

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DROSTDY HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 18:30 IN BARRATT LECTURE THEATRE 3,
BARRATT LECTURE COMPLEX**

2017.04.01 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present: Catherine Deiner (Chair, *Hall Warden & PA Warden*), Emmanuel Kadewere (*Hall Senior Student*), Sylvester Jeffries (*Celeste Warden*), Dr Albert Chakona (*Graham Warden*), Yandie Sibutha (*AG Sub-Warden*), Nadene Kupemba (*AG Sub-Warden*), Sinazo Tshongweni (*AG Sub-Warden*), Buhle Ndebele (*Celeste Sub-Warden*), Mayi Lunga (*Celeste Sub-Warden*), Cameron Drake (*Graham Sub-Warden*), Sheldan Dolf (*Graham Sub-Warden*), Kudzie Tsvetu (*PA Sub-Warden*), Zilindile Ngcongco (*PA Sub-Warden*), Sakhumzi Mbilini (*Celeste Head Student*), Augusto Junior (*Graham Head Student*), Ashley Bristow (*PA Head Student*).
In attendance: Candice Webber (*Drostdy Hall Administrator*).

Apologies: Ms Thina Maqubela (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Mr Edward Horn (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Mr Leon Coopasamy (*Drostdy Hall Fellow*), Tlanelo Mothudi (*AG Warden*), Andiswa Mbonani (*AG Head Student*).

2017.04.02 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Hall Committee Meeting held on 25 July 2017 were confirmed by Cameron and Emmanuel. It was noted that one correction needs to be made, the star chart point under the Hall Sports Rep report needs to be removed as Ashley did not mention this.

2017.04.03 MATTERS ARISING

1. Clause for House Comm Resignations for Hall Constitution (*2017.04.17*)

2017.04.04 OTHER MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA

1. Cameron proposed that we scrap the visitors' sign-in register. Cath asked Cameron to send in a proposal, and to remember that if this was done male Sub-Wardens would be paid less.
2. Res Merit Scholarships (*to be discussed under 2017.04.13*)
3. Room Choice Academic Criteria Reminder (*2017.04.18*)

2017.04.05 REPORTS ON RESIDENCES BY HEAD STUDENTS

Graham

Their awards event will be on the 29 September and their braai will be on the 30 September. It was noted that Albert will be away at this time and that Catherine would therefore need to attend. Candice also asked them to check with her if these changed dates are possible as the kitchen can only cope with a certain amount of functions a day/weekend. Candice also reminded the other residences that this also applies to them.

Due to their academic res position from the June Exams they have decided on:

- Library group studies
- House comm members assigned to students
- Turn common room into study commons from Swot Week
- Provide tea and coffee in their main study commons
- Had top achievers dinner yesterday

Allan Gray

Sinazo reported on Andiswa's behalf.

- Their awards is on 27 September.
- Last term's driveway sale went well.
- Had a top achievers champagne breakfast.
- Will have a compulsory workshop for those running for House Comm 2018.
- Had a finger food event last term which went well.
- From Swot Week they will end visiting at 10pm, and they will convert the common room into a study area.

Celeste

- Braai end last term went well.
- They will have another braai this term and Sine will go see Candice regarding a possible date change.
- Res photo to be taken this Sunday.
- They will have a house comm outing at the end of the month or beginning of next month.
- They are still having problems with the students when using the flat 13 communal kitchen.

Prince Alfred

- Their treasurer resigned yesterday.
- Converting small common room into a study venue with immediate effect, and they might use Graham's idea to supply tea and coffee.
- Tomorrow at 19h30 they are having a compulsory workshop for house comm 2018 nominees.
- On the 30 Sep is their Awards finger food function and their res photo will be taken.
- On the 6 October they will have their 2nd semester birthdays' night. They will send a letter to Allan Gray.
- They have a beach trip on 07 October.
- During the vac Cath collected grey water.

2017.04.06**HALL SENIOR STUDENT REPORT BACK**

- Talent Show went well and Emmanuel thanked everyone.
- Emmanuel is still waiting for the dining hall honours boards quote from a supplier. Candice suggested that he could also try Superior Signs, a Grahamstown Business.

Leavers Dinner:

- Royal colour theme of purple and white.
- Lights in background.
- Students to go to servery to get plated food.
- Just normal leavers dinner academic awards.
- Pre-dinner drinks at AG and Hall Comm Photo to be taken there.
- After-dinner at Prince Alfred.
- Remove the smokers/comfort break from programme.
- Only 2 or 3 performances.
- Rosé and dry white box wine for the students. No fizzy drinks, just apple and grapetiser.
- Invite following guests:
 - VC
 - Philip Crous
 - Cromwell Dyala
 - Dr Peter Clayton
 - Di Hornby
 - Prof Nyokong

2017.04.07**SRC**

Hall Comm was asked to please encourage students to run for SRC Hall Rep. There will be no dining hall voting, voting will be on RUConnected. It was noted that the Hall Senior Student and SRC Hall Rep portfolios could not be combined until the Halls and the SRC changed their constitutions.

2017.04.08**HALL COMM PORTFOLIO POSITIONS****Community Engagement (Junior)**

- Some students of the Hall attended a Noncedo talent show and the hall bought gifts for them out of the money fundraised.
- Volunteering continues.
- The clothing programme is still on, but leftovers to be given to staff. Junior was asked to have a rethink about this as giving to the staff can create expectations etc., and these

clothes could possibly be donated to Child Welfare, Hospice, etc. for those in desperate need.

