



SOCIAL POLICY COMMISSION 18/19

Meeting #1
University of Malta, the KSU Common Room
10th July 2018, 18:00

MINUTES

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner):

1) Approval of the Agenda - *Approved nem con*

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): With regards to the Room Allocation Report, there is going to be an admin forum which will be held on the 19th of July at 18:00. William Farrugia, KSU's Secretary General, will be delving into detail as to what the report concerns and what you need to do to fill in the report. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact William Farrugia after the KPS meeting.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): We will now move on to the appointment of the Room Allocation Report board, which shall consist of:

- 1) William Farrugia (as Chairman of the board)
- 2) Ryan Falzon
- 3) Gillian Ascjak
- 4) Gabriella SuttonKenneth Terribile (as a reserve)

Votes against – none.

Abstentions – none.

Approved *nem con*.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): With respect to last year's standing orders, in the last email which we had sent, we attached the said orders and we did not receive any amendments. If you have any amendments that you wish to pass right now, feel free to do so. We felt that we needed to amend two clauses (2.1 and 3.2), which will respectively read:

2.1. The Social Policy Commissioner does not vote except in the case of an equality of votes whereby he exercises a casting vote;

3.2. The agenda and minutes of KPS meetings are to be forwarded by email. The final agenda and minutes are to be sent at least five days prior to the meeting;



Basically, what we did in 2.1 was that we delved into more detail as to what a casting vote is. As for 3.2, instead of three days, we felt that you need more days to prepare for KPS meetings. We will then send you the amended version of this year's standing orders.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): As for the Student Society Regulations, for the sake of those who are new to student organisations, this year the said Regulations have been updated and approved. We are going to send you the summary of these regulations in the coming days.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): As for future KPS meetings, we are going to use the doodle facility. We could not do so this time due to the World Cup Village, but we are going to start making use of it as of the next KPS meeting. You will have two to three options to choose from.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): As for the set-up of the KPS meeting, in the KPS meeting prior to the election meeting, delving into the issue of contestation in relation to Vote 16, a focus group set-up was adopted. Do you prefer this method, or do you prefer being in one group?

Andre Camilleri (MHSA): Personally, I prefer the focus group set-up because it makes more sense to delve into and discuss matters together.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): If no one disagrees, as of the next KPS meeting, a focus group set-up will be adopted.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): With regards to the guidelines of the voting process, Christian Aquilina posted the said guidelines on the group with the aim of helping those who are not familiar with the procedure adopted in KPS meetings and who are new to the role of KPS. *Run-through of the guidelines of the voting process posted on the KPS Group.*

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): With regards to the viewing gallery, any student can attend KPS meetings, but they are not entitled to a vote. Only Senate-recognised are eligible to vote. We also have the tabling a motion facility, which you can utilise to contribute to the agenda.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): *Brief outline of upcoming events during the coming weeks.* In Summer, we will be having the Shearwater boat trip. We will also be screening Students Fest next Thursday to reminisce the old times for those who took part. Currently, we are also organising the World Cup Village. After today's KPS meeting there is going to be France vs Belgium and it we would greatly appreciate your attendance. Tomorrow there is Croatia vs England and we are sure that most of you are very eager to watch the game.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): As for recycling, it is imperative that every organisation recycles because recyclable material should be separated from general waste rather than being mixed together. Notably, there is also a green policy within the Room Allocation Report.



Hence, we suggest that you recycle both for the benefit of the environment as well as for the purpose of the Room Allocation Report.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): We also decided to dedicate a section for you to give us your feedback as student organisations with regards to what you would like us to do this year. If you have any suggestions, feel free to voice them.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): The next point on the agenda is the University Residence Focus Group. There is a chance that after the KPS meeting, there is going to be a focus group regarding the signage of the University residence. If you are interested in taking part, just inform us after the KPS meeting.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): As for this year's Fun Run, we are going to have two options:

- 1) General t-shirt for €10
- 2) Personalised t-shirt for €12

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): In 2019, the MEP elections are going to be held. The European Parliament Office has informed us that there is a link that we will send you via email to participate in this initiative so that, as students, we will start contributing to this election. We are voting for what we believe in and not solely for individuals.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): This year, so as to work hand in hand with each and every one of you, we are setting up individual meetings with student organisations and their respective social policy officers. If you have any campaigns, projects, or problems related to social policy, with which you might need some assistance, just let us know.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): Gentle reminder to those organisations who have not sent us their organisation's description to send them as soon as possible so that updated versions can be made available on the KSU website.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): Regarding the KSU toga scheme, please reply to the email to take part in such an initiative.

Petra Grech (KPS Commissioner): If you have any feedback, do not hesitate to contact us. Ultimately, our mission is to work hand in hand with each and every one of you. Moreover, we would like to excuse ourselves for the heat. We will try to find an alternative in the forthcoming KPS meetings as, unfortunately, our air conditioners are not functioning properly.

Meeting adjourned – 18:15