**Minutes: Rhodes University SRC General Meeting held on the 24th of August 2021**

**Time Started:** 18:00

**Venue:** Zoom

**2021.08.01. Present**

- Ms. L. Nkambule - Ms. M. Matariro

- Ms. H. Mpiti - Ms. M. Mathabatha

- Ms. G. Mngeni - Mr. N. Mkhulisa

- Ms. Z. Gcumisa - Ms. C. Mude

- Ms. T. Hlako - Mr. M. Pfupa

- Ms. L. Leboho

**2021.08.02. Leave of Absence**

- Sports and Societies councillor was absent.

- Secretary General, Madam Activism and Madam Post Graduate were on leave.

- Community Engagement councillor was absent.

- Madam Media was more than 40 minutes late.

**2021.08.03. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (18 August 2021)**

* Madam Student Benefits corrected that she was not on leave but rather writing a test.
* Madam Projects corrected Agenda 7.1, bullet 13, saying it reads as if Ms. Mandisa will bring equipment but she meant the Health Care Centre will set up for themselves.
* Madam Projects moved to confirm the minutes and the Academics councillor seconded the confirmation.

**2021.08.04. Conflict Declaration**

No conflict declaration.

**2021.08.05. Matters Arising**

**5.1. Potential Employer Webinar**

**5.2. Eco-Brick Bins**

**5.3. Studentpreneur**

**2021.08.06. Matters Arising from the SRC Executive**

**6.1. Office Hours**

**2021.08.07. Upcoming Events**

**7.1. Translanguage Event**

**7.2. Leadership Week**

**7.3. SRC Inauguration**

**2021.08.08. Report Backs**

**8.1. FSCA update**

**8.2. Vaccination Task Team Meeting Feedback**

**8.3. Wellness Committee Feedback**

**8.4. Pad Drive Feedback**

**2021.08.09. Other Matters Arising**

**2021.08.10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Time Adjourned: 19:06

**Agenda 5.1. Potential Employer Webinar**

* Madam Environmental said it was a beautifully composed document and great idea. She said the timeline says that it starts on the 12th of July and asked if that was an error.
* Madam Academics said that was when it was supposed to happen however the dates were shifted to September.
* Madam President said the proposed date is 22 September and said she has a concern.
* Madam Academics mentioned that the date was flexible, that is why she had not sent out communication to the companies. She was open to discuss a new date.
* Madam President said it would be a busy time period leading to Heritage day, maybe the date could amended. She said one of the speakers made it seem quite academic and suggested that Madam Academics add a speaker from the economic side since unemployment is an economic concern.
* Madam Vice President said it would be an event that stands alone and it can be held a week earlier. So that the week of the 24th can be dedicated to Heritage day.

**Agenda 5.2. Eco-Brick Bins**

* Madam Student Benefits said she did not mind volunteering like the document says but it also says it will take place over term 3 holidays and she wanted to know if it was compulsory since some people will not be there. There is a part she needed clarity on, where the document said there is a shortage of bins at the university and her team would want to create bins.
* International councillor stated he might be absent so wanted to understand if it was compulsory to attend the event.
* Residence councillor asked if the event had been applied for since it will take place at the Great Field.
* Madam President said that using the Great Field needs an application period and advised Madam Environmental to take note. She did not see much research that had been done in terms of what can be at specific locations in the institution itself and extensive policy applications.
* Madam Environmental did not know about the policy about where to place items around the university and will reach out to the necessary stakeholders. She will look into it and then amend the document and speak to every other topic that was brought up.
* Madam Vice President said the bins she was thinking of were small container bins and not big bins. She suggested using the small cracked cups and recycling other materials to put bins by a bench. There is no harm intended with those bins.
* Madam President said Madam Environmental can reconceptualise the idea, taking that into account.

**Agenda 5.3. Studentpreneur**

* Madam Student Benefits asked if councillors could please volunteer to join the task team.
* Madam Environmental said under the section written resources, it says the SRC is required to give contributions and she wanted clarity on what kind of contributions and suggestions council should provide.
* Madam Vice President said she liked the proposal, wanted to see it come to light and it might not be too easy as it will take time. She hoped students participate and open themselves up for the event.
* Residence councillor said the proposal is quite extensive and the Oppidan Comm and Residence team could help to get information out and help in the project.
* Madam Student Benefits said if it falls on a weekend or weekday, she will give council feedback from the team. She would’ve tried to make a google document for it but she is facing challenges with that. She requires assistance with finding the policy on sale and prohibition from selling on campus premises.
* Madam Vice President advised Ms. Gcumisa to consult previous councillors and other stakeholders in terms of the policies and procedures.

**Agenda 6.1. Office Hours**

* Madam President said council has been doing office hours but the building has to be renovated soon so there will not be any more office hours. However she would have wanted to have consultation hours or weekly voice notes on what each council member has done in a week.
* Madam Vice President added that the agreement was for council not to have the voice notes done. But there will be communication closer to the time the building will be renovated. There will be a couple of hours needed to engage with students and respond to students.
* Madam President said other students are back so council should try to engage with students and be present in the community, just wearing your blazer and being identifiable and respond to emails.

**Agenda 7.1. Translanguage Event**

* Madam President said she did not want the event to be something that would be forgotten about.

**Agenda 7.2. Leadership week**

* Madam Vice President said everything seems on track and the deadline for speakers was today. Madam Media will share the collated the infographics soon.
* Madam President asked if the Leadership week would be keeping the same dates.
* Madam Vice President said its only 3 members of council who will not be there, 2 people haven’t responded and those who will be at training will be excused.

**Agenda 7.3. SRC Inauguration**

* Madam President said the SRC are invited to the inauguration and she will speak at the event. She will give a farewell speech and it has been an emotional journey. Council has to wear uniforms and be there on time.
* Madam Vice President said it’s a full uniform and formal wear event and encouraged council to wear blazers.
* Madam President said council’s farewell video will be played at the event.
* Madam Treasurer General asked if all of council had to go to the Oakdene event, if it is compulsory.
* Madam President said candidates cannot attend the pre-celebration however she would prefer to have council gather at Oakdene so that the tradition can live on.
* Madam Treasurer General said she will talk to the Secretary General about her attendance.
* Madam Vice President asked what time council would meet.
* Madam President said it will be discussed offline.

**Agenda 8.1. FSCA update**

Madam Student Benefits shared the following feedback from the meeting:

* There was a meeting for M&E, monitoring and evaluation.
* The dates have been approved for the webinars to be from the 15th to 17th September.
* The dates for pre-activation are set at 13 to 14 August and they will send goodies for that event.
* She had a meeting with the RMR superior and he said he hasn’t worked on the quote, he will give feedback.
* The team will stick to Zoom and not Teams because of connectivity issues. There will be a video before the pre-activation starts.
* Madam Treasurer General said they also said they want to have a Questions & Answers section and have videos posted on the SRC page as to what the FSCA is about.
* Madam Student Benefits said the event of people speaking different languages might be clashing with the webinar, the webinar starts at 18:30-20:00 on the 15th September.

**Agenda 8.2. Vaccination Task Team Meeting Feedback**

Madam Projects had the following to say:

* She requires assistance from the Residence councillor with providing sanitizer.
* There is need to set up on the day before at 10:30.
* The walk is to Post Graduate Village from 7am.
* She promoted people to register to receive the vaccine and asked council to do the same.
* SRC has to follow the same registration procedure like everyone.
* Buses will be stationed at the Health Care Centre and Upper campus.
* Council will be picked up from Steve Biko by the bus.
* Residence councillor asked how many bottles of sanitizer were required.
* Madam Projects said 5 bottles as people are to be sanitized by the gazebo. There won’t be any uniform provision, council has to decide on what to wear but preferably golf shirts since it will be hot.

**Agenda 8.3. Wellness Committee Feedback**

Madam SBS had the following to say:

* The meeting was not held today because some of the members could not attend.
* She was looking forward to having the meeting and bringing feedback.

**Agenda 8.4. Pad Drive Feedback**

Residence councillor had the following to say:

* The event is currently underway, wanted to hear from Hall reps if they could help.
* He received emails relaying that Hall funds are not allowed to be used for the event.
* The Oppidan committee had already started their pad drive as well.
* This is the last week for the collections of the sanitary towels.
* He expressed concerns about the distribution. Others may take more than they would need and so the team would want to have a central point where people can collect the sanitary towels.
* Madam Student Benefits asked if Residence councillor was aware of how many donations they have had this far and how many sanitary towels were acquired from the portfolio funds.
* Residence councillor said he wanted to ask House Head students with regards to that. He is waiting for the purchase order from the Treasurer General in terms of his funds.
* Madam President said there should be a system in place, whereby you put a specific amount of pads and stuff in a central place or toilet, if they finish then that’s it. Maybe the team could fill the pads up twice in a month in key places on campus.
* Madam Student Benefits said she supports this suggestion and the other suggestion is not to limit distribution to bathrooms, the students can arrange drop points with the task team. It would be great to have a place where students can collect the pads which aren’t bathrooms as well.
* Residence councillor said he will be looking into how he can work the distribution system out.

**2021.07.10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

* 31 August 2021 at 18:00 on Zoom

**Time Adjourned**: 19:06