Environmental (Mayi)

- Mayi stated that he was going to be honest in admitting that he had planned to achieve more than he had this year, however, he has learnt a lot.
- He has been in communication with the res enviro reps.

Sports (Ashley)

Allan Gray and Prince Alfred are the only ones with star charts for inter-res. This won't be a problem to determine the Drostdy Internal Sports Award as Graham will not be in the running anyway with their very low points. The Drostdy Residences currently have the following points for inter-res, excluding chess:

- Allan Gray = 26
- Prince Alfred = 8
- Celeste = 6
- Graham = 4

Candice will add up the scores to determine the winner for the Drostdy External Sports Award.

Academics (Kudzie)

Tried the Hall mentorship programme system with the help of the efficient academic reps but it is not working, students don't seem to want help.

It was agreed to have an academic tea for the hall and the R700 left over from the community engagement budget from last year will be used to fund this event.

It was agreed to leave the dining hall academic posters up in the dining hall for the remainder of the year.

International (Nadene)

- Nadene posted on Facebook all the info for going on exchange.
- The focus now is on the guidelines for visas.

Communications (Sinazo)

Members were reminded once again that content is needed for the Drostdy website. It was suggested to post photos with a short description on res or hall Facebook group.

Activism (Zilindile)

- It was too expensive to get sweets and flowers for Women's Day, however, Emmanuel did create a lovely poster, and Zilindile made a quote for each female student.
- Water posters are up in Graham and Prince Alfred. Still need to get these up in Allan Gray and Celeste.

2017.04.09

DINING HALL PORTRAITS

Cath reported that the dining hall portraits of former hall wardens can go back up in the dining hall, as per instruction from the VC. We need to get Dr Rosa Klein's photo printed and framed to also go up in the dining hall. Candice gave away one of the hall warden portraits to James King's father as he asked for it as the portrait was of his grandfather. We will have to ask him for a photo of the portrait to be framed and placed in the dining hall.

2017.04.10

HEAD STUDENT & HOUSE COMM ELECTIONS

Head Student elections to be held this week. House Comm elections to be held next week. Each res is allowed 8 house comm members, including the head student. Each res to inform Candice by Monday the specific house comm portfolios/combinations for their res for next year. Each res can decide whether or not to have a transformation rep within their house comm.

2017.04.11 O WEEK 2018

Cath reported that from the latest RU Wardens Discussion Group that no final decisions have been made about O Week and it seems it might stay the same. Catherine asked the comm if they felt that there were things that really need to be changed. It was suggested that there should not be too many long talks. Cath asked the comm that if they thought of anything tonight to please let her know tomorrow.

2017.04.12 HALL FELLOWS

Cath reported that both Edward and Leon are currently on sabbatical. Cath, with Edward's agreement, has decided to extend Edward's Hall Fellow term of office for a further term, of two years. Leon's term of office comes to an end middle of next year. We therefore need to appoint new Hall Fellows. The comm suggest the following:

- Prof Tony Booth
- Prof Tom Martin
- Prof Sioux Mckenna
- Dr Joy Owen

It was suggested that the 2018 Hall Comm should decide.

2017.04.13 HALL CULTURAL AWARD & EXTERNAL SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD, & RES MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The comm was asked to encourage candidates to apply. Nominations for the awards will open soon. The Hall Comm will decide/vote via e-mail once nominations close.

The Celeste Warden and Sub-Wardens were asked to inform Candice by 26 Sep, of the recipient for the Celeste Student of the Year Award.

The Drostdy Wardens will discuss the leadership award on Monday night at their meeting.

We are allowed to award three students Res Merit Scholarships for 2018. The Hall Comm will have to have a meeting after the 6th October when applications close. We are allowed to nominate students and a letter of motivation for this needs to be e-mailed to Cath.

2017.04.14 REVISED 4TH TERM HALL BUDGET

We only found out at the end of July when we were paid our 2nd transaction of our hall grant that we received R5693.39 less than last year. Luckily we have money carried over from last year that will carry us through this shortfall. We will revise our Hall budget next year.

2017.04.15 FUNDRAISING

This was not discussed as Tlamelo was not in attendance, as this was her agenda item.

2017.04.16 DEALING WITH TERMINALLY ILL AND SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS IN DROSTDY

Tlamelo was not in attendance for this to be discussed, however it was noted that there is nothing stated in the Drostdy Constitution as there is nothing stated in the RU Constitution. In the past the University has dealt with these students on a case by case basis and have helped where they can, e.g. with transport, vac accommodation, etc., but nothing specific.

2017.04.17 CLAUSE FOR HOUSE COMM RESIGNATIONS FOR HALL CONSTITUTION

Kudzie and Nadene agreed to do this by the end of the year so then the 2018 Hall Committee can decide. They were asked to include everything, e.g., vote of no confidence, academic criteria, discipline, etc.

2017.04.18 ROOM CHOICE ACADEMIC CRITERIA REMINDER

It was noted that we will continue with the academic criteria for room choices for 2018. Graham House will start using this criteria for the first time with 2018 room choices, as previously agreed.