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Minutes SRC Meeting

Date: 2024-03-20 | Time: 17:00 | Venue: SRC Boardroom & [Microsoft Teams](#)

Attendance: SRC	
Online	Qiniso Sithole, Mbanu Sibande and Thandile Ngxikwe
In person	Phiwokuhle Qabaka, Abongile Quthu, Mzwakhe Bolotina, Ongezwa Tshazi, Reagan Johnson, Risuna Risimati, Bradley Grovers, Solomzi Mphambo, Daisy Ndebele, Richard Visagie, Kayle....., Daniel Terblanche, Courtney de Klerk and Albert Van der Merwe, Emma Hammond, Alexa Koen, Ncwane Nokwanda, Natasha Sibanda and Andile Ntshidi
Absent (Valid reason)	Risuna Risimati, Ongezwa Tshazi, Andri Malan and Jerlina Jerling
Absent no Excuse	Theo Plaatjie

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Item	Responsibility
Welcoming	Phiwokuhle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greeting from Qabaka, Phiwokuhle, initiating the meeting. Acknowledged the inconvenience caused by last week's last-minute cancellation due to a lack of quorum. Noted that team members were occupied with academic matters, leading to the cancellation. Expressed understanding but emphasized the need for a more reasonable approach to cancellations. Encouraged everyone to stay strong and remain focused on both work and academic responsibilities. 	
Attendance and Apologies	Mzwakhe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged an issue with attendance and excuses. Emphasized the importance of sending attendance and apologies to the vice for follow-up procedures. Requested timely submission of excuses before 6 and excused a member with prior notification from the proxy and Natasha. 	
Approval of previous minutes	Mzwakhe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The previous minutes were approved by the team. 	
Setting of Agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed dedicating last 30 minutes of meetings to confidential institutional committee discussions. Emphasized the importance of addressing team-affecting issues. Expressed trust in the team's capability to handle discussions effectively. 	
Matters for information	Mzwakhe

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Qabaka gave the following update:

- Requested the Bursaries and Loans department to create an information page with step-by-step picture instructions for students regarding contact uploads, acceptance, and saving processes by the next day.
- Highlighted challenges faced by students, such as outdated living arrangements and issues with funding, as discussed in a meeting with the department.
- Asked Albert to create a survey formula to capture students' email addresses if they're not receiving communication from the Bursaries & Loans office, particularly due to Gmail account issues.
- Mentioned ongoing efforts to increase the cap allowance for students in areas like Tigerberg and Solocrest outside Stellenbosch from 41,000 to 50,000, pending university approval.

Internal Affairs

Abongile

- Noted attendance issues for door duty and emphasized adherence to the code of conduct.
- Proposed a new shift scheduling format for door duty and stressed cleanliness in the kitchen.
- Reminded about the upcoming deadline for 10 reports and the installation of new office computers.
- Emphasized visitor guidelines and accountability in the office.
- Mentioned that Caitlyn Shuller is no longer an SRC Manager as she is no longer a student in SU anymore.

Institutional Committee Feedback/ Portfolio feedback

- Provided updates on supporting postgraduate students with funding, accommodation, and information sessions.
- Mentioned challenges with postgraduate diploma funding and the need for clarity from the postgrad office.
- Encouraged referring students needing assistance to the appropriate channels and addressing email communication concerns.

Johnson & Thandile states:

- Asked about the availability of a postgraduate email address within the SRC system.
- Advised on returning excess allowances and suggested a communique about the issue.
- Discussed safety and accommodation challenges in the village residences, recommending a meeting with the accommodation office.
- Highlighted issues with alcohol consumption in residences and the need for disciplinary actions.
- Mentioned that there is a Portfolio managing driving license initiative at Tygerburg independently from Stellenbosch University.
- Suggested coordination for communication and responsibilities regarding this initiative.

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Mr Sibande states:

- Urgent need for a meeting to resolve conflicting information regarding a license/ learner’s program or study room situation.
- Requested to arrange the meeting promptly between relevant parties to ensure students can obtain licenses due to time constraints.

Phiwokuhle states:

- Ongoing meetings with stakeholders starting in April to address misinformation and gather accurate information and evidence regarding a program or study room situation.
- The progress is still ongoing, with the next meeting scheduled for early April where evidence and numbers from previous years will be presented to ensure informed decisions are made.

Courtney states

- There will be a meeting with Prof Stan and will include considerations about boycotting merchandise and consulting with communities, along with an advisory committee on merchandise, although decisions are not expected to be made in that forum.

Closing

Phiwokuhle

- The meeting was adjourned by Phiwokuhle.

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