 IN THE RA ROOM

**MINUTES**2024.18.01. APOLOGIES Madam Academics, Madam SG

2024.18.02. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - none

2024.18.03. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - non

2024.18.04. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – the TG seconded by Residence

The progress on the local SRCs was not confirmed. This needs to be corrected in the minutes. (by Res)

Correction: if Mr Ofei did not sign, instead of the council head from the TG. (by TG)

 4.1.

 4.2.

2024.18.05. MATTERS ARISING

 5.1 Budget Report

Madam Sports is excused. The TG presented the budget report. A R100000 left over allocation of funds to be motivated for by the councillors for their portfolios, in other words to top up the R3000 allocated to each of them. The money left over from the 2023 council is only accessible when the incumbent council spends the whole of its said allocation. The TG made an example that if R50 000 allocated for gender parity is spent and more money is needed to top up for gender parity, the R200000 from the previous year can then be accessible.

Two minutes was afforded to Mr. SBS to say his last words as the SBS Councillor. He said his goodbyes to the council as he resigned. The President thanked him for his services as a dedicated councilor who served more than he sought to receive.

In resuming, the AT councilor echoed TG’s sentiments. He also shared that the SRC cannot own the vehicle when the contract has been signed. The PM raised a concern on the feasibility of having events monthly rather than termly. The Residence Councilor queried if whether there is a budget for the 2024 Leadership Week, and further suggested that the council utilizes the money from the 2023 council left over. The FinCore method applies to all transactions of Rhodes.

Motions: 1. Res seconded by TG, we use the money for an event every second month

2. PGA – International - We use the money every month, we double the amount when there is no school days.

The 2nd motion passed. The PM was on a point of privilege.

Motions for the utilization of Ubuntu Funs by Motsepe

1. PM – Media – To distribute food parcels and necessities the 16th of May and that the TG and Media form committees ASAP. It passed by a general consensus.

Task team – International, CE and Residence, and Oppidan suggested, Media, TG. The task team will provide direction.

Discussion R320 000 allocation from Motsepe Foundation to student debts has been tabulated until more information on how much is left is available to the SRC.

 5.2. Leadership Week

2024.18.06. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

 6.1 Purple Thursday

Purple Thursday is a tradition that has not been adopted by the incumbent council from the previous councils, according to the TG. The PM brought this to the attention of the council to decide whether it should be adopted or not.

The Residence councilor reminded the council that the Purple Thursday project is that of the Projects Manager and should provide direction for the council. The PM cited that the Constitution does not bind her into spearheading this project. Lacking engagement from the council is a problem for the project manager. **Motions**: 1. By CE seconded by International - adopt PT and headed by madam by PM and CP submitted to the VP,

2. By Enviros, seconded by the Projects Manager– adopt Purple Thursday and incorporate different themes in it.

Motion 1 passed.

The Media Councillor suggested that a list of projects to follow in the next term be used to fill in for Purple Thursday.

 6.2 Vehicle Purchase

A vehicle to be purchased (proposed) for differently abled students. The VP disagreed on the basis that there is already a taxi for this purpose which is not functional due to the Division of Student Affairs failing to maintain the daily running costs of this vehicle. AT emphasized how important this initiative will show leadership traits of the council to its constituency, whilst strengthening the collaboration relationship between the council and the management. Mr. Activism excused for conflict of interest

**Motions**: 1. PGA – RESIDENCE – Buy the quantum with R250 000 as initial and the remaining R30 000 to be for emergencies.

1. CE – SG – R150000 as the initial and the rest for programs, amended by PM that the R130 000 remainder to be for emergencies.

Motions not passed. Motivations took place for a second round of voting.

Motion 2 passes. Madam Residence was against this motion, and the VP abstained.

 6.3 Ubuntu Funds

The VP narrated events that occurred after the student body meeting to the council as a means of fast-tracking the issuing of necessities to the students who are currently facing. The council reiterated that it is now in the hands of the committee to handle this.

 6.4 RU Well & Safe

2024.18.07. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

 7.1 Sarah Baartman RCL training

 7.2. Policy Review update

Three alumni members have been invited. An amount of around R1500 has been approved by the council for catering for the session on the 4th April. All policies are to be sent to the VP by 30th April

2024.18.08 OTHER MATTERS OF THE AGENDA

2024.18.09. HOUSEKEEPING

The SBS portfolio needs attention. The council was not aware of the university rolling out NSFAS funds for May. The council TG and Residence will be confirming with Mrs. Wicks about this.

The president will start assessing the progress of the councilors from the 6th April 2024.

2024.18.10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

 10.1 **06 MAY 2024 AT 18H30 IN THE RA ROOM**