

CODE OF CONDUCT OF DUT SRC

INJUCTIONS AND TRANSGRESSIONS

1. This Code of Conduct is intended to regulate the behaviour and conduct of SRC members and its substructures. Members of the SRC and its substructures are required to conduct themselves and their affairs in a manner befitting their positions of leadership. The Code of Conduct shall be read and applied in conjunction with Rules SR5 (2) and SR8 in the General Handbook for Students, and in conjunction with the SRC Constitution.

2. SRC meetings:

2.1 Members of the SRC shall attend all SRC meetings.

2.2 All notification for SRC meetings shall be three days in advance. When a member is unable to attend a SRC meeting, he/she shall write an apology and submit it to the General Secretary or relevant person in advance or within twenty four hours in the case of an emergency meeting.

2.3 Members who are absent from three consecutive meetings, without written and acceptable apology, shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 11 of the SRC Constitution.

2.4 No member shall use offensive or hate language during an SRC meeting. To avoid being personal, all members present in a meeting shall address the Chairperson.

3 No member shall:

3.1 neglect the performance of the duties and responsibilities assigned to him/her in terms of the provisions of the SRC Constitution

3.2 bring the SRC into disrepute through his/her public conduct

3.3 involve him/herself in confrontation that will diminish the integrity and reputation of the SRC

3.4 impede the proper functioning of the SRC or its substructures or sabotage its activities

3.5 engage in activities or spread misinformation with the aim of turning the student community against the SRC

3.6 shall use offensive or hate language against the SRC, students or staff members

- 3.7 disrespect and offend the dignity of a fellow student or member of staff in any way
- 3.8 act in any way that creates disunity and division in the SRC
- 3.9 distort SRC policy positions and misrepresent the SRC for personal gain
- 3.10 behave corruptly in seeking or accepting any kind of bribes for performing or not performing any task on behalf of the SRC
- 3.11 engage in abuse of office to obtain undue personal advantage
- 3.12 use the SRC name for personal gain, other than that of the SRC
- 3.13 abuse SRC property for his/her personal benefit
- 3.14 divulge information explicitly regarded by the SRC as private, confidential or sensitive with the aim of protecting the privacy, dignity and rights of a person or group
- 3.15 harass other members, fellow students and staff members, sexually or otherwise
- 3.16 be involved in excessive consumption of alcohol or in consuming or selling of illegal drugs on University premises or in any SRC functions, programmes or projects
- 3.17 destroy or threaten to destroy the property of the SRC or the University

RANGE OF PENALTIES

- 4. Should an accused be found guilty, the Students' Representative Council Tribunal may, in addition to the Range of Sentences listed in Rule SR5 (2) (c), impose one or more of the following penalties:
 - 4.1 a written final warning after which a sanction shall be imposed
 - 4.2 community service for a minimum of five (5) hours in three (3) days, or a maximum of sixty (60) hours in ninety (90) days
 - 4.3 to apologise in writing to a person, body or organisation that has been wronged
 - 4.4 expulsion of a member from the SRC
 - 4.5 deprivation of all or some of the privileges for a period not exceeding ninety days, which may include:
 - 4.5.1 suspension of a student's right and/or privilege to participate as a member, organiser, or official of any student organisation, including the SRC, or participation in any student activities of any nature
 - 4.5.2 prevention from obtaining or wearing the colours of the University in any form

APPEALS

5. A member who has been found guilty by the SRC Tribunal shall have the right to appeal against the verdict or sentence or both to the Student Disciplinary Tribunal. The process of appeal is set out in Rule SR8 in the General Handbook for Students.

COMPOSITION OF TRIBUNAL

6. The composition of the Students' Representative Council Tribunal is set out in Rule SR5 (2) (a) in the General Handbook for Students.

UTILISATION OF FINES

7. Fines paid for contravening the SRC Code of Conduct shall be utilised in aid of the Student Hunger Fund.