

MINUTES OF THE 53rd CONGRESS OF
THE NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS

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30th January - 4th February, 1976.

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DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE 53rd NUSAS CONGRESS

NUSAS EXECUTIVE

Mike Stent - PRESIDENT
Craig Williamson - FINANCE OFFICER
Cedric de Beer - SEMINARS OFFICER
Sean Moroney - MEDIA/CULTURAL ACTION OFFICER

NATIONAL DIRECTORATE

Alan Fine - CAMPUS DIRECTOR (WITS)
Tony Jordan - CAMPUS DIRECTOR (UNP)
Fink Haysom - CAMPUS DIRECTOR (UCT)
Karl Edwards - ENVIRAC DIRECTOR

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Dirk Kemp - S.R.C. PRESIDENT
Willie Liebenberg
Dave Forson
Maurice Mars
Elizabeth McGregor
Gail Smith
Graeme Bloch
Brian Mitchell
Alan Hirsch
Ian Webber
Mike Barkusky
Robbie Ferron
Nigel Willis
Gavin Woodland
Chris Landes
James Forson
Anne Dichmont
Laura Levetan
Louisa Browne
Willie Hofmeyer
Beattie Hofmeyer
Martin Plaut
Philip Vickers
Jeremy Baskin

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

Jimmy Georgiades - S.R.C. PRESIDENT
P.T. Fitzgerald
R.R. de Villiers
K.S. Neofytov
C. Purky
T. Malnati
R. Turton
Allston
C. Joakimides
R.F. Caplin
F. Pears
D. Dyzenhaus
P. Britz
V. Gray
G. Marchand

WITWATERSRAND UNIVERSITY continued

H. Nicol
H. Donald
A. Bergh
P. Sarbutt
G. Herin
R. Roxo
I. Delvare
H. Favis
E. Endon
J. Love

RHODES UNIVERSITY

Andre Lamorecht - S.R.C. PRESIDENT
H. Babb
I. Smuts
R. Midgeley
J. Rainer
A. Haydenlych
H. Macanachie
H. Pike
F. Fick
J.E. Howarth

UNIVERSITY OF NATAL - Pietermaritzburg

Russell Knight - S.R.C. PRESIDENT
B.D. Smithson
H.P. Cawley
R. du Toit
E. Pringle
C. Dunne
J. Schreiner
A. Norman

UNIVERSITY OF NATAL - Durban

John Bridger - NUSAS LOCAL CHAIRMAN
B. van Dyk
G. Cawthra
K. Rosenberg
D. Hoyle
D. Schutte

MINUTES OF THE 53rd NUSAS CONGRESS

HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

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Mr. Williamson welcomed the assembled delegates.

Mr. Stent delivered the unofficial opening address of the 53rd meeting of the National Student Assembly.

Mr. Williamson thanked the president for his opening words and handed the chair over to Mr. Moroney.

Mr. Moroney welcomed Ms. Winnie Mandela to the Congress, and a standing ovation was given to Ms. Mandela.

Mr. Williamson then handed the chair back to Mr. Stent.

Claiming of votes

The following votes were claimed :

University of the Witwatersrand	16 votes
University of Cape Town	15 votes
Rhodes University	9 votes
University of Natal, Durban	3 votes
University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg	9 votes
NUSAS Executive	4 votes
NUSAS Directorate	4 votes

Resolution 1/76

That this student assembly ratify the voting strengths as claimed by each centre.

PROPOSED : Nicol

SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

Resolution 2/76

That this student assembly ratify the minutes of the 52nd NUSAS Congress.

PROPOSED : Williamson

SECONDED : Moroney

Carried nem. con. (3 abstentions)

Resolution 3/76

That this student assembly rescind policy on those aspects of policy covered by committees to be established by this N.S.A. and that policy taken at the last Congress on those aspects of policy which will not be covered by committees to be appointed by this Congress be allowed to stand.

PROPOSED : Kemp

SECONDED : Mars

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 4/76.....

Resolution 4/76

That this student assembly accept the following as maximum voting strengths for each committee:

University of the Witwatersrand	6 votes
University of Cape Town	5 votes
University of Natal, Durban	2 votes
University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg	3 votes
Rhodes University	3 votes
Head Office (Executive and Directorate)	3 votes

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried nem. con. (2 abstentions)

Resolution 5/76

That this student assembly establish the following committees in the following groups:

Group A

Media and Cultural Action committee
Constitutions committee
Social Action committee

Group B

Sports committee
Constitutions committee
University education and orientation committee

Group C

"National Student" newspaper committee
New projects committee
"Peace" committee

Group D

Student representation committee
Finance and fundraising committee
"Peace" committee
Contact committee

Ad hoc

Steering committee
Press liaison committee
Site committee

PROPOSED : Sarbutt
SECONDED : Midgley

Carried unanimously

Resolution 6/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the Media and Cultural Action committee:

Dyzenhous, Perky, Joakamides, Smithson, Norman, Cowley, Van Dyck, Rosenberg, Moyle, Woodland, Liebenberg, Webber, Kahn, Friedberg, Moroney, Edwards, Babb, Heydenrych.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Bridger

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 7/76.....

