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University of Pretoria
Student Representative Council

**Minutes of a meeting as held at 19:00 on 14 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
Kleinbooi Legoabe	Secretary-General
Tebogo Twala	Treasurer-General
Unathi Bolosha	Community Engagement
Tsatsawani Chauke	Societies
Pierre Cloete	Safety, Security & Facilities
Thinus Dicks	Day & Faculty Houses
Simóne Engelbrecht	Residences
Jordan Griffiths	Transport, Justice & Constitutions
Tiaan Koen	Projects
Jozua Loots	Technology Development & Sponsorships
Thobekani Malatula	Culture & Language
Mpume Mbongo	Study Finance
Atlegang Mogale	Marketing
Chris Pappas	Academic Affairs & Honorary Colours
Camille Pienaar	Projects
Simba Tavuyanago	International Students
Claudette Veldhuizen	External Campuses
Dr W Jorissen	Student Affairs

2.2 Absent with apology

Busisiwe Radebe	Student Well-Being
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2.3 Absent without apology

Nic Stead	Residences
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3. Announcements and correspondence

- Mrs Botma requested the SRC to please respond when she sends out e-mails or SMS's as not everyone responded to the SMS about the Etiquette Training (this will be discussed under general).
- Congratulations to Tebogo and Thinus who were short listed for the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary.

- According to Tebogo the SRC received a discount for adverts placed in the Perdeby
 - ▶ 10% for adverts smaller than a quarter page and quarter page adverts
 - ▶ 15% for half and full pages
- Jordan informed the SRC that two architecture students, Michael Wood and Jared Thain, were involved in a car accident in Lynnwood Road.
- The uncle of the student, who passed away last week, thanked the SRC for making it to the memorial service.
- Tebogo requested SRC members to fill in the application form for telephone codes and also urged them to be diligent when using the SRC's Golfie as they are personally responsible for any fines incurred. Any defects must please be reported to Mrs Botma.

4. Confirmation of the agenda

The following point was added to the agenda:

6.5 Societies

5. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were approved as a true account of the meeting on condition that the following amendments are made:

- 5.1 The second part of Paragraph 6.2 must be amended to read “..... why there is an SRC in place is so that it can take decisions on behalf of the broader student community.”
- 5.2 The bottom part of Paragraph 7.4.2 was amended to read “...It was noted that some SRC members are also serving on other student governance structures and according to the constitution for Student Governance and the opinion obtained from the Constitutional Tribunal, these members must resign as soon as they assume their seats on the SRC.”
- 5.3 Jozua felt that his comments about Clause 6.1.3 of the constitution for Student Governance should be minuted (he already send the amendments to Kleinbooi).
- 5.4 Tebogo was absent with apology from the meeting and the attendance register must be amended to reflect this.

6. Matters forthcoming

- 6.1 **Feedback from the SRC Study Aid Fund - Mpume**

She gave feedback about the progress of the Fund up to now:

- The books were delivered and handed out to the applicants.
- Some books could not be delivered because the Protea Bookstore did not have them in stock. The students who did not receive the books were asked to write down their names and she already ordered the outstanding books.

The following concerns were raised by the students:

- The queue was very long because she and Mrs Botma were the only ones packing and marking the parcels with students' names.
- Some of students expressed their dissatisfaction by saying that if this was a "fun" project, the whole SRC would have been present.

The SRC apologized for not attending but according to them this could be attributed to the short notice period. They also re-iterated that the SRC should work as a team.

6.2 **Photo Shoot - Atlegang**

The photo shoot is scheduled for 16:00 on 22 May 2012 (meet at Roosmaryn at 15:30 and those with cars must please assist to transport the rest).

6.3 **Open Day – Atlegang**

The SRC will have an information table during Open Day. There are different time slots and SRC members must please fill in their names next to the time slot that suits them best (groups of 4).

- ▶ **She will e-mail the details to everyone.**

6.4 **SRC budget - Tebogo**

She distributed the final approved budget to everyone and explained the procedure to claim funds or pay an invoice.

