

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

7TH GENERAL STUDENTS' COUNCIL

OF THE

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS' ORGANISATION

Venue : St. Peter's Seminary,
Hammanskraal.

Date : 6th July, 1975 to
15th July, 1975.

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Held at: St. Peter's Conference Centre,
Hammanakraal, Transvaal.

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1975.

A G E N D A

- Sunday 6th July. 1st G.S.C. Sitting: 9.00 pm
- (1) Welcome address by Dr L. Smith
 - (11) President's address
- Monday 7th July. 2nd G.S.C. Sitting: 8.00 am
- (a) Minutes of the 6th G.S.C. adopted
 - (b) President's report
 - (c) Vice President's report
 - (d) Publications' Director's report
- 3rd G.S.C. Sitting: 2.00 pm
- (a) Position: Analysis on Saso as at Middle 1975 - T. Zani.
 - (b) Eastern Cape Regional Office report
 - (c) Reeso Report and Transvaal Regional report.
 - (d) University of Natal (Black Section) report.
- 4th G.S.C. Sitting: 8.00 pm
- "Saso and the counter liberation forces"
- Guest Speaker: Aubrey Mokoena.
- Composite Executive Report

Tuesday, 8th July,

5th G.S.C. Sitting: 8.00 am

- (a) Western Cape Report(regional)
- (b) U.W.C. Report
- (c) Preso Report
- (d) Kingso Report

6th G.S.C. Sitting: 2.00 pm

- Commissions: a) Relations
b) Community Development
c) Education
d) Policy

7th G.S.C. Sitting: 4.30 pm

Report back on 1st Commission
a) Relations

8th G.S.C. Sitting: 8,00 pm

"Penetration of Imperialism in African Universities." Mr Z. Mothopeng

* Report back on policy commission

Wednesday, 9th July

9th G.S.C. Sitting: 8.00 am

- * Report back continued:
a) Community Development
b) Education

Commissions Sitting: 12.00

- Commissions on: a) Black Theology
b) Publications
c) Communication

10th G.S.C. Sitting: 3.30pm

- *Report back on 2nd commission sitting:
a) Black Theology
b) Publications
c) Communication

11th G.S.C. Sitting: 8.00pm

"African History" Mr B. Reddi

3/ Thursday....

Thursday, 10th July,

12th G.S.C. Sitting:

9,30am

Commissions on: a) Culture
b) Sport
c) Finance

13th G.S.C. Sitting:

2.00pm

* Report back on 3rd Commission:
a) Culture
b) Sport
c) Finance

Friday, 11th July,

14th G.S.C. Sitting:

9,30 am

Planning Commission

15th G.S.C. Sitting:

2.00 pm

* Report back on Planning Commission
General.

E L E C T I O N S !!

- E L E C T I O N S !! 4.00 pm

MINUTES

COUNCIL DELEGATES:

Executive: (Interim)

President : G. Mposelwa
Vice President : D. Nji
Secretary General : T. Zani
Permanent Organiser: ---
Publications' Director: H. Dabazana

Staff:

Administrative-Assistant : T. Tryon
Regional Secretary : S.S. Sekupa(Eastern Cape)
Receptionist-typist : S. Kubheka
Driver : B. Ntshona.

University of Natal (Black Section)

Ralph Ngijima
Tony Moodley

University of Western Cape

Albert Torres
Anthony De Silva
Mark Allens

Western Cape Local

Albert Bujakes

Presco:

Marobelle Paile
Tau Kokoka
Azania Chikane

Recso

Jairus Kgokong
Thabile Kubheka
uLwandle kaMthobani.

Kingso

Silumbo Sekupa
Mbambeloti Mlonyeni
Mapetla Mohapi

Representatives of other organisations:

M. Farisani (B.P.C.)
M. A. Tshishonga(B.P.C.)
Vusi Khumalo (U.B.J.)
Aubrey Mokoena(B.C.P.)
M. Langa (N.A.Y.O.)
Zwelinzima Sizani(S.A.S.M.)(Local)
Vusi Tshabalala(S.A.S.M.)(Local).

Resolutions

1/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the President's reports.

NGIJIMA
KGOKONG

CARRIED UN

2/ Resolution 2/75.....

