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USSA Students' Forum Minutes April 20th 2018

1. Welcome

The Convener, 2nd Vice-President Rodwell Ndlovu, began the meeting at 14:26 and introduced the student representative from the University of Pretoria, Rose Msomi, to welcome everyone.

A standing moment of silence was held for South Africa's fallen hero, Winnie Madikizela Mandela.

The meeting congratulated Students who were part of the Gold Coast, USSA Athletics for their medals at the World University Cross Country Championships, USSA Cricket for winning the Cricket South Africa Future Cup as well as USSA NEC members Zweli Hlatshwayo and Kgwerano Mpamonyane (KG) for their recent graduations.

2. Agenda

It was noted that no members received the documentation prior to the meeting, only WITS received the documentation because they asked the USSA office for it.

It was further noted that the ongoing issue of communication was a major issue, despite the convener trying to resolve the issue with the USSA Office as well as asking for it to be raised at the Heads of Sport Forum.

USSA Volleyball and NMU requested that "documentation and communication" be added under AOB. USSA Aerobics asked for "Traveling" to be added.

PTA and WITS proposed and seconded the agenda.

3. Meeting attendance

In total 18 universities were represented with an additional 3 NUSA's present.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

NMU raised a concern that the minutes did not adequately cover the discussions which have taken place.



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- NEC Assessor Member Gordon Dodge (GD) proposed that they are not adopted and that the SF Exec goes back and reviews them - 17
- NEC Assessor Member Zweli Hlatshwayo (ZH) counter proposed that they are adopted and that they are updated under the matters arising - 4

The meeting concluded by a majority that the minutes of the previous meeting would not be adopted and that the Student Forum Working Committee would review and circulate to the members within 2 weeks.

The meeting unanimously agreed that a recorder be present at meetings to ensure discussions could be properly captured. The meeting also unanimously agreed to this meeting being recorded on a phone.

NMU specifically highlight specific sections to add to the minutes:

- Discussion around communication; it says that the student leaders would raise it and take the indicative, but this means NEC did not do anything well.
- At the meeting NMU claim they were told that there was a recorder. USSA needs to make this common practice.
- CUCSA games, there was an issue of CUCSA games being seen lesser than World Student Games etc. disparity of quota systems and who gets to go and who is paid for.
- Understanding how policies do not take into account the day to day lives and the issue which students face (i.e. registration and protests before the meeting and therefore certain students cannot take part).
- Addition to the minutes that it was discussed that SF needs a programme and that a working committee is appointed to assist with communication etc.

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

The chair said that matters arising could be conducted even though the minutes will be formally adopted at a later stage

It was agreed that the agenda included the matters arising from the previous meeting.

6. Student Forum POA 2018

With respect to the SF Working Group it was discussed that SF needs a programme and that a working committee is appointed to assist with communication etc.



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After much discussion regarding the purpose of the SF Working Committee, it was agreed that a committee of 4 people, including the Student Forum Convener, be set up to deal with the programme and communication of the SF.

The Working Committee would last until the 2018 October Council Meeting, between October and March the NEC students would assume the responsibility for the SF and at the 2019 March AGM a new committee would be appointed. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Nominations + Volunteers for these positions:

TUT - Nkosikhona Maziya
NMU - Nobubele Phuza
Sol Platjie - Thabo Moilwa

The Convener continued with the programme of the Student Forum and the following points were noted:

- ZH would be the provincial mentor for the North West and the new co-opted member of the NEC would be responsible for Gauteng.
- It was noted that the provincial programmes for the North West and Limpopo still needed to be obtained.
- NMU request that for the contact details of each provisional mentor to be included in the document.
- USSA Aerobics requested that within 2 weeks, with the new minutes, the final programme be circulate with confirmed the dates. We need to move back to the direction that USSA is for students not the sports directors.
- NMU welcomed the document and this movement and proposed that the following be included:
 1. Omitted to recognize that 25 May is Africa day and May is Africa month. Part and parcel of the community as much as we are students and sportsman (posters and announcements wishing everyone a good Africa month etc.)
 2. Students who participate in sport and raise funds - fees for fees, walk to raise funds etc.
 3. Coaches needs to be student coaching leadership and that there is no need for Sports Science.