Resolution 7/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the constitutions committee:
Georgiades, Emdon, Fitzgerald, Sarbutt, Hemm, Mendelowitz, Knight, Dunne, Schreiner,
Cawthra, Bridger, Kemp, Barkusky, Bloch, Liebenberg, Hirsch, Stent, Williamson,
Jordan, Lamprecht, Midgley, Maconachie.

PROPOSED : Fine
SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

Resolution 8/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the Social Action committee:
Nicol, Marchand, Gray, Caplan, Delvare, Favis, du Toit, Donald, Nicell, Schutte,
Ferron, McGregor, Smith, Haysom, Fine, Rainier, Pike, Fick and two other from U.C.T.

PROPOSED : Caplan
SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

Resolution 9/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the Sports committee:
Malnotai, Peart, Cowley, Conald, Bergh, Van Dyck, Mars, Sandes, Webber, Mitchell,
Kahn, Rainier, Babb.

PROPOSED : Nicol
SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

Resolution 10/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the University Education and
orientation committee:

Perky, Delvare, Turton, Neophytou, Dyzenhous, Gray, Pringle, Nicell, Norman,
Rosenberg, Moyle, Schutte, McGregor, Smith, Moroney, Haysom, Fine/Edwards, Fick,
Pike, Heydenrych and two others from U.C.T.

PROPOSED : Jordan
SECONDED : Edwards

Carried unanimously

Resolution 11/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the "National Student" committee:
de Villiers, Nicol, Love, Hemm, Britz, Dyzenhous, Knight, Schreiner, Cowley,
Van Dyck, Cawthra, Bloch, Webber, Woodland, Kahn, McKenzie, Moroney, Bruce,
Heydenrych, Babb, Fick.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : Kahn

Carried unanimously

Resolution 12/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the New Projects committee:
Malnotai, Delvare, Gray, Georgiades, Caplan, Mendelowitz, du Toit, Smithson,
Donald, Bridger, McGregor, Hirsch, Levetan, W. Hofmeyr, Edwards, Jordan, Haysom,
Lamprecht, Midgley, Maconachie.

PROPOSED : Cawthra
SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

Resolution 13/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the "Peace" committee:
Perky, Emdon, Fitzgerald, Marchand, Neophytou, Norman, Nicell, Pringle, Rosenberg,
Schutte, Moyle, Ferron, Browne, Smith, Stent, Fine, Pike, Smuts.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Hirsch

Carried unanimously

Resolution 14/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the Student Representation
committee:

Georgiades, Malnotai, de Villiers, Britz, Joakamides, Smithson, Cowley, Donald,
Rosenberg, Babb, Webber, Mitchell, Sandes, Mars, McGregor, Moroney, Heydenrych,
Rainier.

PROPOSED : Schreiner
SECONDED : Marchand

Carried unanimously

Resolution 15/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the Finance and Fundraising
committee:

Love, Mendelowitz, Sarbutt, Knight, Dunne, Schreiner, Bridger, Block, Hirsch,
Forson, Kemp, Williamson, Jordan, Maconachie, Midgley, and one other from U.C.T.

PROPOSED : Fine
SECONDED : Lamprecht

Carried unanimously

Resolution 16/76

That this student assembly elects the following to the Contact committee:

Moroney, Lamprecht, Kemp, Haysom, Marchand, Mars, Sandes, Schreiner, Stent,
Bridger, Liebenberg.

PROPOSED : Britz
SECONDED : Midgley

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 17/76.....

Resolution 17/76

That this student assembly elect the following to the Steering Committee:
Moroney, Lamprecht, Kemp, Haysom, Marchand, Mars, Sandes, Schreiner, Stent,
Bridger, Liebenberg.

PROPOSED : Britz
SECONDED : Midgley

Carried unanimously

Resolution 18/76

That this student assembly elect the following to the Press Liaison Committee:
Moroney, Lamprecht, Liebenberg, Fitzgerald.

PROPOSED : Georgiades
SECONDED : Delvare

Carried unanimously

Resolution 19/76

That this student assembly elect the following to the Site Committee.
Forson, Liebenberg.

PROPOSED : Haysom
SECONDED : Jordan

Carried unanimously

Election of chairpersons :

Steering Committee: Kemp

Proposed: Ferron
Seconded: Liebenberg
KEMP elected.