2/75

That this GSC noting:

- 1) with concern that not a single branch has paid up its affiliation fees
- 1) that this is an unhealthy state of affairs

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- 1) to recommend to the executive,
to invoke section Six 1(e) of our constitution.

MAPETLA
PAILE

UNAN

3/75

That this GSC adopt the Eastern Cape Regional office report.

MOHAPI
KGOKONG

UNAN

4/75

That this GSC adopt Reeso report,

That the matter of the Transvaal Regional Office be referred to the planning commission.

SOKUPA
MASETA

UNAN

5/75

That this G.S.C. noting:

1. the insulting note of the report on B.R.C. towards Saso and B.P.C.
2. the inevitable ill-effect that such a report must have had on the Black Community on which our principles and policies hinge,

And realising that B.R.C. could not have been as constructive and successful as it was if the above mentioned organisations had absented themselves

THEREFORE RESOLVES

1. to demand an apology from B.R.C. organisers and that such apologies be published in the same news media through which the arrogant report was dispersed,
2. to convey the contents of this motion to the organisers of Black Renaissance Conference.

MGIJIMA
MOKOKA

UNAN

6/75

That this GSC adopt the University of Natal(Black Section) report.

DUBAZANA
KGOKONG

UNAN

7/75

That this GSC noting

1. that at this time and moment we are deliberating here our brothers are in the tight grip of white racism in the Pretoria Central prison
2. the courageous mood which they have displayed and continuing to display even under those conditions
3. that they being persecuted because of their belief and total commitment to the total liberation of our beloved Azania

And further noting,

4. that this oppression and repression by the white racists is taking place concurrently with the same white racists' involvement with Black Africa on so-called detente
5. it can only be out of the most sinister of motives that these enemies of world peace in this detente issue with Black Afrika

THEREFORE RESOLVES,

1. to reaffirm our full solidarity with these our Brothers in our struggle for total liberation
2. to dedicate our lives to the attainment of our nations noble goal of total liberation which together with these, our brothers are still struggling to attain
3. to refer the whole question of so called detente to a commission which should explicitly state our stand on this issue

MOHAPI
ZANI

UNAN

8/75

That this GSC adopt the Vice President's report

MGIJIMA
SOKUPA

UNAN

9/75:

That this GSC adopt the Publications- Director's report.

MGIJIMA
TORRES

UNAN

10/75

That this G.S.C. noting:

- a) the dire need for Black Consciousness to ramify in the Community
- b) the great duty that Black journalists have towards the Black Community,

THEREFORE RESOLVES,

- a) to congratulate the Union of Black Journalists for their production of their first bulletin.

MJI
ZANI

UNAN

11/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the financial statement.

MOHAPI
MTHOMBEI

UNAN

12/75:

That this G.S.C. adopt the Composite Executive report.

MGIJIMA
PAILE

UNAN

13/75

That this aG.S.C. noting

- 1) that since our last G.S.C. the hysterical Vorster regime has tried unsuccessfully to crush the Black Consciousness Movement
- 2) that this short sighted and myopic action by these frustrated white racists is an effort to avoid the unavoidable viz., the total liberation of our beloved Azania,
- 3) that the detentions and harassments are part of the hysterical regimes strategy to destroy our movement which started with the banings in 1973.
- 4) the courage and dedication that has been displayed by our membership in carrying aloft the fire which is the light in our road toward total liberation of Azania, especially those members who have sacrificed to take up positions of leadership

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a) to express our unqualified appreciation of this courageous stand,
- b) to re-emphasise to our membership that in our struggle towards

5/ total liberation.....

total liberation we will always operate, as we have always been operating, under state of emergency conditions hence exemplary actions like the one mentioned in(4) above should always be encouraged and promoted.

MOHAPI
MTHOMBENI

UNAN

14/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the Western Cape report.

TORRES
MOKOKA

UNAN

15/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the University of Western Cape Report.

DUBAZANA
CHIKANI

UNAN

16/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the Pretoria S.A.S.O. local report.

KHUTSOANE
KGOKONG

UNAN

17/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the King Williams Town report(S.A.S.O. Local).

MGIJIMA
ZANI

UNAN

18/75

That this G.S.C. noting

- 1) the importance of the youth in the struggle, their role as future leaders of the community,

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a) to congratulate the Youth Organisations viz. NAYO, and SASM on the work done in the Community,
- b) to re-affirm S.A.S.O.'s stand towards these organisations,
- c) to encourage these Youth Organisations to intensify their activities in the Community as a whole.

SIZANI
MOODLEY

UNAN

19/75

That this G.S.C. noting

- 1) the inadequate communication between S.A.S.O. and the masses,
- 2) that the churches have the most influence over the masses,
- 3) that I-DAMASA is a relevant organisation,

And further noting

- 4) I-DAMASA's willingness to work hand in hand with S.A.S.O. as depicted by the President's report

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a) to encourage I-DAMASA to go on with its good work,
- b) to establish strong relations with I-DAMASA

MTHOMBENI
TSHISHONGA

UNAN

20/75

That this G.S.C. noting

- 1) that the political awareness of a nation is judged by the level of awareness in its women
- 2) that there are those women's organisations like the Transvaal Y.W.C.A. and Housewives League that are involved in exceptionally good work in our Community
- 3) that these people have adopted some of our people dumped and left to rot in transit camps by the system

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a) to congratulate them on their efforts
- b) that strong relations be fostered with these organisations.

KGOKONG
MTHOMBENI

UNAN

21/75

That this G.S.C. noting:

- 1) that there is no Black Press in this country
- 2) that there are some papers that claim to be Black when infact this is only in name
- 3) that the press being white will continue to be platforms for white propaganda,
- 4) the vicious attempts by the same press of giving prominent publicity to forces that militate against the Black struggle

7/ 5) the dangerous.....

5) the dangerous credibility some of these papers have among our people

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a) to express our total lack of faith in the white press
- b) to actively educate our people on the dangerous motives of the white press in this country,
- c) to emphasise the need for the organisation in conjunction with other relevant bodies to spare no efforts in working towards the establishment of a Black Press.

DUBAZANA
SERACHE

UNAN

22/75

That this G.S.C. noting

- 1) the need for U.B.J. and other Blacks to work hand in hand and in harmony in projecting legitimate Black opinion
- 2) the difficult position the journalists usually find themselves in because of deliberate distortion of their reports by white editors
- 3) the fact that despite distortion, these reports still go under the reporters byline(name),
- 4) that this is a typical example of the white man tactic of divide and rule,

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a) to ask UBJ to arrange seminars for Black people where the running of newspapers could be discussed and explained in detail,
- b) to further ask UBJ to take whatever steps, possible to cut down on this calculated campaign to divide us.

SERACHE
MTHOMBENI

UNAN

23/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the Commission report on relations.

PAILE
LANGA

UNAN

24/75

That this G.S.C. noting

1. that Southern Africa today is witnessing the development of the interesting concept of detente
2. that this detente does affect our move towards liberation
3. that we as Black People of Azania need to make known our attitude towards this detente,

Subsection 5 of Section 6 states as follows:-

"(5) no court of law shall pronounce upon the validity of any action taken under this section, or the release of any detainee".

Subsection 6 of this Section states as follows:-

"(6) no person, other than the Minister or an Officer in the service of the State acting in the performance of his official duties, shall have access to any detainee, or shall be entitled to any official information relating to or obtained from the detainee,"

It will be appreciated that in terms of Subsection (1) of Section 6 any person may be detained if the authorised officer warrants his detention and that person may be held indefinitely and incommunicado.

Persons both who are alleged "Terrorists" or persons who could assist the police with information relating to a terrorist may be detained under Section 6(1) of the Act.

It is self-evident that the jurisdiction of the courts is ousted and the detainees do not have access to any persons, be it their legal representative, families, friends or any other persons.

The offence of Terrorism created by the Terrorism Act No. 83 of 1967 falls into three categories. A person is prima facie guilty of Terrorism if:-

1. With intent to endanger the maintenance of law and order in the Republic he commits any act in the Republic or elsewhere or attempts to commit such act or incites or advises its commission or conspires with others to bring it about - Section 2,1(A);
2. He undergoes training in the Republic or elsewhere which could be of use to any persons intending to endanger the maintenance of law and order, or commits or consents to undergo such training or incites or advises any persons to undergo it - Section 2(1) (b);
3. He possesses any explosives, ammunition, firearm or weapon - Section 2(1) (c).

(These sections have been abbreviated)

The word "act" under Section 2(1)(A) is unqualified. It has been suggested that it covers any action whatsoever including the acts of speaking and writing. Any act may therefore constitute "terroristic activities" provided that it is committed with the intention of endangering the maintenance of law and order in the Republic.

- a) the ideology is incompatible with justice, human rights and indisputable integrity of Azania as one indivisible country;
- b) the Bantustan system, its leaders and their disciples are creations of the system who act like perfect robots before the traffic of separate development;
- c) the system is mere ligaments for which Blacks are supposed to scramble with undaunted, distorted political zeal while the white grandmaster with all the fat steak in his hand. As such this system serves to deflect the Black inalienable rights to rule and serve the greater Azania in worship of homeland political dumplings. The origin, the mastermind and the system of Bantustanism is diametrically opposed to all human sense, reason and dignity that it must be rejected for what it is worth. Any such independence as may a so-called homeland get will meet with the same rejection by all Blacks. We wish to state also that because we reject and do not recognise any such independence we will continue to liberate Azania as one and indivisible unity.

MPOSELWA
ZANI

UNAN

26/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the community development commission report.

MJI
ZANI

UNAN

27/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the report of the Commission on education.

SOKUPA
CHIKANE

UNAN

28/75

That this G.S.C. noting,

1. the many motions passed at G.S.C.
2. the many projects which are to be embarked upon
3. the lack of information in branch reports on projects - their failure to reflect the problems and subsequently repetition of previous motions rather than problem solving.

THEREFORE RESOLVES

1. that all branch-reports should reflect what has been done on every pertinent resolution and every project.

BEUKES
MJI

UNAN

29/75

That this G.S.C. noting

1. the need for the expansion of Black Theology,
2. the need for branches to participate in their localities,
3. the cordial relationship struck between S.A.S.O. and Idamasa as reflected in the President's 1975 report
4. the efforts taken by Idamasa to embark on Black Theology

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a. to mandate the executive of all branches to make contact with branches or officers of Idamasa within their localities to satisfy (1) to (2) above.
- b. to mandate all branches to report to the 8th G.S.C. on this resolution.

MOKOKA
ALLENS

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30/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the report of the Commission on publication.

MGIJIMA
KGOKONG

UNAN

31/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the Commission report on communication.

DUBAZANA
TORRES

UNAN

32/75

UNAN

That this G.S.C. noting

1. the importance of the need for our organisation to communicate with other Black organisations with a view to consolidating all the Blacks in general,
2. the frequency of misinterpretation that arise whenever different organisations come into contact

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a. to mandate the executive to initiate moves towards holding inter-executive meetings with our allies and potential allies,
- b. that at all times at such meetings the executive should explain and adhere to our policy
- c. to disseminate information about the organisations that the executive has had contact with to the general membership.

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4. that the organisation disseminate to allies and potential allies.

KHUTSOANE
DUBAZANA

UNAN

33/75

That this G.S.C. noting,

1. the bold stand taken by S.A.R.U.(South African Rugby Union)in refusing to participate in so-called mixed S.A. invitation team against France in Newlands.
2. the bold stand taken by KWARU and S.E.D.R.U. both affiliates of S.A.R.U. against participation in the racial match between the Leopards and the French teach at Mdantsane,
3. that the refusal by these two units of S.A.R.U. resulted in them being deprived sporting facilities.
4. that this deprivation was taken at the instance of the officials of the South African Rugby Board(racial board)

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a. to declare solidarity with the S.A.R.U. with her two affiliates.
- b. to condemn in the strongest terms the actions of the officials of the S.A.A.R.B. and to denounce such a body as militating against the struggle of the Black man in this country
- c. to communicate the contents of this motion to S.A.R.U., K.W.A.R.U., S.E.D.R.U.and the S.A.A.R.B.

SOKUPA
MPOSELWA

UNAN

34/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the report on sport:.

MOTHUPI
KHUTSOANE

UNAN

35/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the report on culture commission.

ZANI
PAILE

UNAN

36/75

That this G.S.C. adopt the report of the finance commission.