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4. With respect to the International Day of University Sport it is proposed that the 20th Sept be set aside for dialogue and discussion and that the 21 September be used to do all of the show cases.
 5. Transformation talks - include gender within sport, free education dialogue and means for sport etc., land question and how it impacts sport.
- USSA Chess asked whether funding for provincial games went to USSA or individual universities, can each sport send names from their sports to speak.
 - WITS agreed with doing fee for fees every year. Also added a position in their Sports Council “Gender Equity in Sport” - not binary though and this position organised talks, gym days etc.
 - It was noted that the KZN intervarsity is taking place 28-29 March.
 - ZH says we need a student leadership colloquium which breaks down all of the issues of land, transformation - 3 days and cover it all.
 - KG highlighted that we cannot prioritise we need to have an open approach to transformation especially within gender.
 - Do Women Crush Wednesday to build up to 8th August and create a collage what gets done on Women’s Day?
 - TUT raised the point that men in sport should be allowed to sit down and teach each other how to act in life, in sport and women
 - A discussion ensued regarding the use of patriarchal language, actions and how to equip each other with dialogues of how to behave and what is right and wrong. It was concluded that the issues arising must go to the colloquium which Zweli raised (3 days).

6.1. USSA TOURNAMENTS

- KG has raised two cases with Netball and Soccer stopping athletes over 27 taking part.
- The online system was covered and questions relating to its operational applicability were covered.

6.2. POLICIES

- The convener and KG highlighted that there was ongoing work with regard to the USSA Transformation and Development document.
- GD highlighted motions for the AGM, specifically with regards to the final dinner and changes relating to NUSA and PEC length times.



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- After a discussion around the variety of final dinners between NUSAs, SF agreed that the amended final dinner be adopted to not be compulsory but up to the host/NUSA to apply to NEC with a budget and motivation
- ZH highlighted that there will be an introspection of the USSA Code of Conduct with regarding to sexual assault etc. and how to deal with discipline outside of USSA competitions.

6.3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- The convener presented the proposed terms of reference for the SF.
- It was agreed that the election part would be amended, as per resolution earlier in the meeting, for a working group of 4 people with 2nd VP as the convener.
- The document presented was approved with the proviso that the appointed Working Committee would take this produce a more in-depth document at the next meeting of the SF.

7. INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

7.1. CUCSA

- The convener highlighted the operational aspects of the 2018 CUCSA Games as well as putting to the floor the opinion that teams selected for this competition become the beginning squad for the World Student Games as this will help make the games more important.
- NMU raises issues that this may make this difficult given how people and sports change over the course of 12 months.
- After a discussion the SF agreed that standards must be used for CUCSA, FASU and World Student Games, however, the approach towards transformation, development and USSA policies must be the same across all competitions.

7.2. FASU

- The FASU championships would take place between 2-6 July 2018 and once again would be institutional teams taking part. The convener requested that pressure be placed on Sports Departments to send teams to the competition. Codes will be finalised closer to the time.



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7.3. FISU FORUM

- 6-10 August in Russia, delegates have been confirmed.

7.4. FISU VOLUNTEERS

- 14 June - 22 July in Russia: the convener has been selected as the attendee to this meeting.
- It was noted that a large number of members did not receive the communication for nominations, however, others did. This again highlights the need to improve communication to student leaders.

8. NEC STUDENT CO-OPTION

- It was noted that Busisiwe Sijora has resigned from the USSA NEC and that the NEC will co-opt another student in terms of constitution.

9. POSITION OF SF TO NEC AND COUNCIL

- What was discussed here will be taken to NEC and Council tomorrow.
Proposal from KG and NMU that we meet 30 mins before the meeting (08:30) to go through the position of SF.

AOB

The issues of documentation and communication were raised as students attending meetings of USSA were not receiving any documentation or information. It was noted that student emails change regularly and this makes it very difficult, however, the SF resolved that:

- The working Committee must do more to ensure communication is sent to all member institutions and it was highlighted that the USSA Office must be held accountable.
- It was noted that student leaders must do more to make sure the hand over between themselves and their replacements is better. Furthermore, student leaders must ask for the information and obtain it when they know a meeting is coming.
- It was agreed that the NEC students must look at whether a regulation is needed to require member institutions to submit the names of student leaders to the office.