"Peace" Committee: Stent

Proposed: Williamson
Seconded: Fine
STENT elected.

New Projects Committee: Georgiades

Proposed: Sarbutt
Seconded: Moroney
GEORGIADES elected

University Education and Orientation:
Moroney

Proposed: Georgiades
Seconded: Norman
MORONEY elected.

Constitutions Committee: Stent

Proposed: Williamson
Seconded: Jordan
STENT elected.

Finance and Fundraising Committee:
Williamson

Proposed: Knight
Seconded: Mendelowitz
WILLIAMSON elected.

Resolution 20/76

That this student assembly table the report of the SRC President, University of the Witwatersrand.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Sarbutt

Carried unanimously

Resolution 21/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the SRC President, University of the Witwatersrand.

PROPOSED : Fine
SECONDED : Liebenberg

Carried unanimously

Resolution 22/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of the Witwatersrand.

PROPOSED : Bridger
SECONDED : Sarbutt

Carried unanimously

Resolution 23/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of the Witwatersrand.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : Love

Carried unanimously

Resolution 24/76

That this student assembly

- Noting:
- 1) that in terms of Clause 9. g) v) of the NUSAS Constitution only the President or his deputy shall be empowered to issue public statements on behalf of the National Union
 - 2) articles in two daily newspapers (ARGUS of 7 January 1976, STAR of 7 January 1976) purporting to report on an interview with the Wits SRC President, Mr. D. Georgiades

Believing: that several statements attributed to Mr. Georgiades contained inaccurate information about the National Union and that some of the statements attributed to him appear to represent a subjective interpretation

Requests: the SRC President of the University of the Witwatersrand to clarify:
1) the accuracy of the report,
2) the capacity in which he was speaking to the press,
3) the information and ideas he intended to convey in the interview.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Kemp

/Motion.....

Motion

That this student assembly propose that the previous question be not now put.

PROPOSED : Fitzgerald
SECONDED : Sandes

Against: 32
Abstentions: 2
For: 18

The previous question therefore fell away.

Resolution 25/76

That this student assembly accept closure of debate.

PROPOSED : Lamprecht
SECONDED : Smithson

Carried unanimously

Voting on Resolution 24/76:

Against: 18
Abstentions: 2
For: 34

CHAIR TO MR. WILLIAMSON

Resolution 26/76

That this student assembly move into Committee of the Whole, all bona fide students of NUSAS campuses to be allowed to remain.

PROPOSED : Stent
SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

Resolution 27/76

That this student assembly move out of Committee of the Whole.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

CHAIR TO MR. STENT

Resolution 28/76

That this student assembly table the report of the SRC President, University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Bridger

Carried unanimously

Resolution 29/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the SRC President, University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Haysom
SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 30/76.....

Resolution 30/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Bridger
SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

Resolution 31/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Edwards
SECONDED : Midgley

Carried unanimously

Resolution 32/76

That this student assembly table the report of the SRC President, Rhodes University.

PROPOSED : Cawthra
SECONDED : Moyle

Carried unanimously

Resolution 33/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the SRC President, Rhodes University.

PROPOSED : Liebenberg
SECONDED : Jordan

Carried unanimously

Resolution 34/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, Rhodes University.

PROPOSED : Edwards
SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

Resolution 35/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, Rhodes University.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : moroney

Carried nem. con. (2 abstentions)

Resolution 36/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of Natal, Durban.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Midgley

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 37/76.....

Resolution 37/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of Natal, Durban.

PROPOSED : Dunne
SECONDED : B. Hofmeyr

Against: 2
Abstentions: 2
For: 41

Resolution 38/76

That this student assembly table the report of the SRC President, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Jordan
SECONDED : Hirsch

Carried unanimously

Resolution 39/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the SRC President, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Lamprecht
SECONDED : Moroney

Carried unanimously

Resolution 40/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Hirsch

Carried unanimously

Resolution 41/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Local chairperson, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Edwards

Carried unanimously

CHAIR TO MR. WILLIAMSON

Resolution 42/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS President.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 43/76.....

Resolution 43/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS President.

PROPOSED : Love
SECONDED : Moroney

Against: 2
Abstentions: 2
For: the rest
With acclaim

CHAIR TO MR. STENT

Resolution 44/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Finance Officer.

PROPOSED : Fine
SECONDED : W. Hofmeyr

Carried unanimously

Resolution 45/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Finance Officer.

PROPOSED : Marchand
SECONDED : Nicol

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Resolution 46/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Media and Cultural Action Officer.

PROPOSED : Jordan
SECONDED : Love

Carried unanimously

Resolution 47/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Media and Cultural Action Officer.