She explained why the budgets of some portfolios were cut (as apposed to last year). Instead of having a residence HC dinner, the SRC dinner and the HC dinner have been combined. Simóne agreed on condition that all the house committees are invited. She reminded everyone that the funds may only be used for the projects as set out in their POA's. The reason why the SRC received less funds this year is because the allocation to the service providers was increased as Prof Speckman apparently forgot last year to include them in the budget and the money had to come from somewhere.

6.5 **Societies - Tsatsi**

According to Tsatsi a 100 societies were allowed to register. However 50 societies were not allowed to register and at the moment the registration process has been put on hold due to the fact that one of them filed a complaint with the Constitutional Tribunal. The registration process cannot be completed until the Constitutional Tribunal has given its ruling.

7. New Matters

7.1 Feedback from the Principal's Forum – Tebogo

She gave a brief feedback on the matters discussed at the Principal's Forum (the secretary-general will make the minutes available to everyone):

- NSFAS problems
- The SRC's POA was submitted and they requested the SRC to amend their POA's to include the envisaged outcomes.
- SRC Study Aid Fund (textbook allocation).
- Dr Madiba gave feedback on the allocation of mentors to SRC members.
- Pre-Spring Day Bash – this will definitely take place but the committee is still looking for a venue.
- Membership of the SRC on the Residence Sub-Council and Residence Advisory Board.
- Student parking at the Engineering III arcade.
- The textbooks in the storeroom must be handed out to students.

7.2 Relocation of Student Support – Mthokozisi

The SRC noted that there was a huge miscommunication between the University and the SRC with regard to the relocation of Student Support.

Dr Jorissen provided background information on the matter stating that an agreement was reached two years ago but and the SRC resolved to take a decision that is in the best interest of the students.

Jozua proposed that the SRC should not approve the proposed move before proper alternative facilities have been found and a plan of the facilities was made available to the SRC (this should include a consultation process with the SRC).

The matter was put to the vote and the results were as follows:

FOR:	20
AGAINST:	-
ABSTAIN:	-

7.3 Benchmarking trip – Mthokozisi

He stated that a proposal to obtain funding from UP Management will be submitted to them. The cheapest country to visit is Kenya and the SRC will contribute R15 000.

7.4 Submission of reports – Mthokozisi

He urged SRC members to submit their reports on time and that the reports must be as comprehensive as possible. The reports will be placed on the website and submitted to the Student Parliament.

7.5 Five Strategic Focus Areas – Mthokozisi

According to him the SRC must identify five strategic focus areas. After a long deliberation the following areas were identified:

- Modernisation (Jozua)
- Residence Admission Policy (Unathi)
- A focus on day students and disabled students (Pierre)
- Tukkies Pride – Tebogo
- An increase in library times (Chris)

The SRC members who proposed the above-mentioned focus areas must compile a motivation as to why the SRC should focus on these areas and what it means and e-mail it to everyone.

▶ **The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.**

7.6 Sponsorship Criteria – Tebogo

Carried forward.

7.7 President's Breakfast – Camille

According to her the President's Breakfast for the Societies and Faculty Houses will take place on 24 May 2012 and that for the Residences on 29 May 2012. Academic and non-academic matters will be discussed at these sessions.

SRC members who cannot attend must please let her and Mthokozisi know timeously – she will e-mail the information to everyone.

7.9 AmaTuks Soccer Game – Camille

The SRC was invited to attend the AmaTuks soccer game. AmaTuks already won the league and will they be promoted to the PSL. According to the chairperson it would be nice if everyone could attend.

▶ **Tiaan and Gerbrand will organize the attendance.**

8. General

8.1 Appointment of mentors for the SRC

Mentors will be appointed for SRC members. According to Dr Jorissen the launch is planned for 28 May 2012 (just before the SRC meeting).

8.2 Debate

The SRC will have a debate for the students on 26 May and everyone must advertise this event. The topic is: "Has religion made the world a better place?"

8.3 *Tuks has got Talent Competition*

Auditions for the *Tuks has got Talent Competition* will take place at the Musaion on 24 and 25 September 2012 (the posters will go up soon).

8.4 Etiquette Training

The Etiquette Training will take place on 22 May 2012.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 19:00 on 21 May 2012.

10. Closing

The meeting adjourned.

CHAIRPERSON:

SECRETARY-GENERAL:

DATE: