

Rhodes University

Students' Representative Council

Minutes of the Executive Meeting Held on Sunday 24 April 2016 at

15h00 in the

Presidential Office

- 2016. M04.1** **PRESENT**
- President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Academic, Activism
- 2016. M04.2** **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
- No leave of absence.
- 2016. M04.3** **OTHER MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA**
- No matters received.
- 2016. M04.4** **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
- Confirmation of minutes was moved to Monday 25 April.
- 2016. M04.5** **RAPE POLICY/ SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY** *Vice President*
- Vice President explained that one of the demands from the #RURestoreList protest is for the SRC to include a Sexual Assault Policy in their constitution.
- Treasurer suggested that the SRC should not specifically have a 'Sexual Assault Policy' but rather a policy that includes other kinds of assaults and have a sexual assault section within this policy. She explained that this would apply when dealing with suspension or appointing any individual to run for the SRC. She also suggested that the SRC needs to discuss what happens while the student in an SRC leadership role is still alleged and has not been formally charged.
- President suggested that they use people from the law faculty, the SDB and to look at policies of other SRC institutions and the Rhodes Student Policy to guide them in enacting their Sexual Assault Policy.
- Vice President suggested that they need to first read the Student Disciplinary Code and then have an informative discussion – he also suggests that in forming this policy, they could extract certain sections from the Student Disciplinary Code.

Secretary General questioned whether the suspension would apply only to people in leadership positions.

Activism Councillor suggested that suspension should mean that the person's involvement in the society is suspended pending investigation.

Academic Councillor suggested that the SRC would need to address the issue of jurisdiction to avoid using policies that might contradict each other.

The President felt that they could not discuss this item further because they still have to do research – he also suggested that this should be a constitutional amendment instead of a new implementation.

2016. M04.6

FREE POST GRAD TUITION *Vice President*

The Vice President explained that he has been communicating with UKZN tuition. He explained that he has met with the post graduate office and it is possible to have Rhodes post graduate tuition free. He encouraged that what the SRC need to do is to present a strong presentation of this proposal. He will draft a proposal on how the SRC can go ahead with this project. He advised that getting more post graduates registered would mean that more publications get published and in return more money from those publications is received by the university. The Vice President will circulate the document he received the UKZN professor.

The Treasurer suggested that they put this forward as an agenda item for the next senate meeting. She also noted that this will show that the SRC is also serving post graduate students and not only undergraduates

2016. M04.7

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

2016. M04.8

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

1 May 2016 – 13h00

Meeting adjourned

15h40