PROPOSED : Edwards
SECONDED : du Toit

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Resolution 48/76

That this student assembly table the report of the NUSAS Seminars Officer.

PROPOSED : Love
SECONDED : Emdon

Carried unanimously

Resolution 49/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Seminars Officer.

PROPOSED : Stent
SECONDED : Nicol

Carried unanimously with acclaim

/Resolution50/76.....

Resolution 50/76

That this student assembly table the report of the ENVIRAC Director.

PROPOSED : Georgiades
SECONDED : Emdon

Carried unanimously

Resolution 51/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the ENVIRAC Director.

PROPOSED : Love
SECONDED : Bridger

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Resolution 52/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Campus Director, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Schreiner

Carried unanimously

Resolution 53/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Campus Director, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Schreiner

Against: 5
Abstentions: 3
For: 43

Resolution 54/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Campus Director, University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : W. Hofmeyr
SECONDED : McGregor

Carried unanimously

Resolution 55/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Campus Director, University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : B. Hofmeyr
SECONDED : Liebenberg

Carried nem. con. (3 abstentions)

Resolution 56/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Campus Director, Wits.

PROPOSED : Love
SECONDED : Emdon

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 57/76.....

Resolution 57/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Campus Director, Wits.

PROPOSED : Nicol
SECONDED : Marchand

Carried nem. con. (5 abstentions)

STENT tabled the resignations of FINE, HAYSOM and JORDAN

Resolution 58/76

That this student assembly accept the resignations of the Campus Directors of the University of Cape Town, the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, and the University of the Witwatersrand, to take effect as from 30 April, 1976.

PROPOSED : Caplan
SECONDED : Georgiades

Carried nem. con. (3 abstentions)

Resolution 59/76

That this student assembly expresses every confidence in the UCT, Wits and UNP Campus Directors and expresses its gratitude to them for their efforts on behalf of the National Union over the past 8 weeks.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried nem. con. (8 abstentions)

Resolution 60/76

That this student assembly

Noting the departure of Barry Gilder, honorary life member of the National Union, from South Africa,

Remembering fondly many NUSAS Congresses, Seminars and other gatherings which were considerably enlivened by Barry's skill as the semi-official NUSAS troubadour,

Realising that things will never be quite the same without him,

Expresses its sympathy and regret at Barry's decision to leave,

And wishes him success, fulfilment, happiness, peace and FREEDOM for the future.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : Emdon

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Resolution 61/76

That this student assembly table the report of S.A.M.S.T.

PROPOSED : Jordan
SECONDED : Fine

Carried unanimously

Resolution 62/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of S.A.M.S.T.

PROPOSED : Liebenberg
SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

Resolution 63/76

That this student assembly table the report of S.A.S.E.T.

PROPOSED : Forson
SECONDED : Hirsch

Carried unanimously

Resolution 64/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of S.A.S.E.T.

PROPOSED : Bridger
SECONDED : Cawthra

Carried unanimously

Resolution 65/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Executive Director of S.A.S.T.S.

PROPOSED : Schreiner
SECONDED : McGregor

Carried unanimously

Resolution 66/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Executive Director of S.A.S.T.S.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Love

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention)

Resolution 67/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Constitutions Committee, Grahamstown, 26th - 29th November, 1975.

PROPOSED : Lamprecht
SECONDED : Kemp

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention)

Resolution 68/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the ad hoc Constitutions Committee as the founding document to be considered by the Constitutions Committee.

PROPOSED : Sarbutt
SECONDED : Hemm

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 69/76.....

Resolution 69/76

That this student assembly table the report of the ad hoc Newspaper Committee.

PROPOSED : Bridger
SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

Resolution 70/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the ad hoc Newspaper Committee.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Bridger

Carried unanimously

GEORGIADES gave his reply to Congress as requested in terms of Resolution 24/76.
N.S.A. decided that this should be minuted:

Members of Congress,

I am surprised that the motion was put by the Presidents of two other centres.

This motion impugns my sovereignty as an SRC President and calls into question my integrity as a leader of the students of the University of the Witwatersrand.

I put it to you that as an SRC President I have the equivalent right as any President of any student body to make statements in my capacity and within my jurisdiction as a duly elected leader.

However, as I have now been mandated and in order to clear the air I will attempt now to clarify.

1) I granted this interview to the press on the understanding that I was acting at all times in my capacity as SRC President and the views I expressed in the interview were the views of an SRC President concerning this subject.

2) This report is neither a verbatim nor an exhaustive reflection of the interview. You are all aware that space is of a premium in a newspaper and it is not always possible to express the exact intention as it was conveyed in the interview. To answer four points which were brought up during the debate:

a) *"They voted for affiliation then failed to turn up at Congress or Seminars ..."*

This view I hold as being correct in that the SRCs of the past did not accept their responsibilities nor take up their duties with the National Union.

b) *"But they couldn't very well disaffiliate because to do so would have frozen the funds for all societies on campus and not just for NUSAS"*

This statement is incomplete. What has been omitted is that the affiliation fee is passed with the budget. A two-thirds majority is needed to pass the budget. If a group on the SRC decided to move for disaffiliation and they could not get a majority to amend the budget they could effectively (if they had a one-third vote) block the passing of the budget, thus freezing the funds.

c) *"So the Union pursued its more radical policies through regional directors and campus organisers"*

This statement is the view of the newspaper reporter.

/d) *"Full details....."*

d) "Full details and definitions to be supplied of any project to avoid vaguely Marxist policy"

The term *vaguely Marxist policy* was included without my having stated it.

3) As concerns the ideas and information I tried to convey, this forms the subject matter of the debate which NSA will experience shortly.

Finally, members of Congress, as a sovereign SRC President I feel fully justified in stating that I did not exceed the bounds of my jurisdiction.

D. Georgiades

Resolution 71/76

That this student assembly table the majority report of the Contact Committee.

PROPOSED : de Beer
SECONDED : du Toit

Carried unanimously

Resolution 72/76

That this student assembly table the minority report of the Contact Committee.

PROPOSED : de Beer
SECONDED : du Toit

Carried unanimously

Resolution 73/76

That this student assembly adopt the majority report of the Contact Committee as amended.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Mars

AMENDMENT I

Delete all words after "adopt" and replace by "the minority vote of the Contact Committee".

PROPOSED : Hemm
SECONDED : Sarbutt

Against : 48
Abstentions: 2
For: 6

Voting on Resolution 73/76:

Against: 6
Abstentions: 1
For: 49

/Resolution 74/76.....

Resolution 74/76

That this student assembly table the financial statement as at 31st December, 1975.

PROPOSED : Love
SECONDED : Liebenberg

Against: 1
Abstentions: none
For: 49

Resolution 75/76

That this student assembly adopt the financial statement as at 31st December, 1975.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : Fitzgerald

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention)

Resolution 76/76

That this student assembly appoint Low, Hoard & Joubert as auditors.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

In reply to a request from the board of directors of S.A.S.E.T. for a recommendation for a new board member, Mr. Kemp was recommended unanimously by N.S.A.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Resolution 77/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Student Representation Committee.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Barkusky

Carried unanimously

Resolution 78/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Committee on Student Representation.

PROPOSED : Lamprecht
SECONDED : Sarbutt

Carried nem. con. (2 abstentions)

Resolution 79/76

That this student assembly

Noting: 1) APPENDIX A and B of the Wits SRC President's Report to Congress
2) the proposed CONVENTION submitted by C. SANDES of the UCT SRC
3) the principles contained in these appendices

Resolves to: a) express its thanks to Mr. Georgiades and Mr. Sandes for their contributions
b) recommend to the SRCs of affiliated centres to study these proposals with a view to implementing them.

/PROPOSED : Britz.....

PROPOSED : Britz
SECONDED : Lamprecht

Carried nem. con. (2 abstentions)

Resolution 80/76

That this student assembly recommends to the SRCs that they should support the principle that first year students should be enfranchised upon registration with the university.

PROPOSED : Georgiades
SECONDED : McGregor

Against: 22
Abstentions: 10
For: 28

Carried

Resolution 81/76

That this student assembly recognises in principle the need for student representation on both the Senate and Council, that student representatives be recognised as duly elected student representatives and that these representatives have the right to report back to the student body.

PROPOSED : Georgiades
SECONDED : Sarbutt

Against: 11
Abstentions: 10
For: 36

SPORT

Resolution 82/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Sport Committee.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

Resolution 83/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Sports Committee as amended (see overleaf).

PROPOSED : Mars
SECONDED : Sandes

Against: 3
Abstentions: 4
For: 51
Carried with acclaim

REPORT OF THE SPORTS COMMITTEE (as amended)

1.
 - i) We note that sport is a widespread activity among students, whom it is NUSAS's function to represent.
 - ii) We feel that the context of South African sport is constantly changing, and identity movements within sport which tend towards non-racialism - a trend in accordance with NUSAS principles.
 - iii) We feel further that sport is a particularly sensitive issue among the general public and that NUSAS should be careful in not alienating itself from large elements of both student and public opinion.
 - iv) We consider sport to be an effective means of contact and communication among students and the general public, which is of value in generating mutual understanding and possibly agreement.
 - v) We further consider sport to represent a vehicle by which social change can be effected.
2. Therefore we believe that NUSAS should have a sports policy, and it should reflect the above considerations.
3. Therefore this committee agrees that university sporting bodies should be encouraged with a view to:
 - i) facilitating the development of non-racial sport
 - ii) equalising the distribution of facilities associated with sport
 - iii) increasing contact in and among universities and the public.
4. With a view to implementing policy agreed upon, the committee recommends the following:
That the various Student Sports Councillors, i.e. SRC Councillors, could form a National Committee to implement a voluntary plan for the inclusion and/or furtherance of non-racial sport at constituent centres.

