

ATTACHMENT 1

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTE

Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2017

Venue: Mafeje Room, Bremner

Time: 16h00-18h20

Committee Membership

Council (Chair): Siphon Pityana (Chair) and Debbie Budlender (alt)

SRC: Seipati Tshabalala (rep) and Naledi Mbaba (alt)

ShackvilleTRC: Simon Rakei (rep), Sinxolo Boyi (rep), Sinawo Thambo (alt), Lindokuhle Patiwe (alt)

Other Student Formations: Thembelihle Ncayiyana (rep) and Mlingani Matiwane (alt)

Deans: Penelope Andrews (rep) and Mills Soko (alt)

Senate: Nicola Illing (rep) and Jeremy Seekings (alt)

Academic Union (AU): Maanda Mulaudzi (rep) and Catherine Hutchings (alt)

HoDs: Hussein Suleman (rep) and Eric Van Steen (alt)

Black Academic Caucus (BAC): Khwezi Mkhize (rep) and Shadreck Chirikure (alt)

EDs: Russell Ally (rep) and position yet to be filled (alt)

Alumni: Nombulelo Magula (rep) Lorna Houston (alt)

Pass Forum: Sonwabo Ngcelwane (rep) and Edwina Brooks (alt)

Employees Union (EU): Andrea Plos (rep) and Samuel Chetty (alt)

NEHAWU: Lindikhaya Payiya (rep) and Noluthando Pawulina (alt)

Non-Recognised Unions: Portia Nyalela (rep) and Linda Maqasha (alt)

Executive: Max Price (VC) and Loretta Feris (DVC Transformation)

Committee Attendance:

Apologies, withdrawals and absentees

Eric Van Steen (HoDs) - Absent

Maanda Mulaudzi (AU) - Apologies

Bulie Magula (Alumni) – Withdrawal – consulting constituency

Jeremy Seekings (Senate) – Apologies

Milford Soko – Absent

Lorna Houston (Alumni) – Withdrawal

Catherine Hutchings (AU) – Apologies

Sinawo Tambo – Absent

Simon Rakei (Shackville TRC) – Withdrawal

Portia Nyalela (Non-recognised unions) – Absent

Linda Maqasha (Non-recognised unions) - Absent

Andrea Plos (EU) - Apologies

Lindikhaya Payiya (Nehawu) - Absent

Noluthando Pawulina (Nehawu) – Absent

Khwezi Mkhize (BAC) -Withdrawal

Shadreck Chirikure (BAC) – Withdrawal

Mlingani Matiwane (Other Student Formations) - Withdrawal

Attendees

Sipho Pityana (Council, Chair)

Debbie Budlender (Council)

Max Price (Executive)

Loretta Feris (Exec)

Nicola Illing (Senate)

Hussein Suleman (HoDs)
Naledi Mbaba (SRC)
Seipati Tshabalala (SRC)
Penelope Andrews (Deans)
Russell Ally (ED)
Sinxolo Boyi (Shackville TRC)
Lindokuhle Patiwe – (Shackville TRC)
Samuel Chetty (EU)
Thembelihle Ncayiyana – (Other Student Formations)
Sonwabo Ngcelwane (Pass Forum)
Edwina Brooks (Pass Forum)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The apologies were noted. The withdrawal of participation by the BAC representative (KM) and alternate (SC) was noted. The withdrawal of participation of the Alumni alternate (LH) was noted. *[The Alumni representative (BM) signalled after the meeting that the constituency was being consulted about a way forward regarding ongoing participation.]*

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTE OF 24 August 2017:

The minute of the meeting of 24th August 2017 was approved. There were no corrections.

3. SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL:

The Chair noted, based on a report from the secretariat, that two constituencies, namely Shackville TRC and Other Student Formations, chose not to participate in the voting process. The Committee was presented with the results of the ballot which required constituencies to indicate whom they fully supported by selecting "A", those whom they supported with reservations by selecting "B" and those whom they did not support by voting "C".

Shackville TRC abstained due to the presence of private security on campus. Other Student Formations indicated that they did not have support from their constituency. They felt the members of their constituency were either unaware of, or did not buy into, the IRTC process. It was for these reasons that they felt uncomfortable to proceed to vote.

The Chair requested that the IRTC Steering committee focus on a few factors that could assist in the selection of eight commissioners to recommend to Council. Firstly, he felt that it would assist to select eight nominees as, given the delays it was likely that some commissioners would no longer be available. Secondly, he suggested that race, gender, diversity of skill and breadth of experience be among the factors considered. The objective would be to have a diverse, five-person IRTC.

Shackville TRC (SB), the SRC chairperson (ST) and the Pass Forum alternate (EB) felt that it would be problematic for the meeting to proceed without addressing the issue of private security first. The chair argued that the Steering Committee was not empowered to discuss the issue of private security as requested by Shackville TRC and the SRC. He agreed to place the issue of the charges allegedly facing the SRC President in respect of her alleged role in the protests could become item 4.

Some other constituencies expressed the view that the Steering Committee meeting should proceed with the formal agenda. They noted that a special workshop was held to address the issue of private security after which it was agreed to continue with the work of the IRTC Steering Committee, namely to select and recommend Commissioners.

The student constituencies withdrew participation for various reasons. The representative of Other Student Formations (TN) reiterated that she felt that the constituency did not buy into the IRTC process and appeared to lack interest. She felt on this basis she could not proceed to represent a viewpoint. The SRC representative (TS) felt that given the situation on campus and the SRC president's personal situation (allegedly facing charges for her involvement in protests), she would withdraw the student voice from the process.

Some student constituencies (Shackville TRC and the SRC) requested the release of the names of students who were facing charges by the university. The Shackville representative (SB) and SRC alternate (NM) said that it was important to get direction on their involvement from those who faced charges.

There were some discussions about the possibility of selecting interim commissioners (as proposed by the EDs representative and supported by the Vice Chancellor) who would assist with breaking the impasse.

The Vice Chancellor expressed concern about the risks of not establishing the IRTC given that many students will be facing charges in court and also possible jail time.

The Chair advised that selection of commissioners in the current situation would likely lack credibility and called on those members who withdrew from the process to come forward with recommendations of commissioners once they felt that the deadlock was resolved. He re-iterated that the IRTC Steering Committee was not the appropriate structure to resolve the issue of private security.

DECISION:

The Chair closed the meeting with the understanding that the IRTC Steering Committee would reconvene when the impasse had been resolved.

The chair thanked the students for attending despite their concerns about private security.

The meeting closed at 6:20pm.

Approved :  (chair)

Date: 08 December 2017