

**University of Pretoria**  
**Student Representative Council**

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**Minutes of a meeting held at 18:00 on 28 May 2012 in the Seminar Room, Roosmaryn**

**1. Opening and welcome**

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

**2. Attendance**

**2.1 Present**

Mthokozisi Nkosi	President
Gerbrand Lindeque	Deputy President & Service Providers
Kleinbooie Legoabe	Secretary-General
Tebogo Twala	Treasurer-General
Angel Bolosha	Community Engagement
Tsatsi Chauke	Societies
Pierre Cloete	Safety, Security & Facilities
Thinus Dicks	Day & Faculty Houses
Simóne Engelbrecht	Residences
Jordan Griffiths	Transport, Justice & Constitutions
Tiaan Koen	Projects
Thobekani Malatula	Culture & Language
Mpume Mbongo	Study Finance
Atlegang Mogale	Marketing
Chris Pappas	Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours
Camille Pienaar	Projects
Busisiwe Radebe	Student Well-Being
Nic Stead	Residences
<i>Dr W Jorissen</i>	<i>Student Affairs</i>

**2.2 Absent with apology**

Jozua Loots	Technology Development & Sponsorships
Simba Tavuyanago	International Students
Claudette Veldhuizen	External Campuses

**3. Announcements and correspondence**

- Camille thanked everyone who attended or assisted with the President's Breakfast and the SRC Debate .
- The recess for the SRC members on the Medical Campus will start soon and Gerbrand will be out of town to do his community service in Obstetrics.
- The chairperson thanked everyone who attended the AmaTuks game.

- During the weekend students from various institutions were involved in an accident - two UP students died and some were taken to hospital.

**4. Confirmation of the agenda**

The agenda was confirmed.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2012 were approved on condition that the following amendments be made:

- Correct the spelling of Thobekani's name
- The topic of the Debate was corrected to read: "Has religion made the world a better place?"

**6. Matters forthcoming**

**6.1 Regulation of Societies (community work)**

Tebogo and Tsatsi chose societies that will be monitored as far as community work is concerned. The following societies were chosen:

- Sasco (political)
- Campus Crusade for Christ (religious)
- Zimsoc (international)
- OP Photographic (other)
- House IA (academic)

**6.2 "Kieries"**

Atlegang tried finding a place that sells "kieries" without any success and requested members of the SRC to inform her if they know of a place she can purchase the "kieries" from – according to Chris the "kieries" can be bought from the flea market in Hatfield.

**6.3 Strategic Goals**

According to the chairperson, he realized that some of the strategic goals are not based on facts. The document will be sent out to the relevant people to look at it again and get input from other SRC members who may have more information.

- ▶ **Carried forward.**

**6.4 Sponsorship Criteria**

Tebogo compiled criteria for applications for a sponsorship from the SRC.

- ▶ **The sponsorship criteria was approved on condition that Point 1 should be amended to read “and” as apposed to “or”.**

**6.5 Important dates**

Camille drafted the dates and circulated it to everyone.

**6.6 President’s Breakfast**

The President’s Breakfast will take place at 07:30 on 29 May 2012 – please be on time.

**7. New matters**

**7.1 Implications of the opinion by the Constitutional Tribunal about SRC members serving on other committees**

Pierre stated that, consistent with the opinion of the Constitutional Tribunal that SRC members should not serve on the general committee of Student Culture, he thinks that members of the SRC executive committee should also not serve on the executive committee of any society or on the house committee of a residence/day or faculty house (in other words any sub-structure of the SRC). If SRC members are also members of a residence house committee they should step down because they have a direct interest in that structure.

- ▶ **It was resolved that, if SRC members become aware of the fact that another SRC member is serving on the executive committee of a sub-structure of the SRC, the matter must be referred to Jordan who will then refer the matter to the Constitutional Tribunal.**

**7.2 Gauteng Plan 2055**

Gerbrand stated that the **Gauteng 2055 Plan** was launched and that UP was the only university that attended the event. The mayor encouraged young people to participate and to also comment on the plan and he suggested that the SRC should make use of this opportunity.

- ▶ **Gerbrand will circulate the Plan to everyone – comments must be submitted to him and he will then send the document back to the relevant people.**

**7.3 Incident with Afriforum (both SRC and EC meetings)**

On 24 June 2012 Afriforum hosted a group of American students and even took them on a campus tour. It was alleged that the former SRC President, Charl Oberholzer, presented himself as the SRC President. According to him (Charl)

the students visited Afriforum (and not the SRC) to learn more about them (Afriforum). After a long discussion the following was noted:

1. The manner was handled in an unprofessional way.
2. The authority of the SRC was undermined.
3. Rather than a single person acting on behalf of the SRC, the SRC should react as a team.

▶ **It was decided that the matter will be put to rest – anyone who has a further concern should contact the President.**

#### 7.4 **SRC Social**

As the person responsible to make sure that SRC members interact with one another, Gerbrand proposed that the SRC should have mini-socials or activities.

▶ **It was decided that mini-socials will serve this purpose.**

#### 7.5 **Bosberaad**

Gerbrand suggested that the SRC should have a Bosberaad to reflect back on their plans of action. It was resolved that, in stead of having the mini-socials and the Bosberaad, the two should be combined next semester.

#### 7.6 **Rag Mentors**

Dr Wilken requested Chris to find SRC members who are willing to act as academic mentors for members of the Tuks Rag Committee.

▶ **Chris will send out an e-mail to everyone requesting them to respond if they want to volunteer to become involved in this.**

#### 7.7 **Extension of library hours**

Chris had discussions with Mr Moropa and the SRC's proposal in this regard was received very well. The only problem is the effect the extension of the library hours will have on the working hours of staff members. According to Chris, he told them that, if need be, volunteers of the SRC will be more than willing to help out.

#### 8. **General**

##### 8.1 **Talent Evening**

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According to Thinus all Faculty Houses will be having a talent evening on 2 July 2012 (18:00 – 23:00) and everyone who want to attend must please let him know before 12:00 on 29 June 2012.

**8.2 Debate**

Nic received a letter from a student regarding the SRC Debate. He read it out and it was resolved that SRC members should at all times conduct themselves in a professional manner.

**9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 23 July 2012.

**10. Closing**

The meeting adjourned.

**CHAIRPERSON:** .....

**SECRETARY-GENERAL:** .....

**DATE:** .....