A proposed outline for the implementation of the abovementioned proposals:

- i) Everything must be done informally and without publicity.
- ii) That the SRCs should contact their respective Sports Unions at a personal level and gain their support.
- iii) That Sports Unions should obtain information from their Clubs on:
 1. the state of non-racial sport in the Clubs.
 2. the state of non-racial sport in the local Leagues in which the Clubs participate.
 3. names and addresses of various executives of provincial associations and national associations.
- iv) Attempt to get interested students on to provincial executive committees.
- v) Implementors of this policy arrange to meet informally and confidentially with executives of Black non-segregated Leagues.
- vi) The inclusion of a University Sports Club Committee member to the delegation is essential when meeting with administrators of that sport.
- vii) It must be borne in mind, that the degree of change and time needed to implement policy will vary from sport to sport.
- viii) Once an area of change is available, the Local Provincial Associations must be consulted.
- ix) Inter-university liaison on the work of various groups must be promoted.
- x) In general publicity is to be avoided.
- xi) Publicity shall be sought only by mutual consent.

Resolution 84/76

That this student assembly

NOTES WITH GREAT PLEASURE

1. The decision of the South African Cricket Association, the South African Cricket Board of Control and the South African Cricket Board (SACA, SACBOC, SAACB) to form one body to control cricket in South Africa
2. Their decision to play cricket on a non-racial basis from club level upwards

AFFIRMS ITS BELIEF THAT

1. These are positive and necessary steps towards non-racial sport in South Africa
2. However much is still to be done by other sports bodies in this direction
3. Merit must be the only criterion in selecting sports teams at all levels

AND THEREFORE URGES

All other sports bodies in South Africa to follow the example of the cricket authorities.

PROPOSED : Sandes

SECONDED : Mars

Carried unanimously

Resolution 85/76

That this student assembly

Noting: Clauses 3(d) and 3(e) of the constitution

Affirms: that contact between NUSAS and other students in South Africa is not only desirable but true to the spirit of the constitution

Therefore

- resolves:
1. that contact should be pursued as far as possible with the ASB, SASO and other student bodies,
 2. that affiliated centres should make contact with as many non-affiliated centres as possible,
 3. that inter-university contact should be encouraged between university faculties, clubs and societies,

And requests: the national executive and the affiliated centres to report regularly to national council on progress made.

PROPOSED : Liebenberg

SECONDED : Lamprecht

Against: 2

Abstentions: 1

For: 56

/Resolution 86/76.....

Resolution 86/76

That this student assembly table the report of the New Projects Commission.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Smithson

Carried unanimously

Resolution 87/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the New Projects Commission.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : Smith

AMENDMENT

Delete paragraph C of the report.

PROPOSED : Dyzenhous
SECONDED.: Hirsch

Against: 40
Amendments: 8
For: 6

Vote on the substantive motion (87/76): Carried nem. con. (15 abstentions)

Resolution 88/76

That this student assembly

- Noting:
- i) the Household Subsistence Level calculation by the Intsitute of Planning Research at the University of Port Elizabeth for October 1975
 - ii) that minimum wages paid to workers at Universities are presently below this level

Calls upon University Administrations

- i) to adopt the U.P.E. Household Subsistence Level, as updated from time to time, as a minimum wage for all workers, provided that this is not accompanied by a reduction in the number of workers employed
- ii) to prepare a programme for the introduction of the Household Effective Level (150% of the Household Subsistence Level) as a minimum wage for all workers within five years,

Mandates: Wages Commissions to undertake research into all details of university labour practices.

PROPOSED : Nicol
SECONDED : du Toit

Carried nem. con. (2 abstentions)

At this point Professor Tobias addressed Congress on issues relating to the admission of Black students to the University of Durban Medical School.

Resolution 89/76

That this student assembly

- NOTING
- 1) the recent threatened interference by the State in the affairs of the University of Durban medical school regarding the admission of black students
 - 2) the desperate need for increased, rather than restricted access to medical education for black South Africans

BELIEVING that this action constitutes a further step in the government's persistent programme to reduce the freedoms of those institutions and individuals who do not conform to its ideology

- CONDEMNS
- 1) this and all other breaches of academic freedom
 - 2) the government's flagrant disregard for the educational needs of the black community

- CALLS FOR
- 1) the retention of the medical school in Durban
 - 2) the opening of all medical schools to any student with sufficient academic qualifications as decided by the selection board.

