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USSA STUDENT FORUM MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM

Opening and Welcome

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Attendance Register

- Quorum is met 18 out of 31.

Adoption of the agenda

- Adopted by Stellenbosch and USSA-Rowing
- Added under AOB:
- Discussion and Student Forum POA
- Discussion of motions submitted to the 1st Vice President
- Welcoming of new members from Member Universities

Apologies

- Miss Nqobile Gama has work commitment
- Miss Rubina forwarded a letter of resignation
- Miss Shonisani Masutha as she is in Russia
- Colleagues whom are at the airport will join us late
- MUT will only arrive tonight

Achievements and congratulations

- Noted as part of the Chairperson's report

Minutes of the previous meeting

- Adopted by UCT and UKZN

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Matters arising

- Point 8 - election of SF Working Committee bearers - effectiveness of the SF Working Committee - to be discussed under Leadership/Succession Plan

Chairperson Address

- Mr Rodwell Ndlovu (Convenor of the Student Form) present his Chairperson's report
- Miss Kgwerano "KG" Mpamonyane (NEC Member) presented a report on the FISU Ambassadors' Programme
- Mr Dodge Gordon (NEC Member) presented a report on the FISU World Student Games as well as an update on the upcoming World University Championships and the 2021 World Student Games. Areas that were focused on:
 - The strategy of cyclic development and not having to reinvent the wheel. Having rolling squads and rolling coaches, so that we have the long term development of teams and athletes focused on.
 - Focus on ensuring gender parity on squads and teams as well as the ensuring that women are placed in position of power within the GDM.
 - That NUSA's need to be planning over a year in advance for these international competitions and their selections need to imply what their goal of participating is. Development or medals or a bit of both.

Leadership/Succession Plan

Current Leadership

- The resignation of Rubina Valodia was noted and the reasons contained in her resignation letter. It was also noted that Rubina's views were highlighted during the October 2018 meeting.

Student NEC members

- It was evident that there were division amongst the members of the student NEC members and this impacted the SF.
- It was highlighted that different opinions and different perspectives is good and healthy, however, it was clear that discussions could have been shut down.
- EC had an issue with the provincial mentor and did not see or hear from their mentor.
- There were improvements and there was good work nationally, however, very little was done to institutions who had issues.

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- It was also evident that the NEC members did not give the smaller sports and smaller institutions enough attention. Especially with regards to development of the athletes who do not have the resources.
- Appreciation was given to the current NEC and it was acknowledged that there has been transparent movement forward.

Student Forum National Working Committee

- Rodwell noted that the idea behind of the SF Working Committee was good, however, the practicality and actually working of the SF Working Committee did not work. In total four people were elected, however, only one or two really showed interest and responded to correspondence. It was also noted that appetite from the SF itself, with regards to investing in the work of the SF Working Committee, was very low.
- It was noted that students need to take control of the communications at an institutional level with their Heads of Sports. A lot of the communications are sent to them.
- The convenor of the next SF (2nd VP) needs to take control and make the committee functional. The SF Working Committee Members also felt that they did not understand the work of the Assessors and there needed to be a distinguishment between the Assessors and Working Committee, however, it was noted that the already does this as the Working Committee was supposed to operationalise the work of the Student Forum.

New Leadership

- Nominees for 2nd VP position will report back to the SF at 08:00 in the morning.
- Nominees for the NEC Assessor member positions were afforded 2 minutes to present themselves to the SF.
- Discussions were held regarding the election of nominees.

A.O.B

- USSA Basketball gave feedback and clarification on their proposed motions. The SF agreed that their issues were underlying across a lot of USSA, however, the motion proposed constitutional issues which need to be addressed by the new leadership and the constitution relooked at to proceed in April 2020.

Vote of thanks

- Rodwell and the outgoing NEC members thanked the entire meeting and for everyone's support.

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