DUBAZANE
SOKUPA

UNAN

37/75

That this G.S.C. noting

1. that the South African Soccer Federation has been very inactive in the Transvaal during the past few years.
2. that the Transvaal was monopolised by the Bantu S.A.N.F.A. and T.P.S.L. which catered for Indians and Coloureds,
3. that a new relevant body called, The Transvaal Soccer League(T.S.L.) has been formed and has almost killed the T.P.S.L.
4. that the emergence of this new body is proof that the indestructable tree of Black Consciousness is fast spreading its branches all over our beloved Azania.

THEREFORE RESOLVES,

- a. to pledge solidarity with T.S.L.
- b. to congratulate them on their good work
- c. to communicate the contents of this motion to T.S.L.

SERACHE
MAGWAZA

UNAN

38/75

That this G.S.C. noting;

1. the gallant manner in which FRELIMO led the people of Mozambique to total political liberation,
2. the exemplary committment displayed by FRELIMO leaders to the total liberation of not only Mozambique but also the rest of Africa including Azania, Namibia and Zimbabwe,
3. that the waves of total liberation that have jolted the White racists into schizophrenic hysteria shall not stop at Komatipoort,
4. that the total political liberation of Mozambique has further served to expose the hypocrisy of the white racist regimes of Southern Africa who has been made, not out of a choice of their own, but by the forceful reality of the fact of liberation, to make the greatest political sommersault in modern history(to recognise the so-called terrorists as a government).

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a. to congratulate the people of Mozambique especially FRELIMO which is the vanguard of the revolution in Mozambique on the phenomenal display of wit, dedication and commitment to liberation, that has been a shiny example to all people involved in the liberation of the oppressed people all over the world.
- b. to declare our unqualified solidarity with the people of Mozambique and with Frelimo in particular in their committment to the liberation of all oppressed people in the World.

MOHAPI
KHUTSOANE

UNAN

ANNEXURE:

39/75:

That this G.S.C. noting,

1. the distortions presented by people sent abroad by bodies like South African Foundation in regard to the attitudes of Blacks in sport in this country,
2. that it is our duty to present the true feelings of Blacks as regards sport in South Africa,
3. that occasions like the multi-national games, South African games and tours by overseas teams like the British Lions and the French Rugby teams are seen by us as militating against the interests of Black sportsmen and Black people generally in that they are destined to disguise the naked white racist policy on sport as perpetrated by the Vorster regime and hence delay the progress of Black people in this country towards liberation,
4. that the importance of sport as an instrument for our liberation has long been recognised by us,

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- a. to mandate the executive to look into the possibility of sending Black people to present the Black man's viewpoint on sport through any means that they may deem fit,
- b. that these people who will present the Black people's real feelings be armed with all information about the racist nature of the S.A. white racist regime,
- c. that this be done in consultation with all Black sporting bodies which believe in non-racial sport as we do,
- d. that this be treated as a matter of agency in view of the past happenings in sport.

MOHAPI
KHUTSOANE

UNAN

Res. 40/75:

That this G.S.C. noting,

1. the unashamed lack of conscience of people like Leslie Selume, Reggie Ngcobo and R. Naidoo to be used as pawns by racist to attain international figure in sport,
2. their unashamed defence of the racist regime internationally thus hood-winking the world into believing that there is a change in the racist policy,
3. that the action actually militates against the struggle for justice and the liberation of the Black man,

/ THEREFORE RESOLVES.....

THEREFORE RESOLVES,

- a. to condemn these uncle-toms for what they are,
- b. to make it known to the world that these political zombies represent their white rascist masters who sponsor the trips,
- c. to communicate this resolution not only to the world but also to these clowns.

ZANI

UNAN

SOKUPA

ELECTIONS

PRESIDENT

DILIZA MJI (U.N.B.) (unopposed)

VICE-PRESIDENT

ALBERT TORRES (U.W.C.) (unopposed)

SECRETARY-GENERAL

THAMSANQA ZANI (E.C.) (unopposed)

PERMANENT-ORGANISER

MAPETLA MOHAPI (E.C.) (unopposed)

PUBLICATIONS-DIRECTOR

NORMAN DUBAZANA (U.N.B.) (unopposed)

-CLOSURE-