PROPOSED : Moroney
SECONDED : Marchand

Carried unanimously

Resolution 90/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Cultural Action Committee.

PROPOSED : Sandes
SECONDED : du Toit

Carried unanimously

Resolution 91/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Cultural Action Committee.

PROPOSED : de Beer
SECONDED : du Toit

Against: 6
Abstentions: 12
For: 30

PEACE

Resolution 92/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Peace Programme Committee.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : Fine

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 93/76.....

Resolution 93/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Peace Programme Committee.

PROPOSED : Fitzgerald
SECONDED : Emdon

Against: 7
Abstentions: 5
For: 45

CHAIR TO WILLIAMSON

Resolution 94/76

That this student assembly

- NOTING the Day of Prayer called by the Labour Party of South Africa for 23rd March
- REAFFIRMS its full commitment to peaceful change in South Africa and to the establishment of a peaceful society
- EXPRESSES its full support for the Day of Prayer on 23rd March
- RESOLVES i) to organise events on campus leading up to and including the Day of Prayer as recommended in the report of the Peace Programme Committee
- ii) to co-operate on a local and national level with such events organised by the Labour Party on and before that day as are deemed to be compatible with the preamble of the NUSAS Constitution
- MANDATES the Executive to maintain contact with the executive of the Labour Party of South Africa and to keep constituent centres fully informed of areas of possible co-operation with activities of the Labour Party.

PROPOSED : Stent
SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Against: 3
Abstentions: 18
For: 38

The following people wished to minute their abstention out of respect for the appeal made to those not having strong religious convictions to abstain on this motion. Their abstentions are not to be seen as opposition to the motion.

Barkusky, Pike, Heydenrych, Babb, Webber, Fitzgerald, Levetan, McGregor, de Villiers, Maconachie.

Resolution 95/76

That this student assembly

Adopt the slogan "NUSAS 76 - A Year for Peace" for 1976,

Mandates the Executive to design a symbol appropriate to this slogan, the symbol and slogan to be used throughout 1976 on posters, publication, etc.

PROPOSED : Stent
SECONDED : de Beer

Carried nem. con. (3 abstentions)

/CHAIR TO STENT.....

CHAIR TO STENT

"THE NATIONAL STUDENT"

Resolution 96/76

That this student assembly table the report of the "National Student" Committee.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz
SECONDED : de Beer

Against: 1
Abstentions: none
For: 57

Resolution 97/76

That this student assembly

Adopts the report of the "National Student" Committee and

Mandates National Council with the power to decide, by 1st March, whether to proceed with the publication of "The National Student" if in consultation with the Editorial Board and with reference to the financial recommendations of the report, they consider the financial situation of the newspaper is viable and that a sound plan has been put to them in respect of the distribution arrangements for the newspaper.

PROPOSED : Love
SECONDED : Moroney

Carried unanimously

SOCIAL ACTION

Resolution 98/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Social Action Committee.

PROPOSED : Moroney
SECONDED : Love

Carried unanimously

Resolution 99/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Social Action Committee.

PROPOSED : Hirsch
SECONDED : Marchand

Against: 3
Abstentions: 6
For: 45

/MOTION.....

MOTION

That this student assembly

NOTING that in reality the National Union of South African Students is a political pressure group and as such, issues political statements on its attitude to various situations

RESOLVES to condemn the South African Communist Party, the African National Congress and its subsidiary organisation Okhela, and any other illegal organisations involved in promoting violent revolution in the Republic of South Africa.

PROPOSED : Hemm

SECONDED : Sarbutt

AMENDMENT A

That this student assembly

REAFFIRMS 1) its belief that social and political change in South Africa must be propagated through peaceful means
2) that the National Union of South African Students issues political statements on its attitude to various situations and groups in South Africa

RESOLVES to condemn the South African Communist Party, the African National Congress, the organisation Okhela, Scorpio and any other organisations in so far as they are promoting violent change in the Republic of South Africa.

PROPOSED : Liebenberg

SECONDED : Sandes

AMENDMENT B

Delete all words after "That" and replace by:

"this student assembly, while expressing its condemnation of any attempts to foment violent revolution in South Africa, believes that the South African Communist Party, African National Congress and Pan African Congress should be allowed to operate freely within a legal system which caters for the free expression of the full spectrum of political opinion"

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : de Villiers

AMENDMENT C

That this student assembly

NOTING 1) that the National Union of South African Students issues political statements on its attitude to various situations
2) that the South African Communist Party was banned in 1951
3) that the African National Congress was banned in 1961
4) that these organisations pursued a path of non-violence in attempting to bring about change in South Africa, before they were banned
5) that these organisations were forced to pursue a violent path in their political struggle and at no time voluntarily accepted violence as a means to social and political change

/RESOLVES.....

PROPOSED : Fitzgerald
SECONDED : Emdon

Against: 16
Abstentions: 11
For: 28

Resolution 101/76

That this student assembly
RESOLVES to condemn all foreign aggression in the Angolan Civil War.

PROPOSED : Fitzgerald
SECONDED : Emdon

Against: 6
Abstentions: 12
For: 35

MOTION

That this student assembly acknowledges the fact that the majority of students at its affiliated universities accept that any political change in South Africa must come through the ballot box and that these students recognise the country's legitimate political parties as the only vehicles for change.

PROPOSED : Hemm
SECONDED : Sarbutt

AMENDMENT

Delete "must" and replace by "should",
delete "any" before "political change",
delete "the only" and replace by "important".

PROPOSED : Barkusky
SECONDED : Lamprecht

Against: 10
Abstentions: 11
For: 34

Resolution 102/76

That this student assembly acknowledges the fact that the majority of students at its affiliated centres accept that political change in South Africa should come through the ballot box and that these students recognise the country's legitimate political parties as important vehicles for change.

PROPOSED : Barkusky
SECONDED : Lamprecht

Against: 6
Abstentions: 10
For: 39

CONSTITUTION

Resolution 103/76

That this student assembly resolves

1. That the proposed new constitution be tabled as an omnibus motion to be debated section by section;
2. That amendments, except minor ones acceptable to the proposer and seconder, shall be moved in writing and shall be debated simultaneously with any other amendments as well as with the substantive section;
3. At the end of the debate on any section, NSA shall vote in reverse order on any amendment by simple majority, and finally on the substantive section;
4. A vote on a section shall not be passed unless this is by a special resolution. Should the substantive section as well as all amendments to that section be rejected, debate on the section shall be suspended and returned to after all sections have been voted on.
5. Once a definitive vote has been taken on each section, the entire proposed constitution shall be moved as a motion at which stage NO amendments will be allowed to be introduced. However, the "previous question" may be moved.
6. When the motion in full has been approved, a date shall be set on which the constitution shall take effect.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Jordan

Carried unanimously

Resolution 104/76

That this student assembly table the minority report of the Constitutions Committee.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Barkusky

Carried unanimously

CHAIR TO WILLIAMSON

CHAIR TO STENT

MOTION

That this student assembly adopt the minority report of the Constitutions Committee.

PROPOSED : Sarbutt
SECONDED : Smuts

Against: 46
Abstentions: 7
For: 8
The motion therefore fell away

Resolution 105/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Constitutions Committee.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Smith

Carried unanimously

CHAIR TO WILLIAMSON

Resolution 106/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Constitutions Committee.

PROPOSED : Stent
SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Against: 5
Abstentions: 2
For: 54

CHAIR TO STENT

Resolution 107/76

That this student assembly rescind the NUSAS Constitution and replace it with APPENDIX A.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Lamprecht

Against: 3
Abstentions: 3
For: 53

Motions of amendment to each clause of the Constitution were voted on separately. Amendments which were approved by a two-thirds majority of NSA have been included in APPENDIX A.

Resolution 108/76

That this student assembly suspend Clause 9.4 of Standing Rules and Orders for the rest of the current session of NSA.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

EDUCATION

Resolution 109/76

That this student assembly table the majority and minority reports of the Education Committee.

PROPOSED : de Beer
SECONDED : Barkusky

Carried unanimously

Resolution 110/76

That this student assembly adopt the majority and minority reports of the Education Committee with the exception of the alternative education policies contained within them.

/PROPOSED : de Beer.....

PROPOSED : de Beer
SECONDED : Barkusky

Against: 2
Abstentions: 1
For: 55

MOTION

That this student assembly adopt as NUSAS policy on education the policy proposed in the majority report of the Education Committee.

PROPOSED : de Beer
SECONDED : Stent

AMENDMENT

Delete all words after education and replace by "the policy proposed in the minority report of the Education Committee".

PROPOSED : Barkusky
SECONDED : Gray

Against: 26
Abstentions: 1
For: 29

The amendment therefore became the substantive motion.

Voting on the substantive motion:

Against: 28
Abstentions: 6
For: 22
The motion was therefore lost

Resolution 111/76

That this student assembly rescind Correlated Resolution Paragraph F.

PROPOSED : Georgiades
SECONDED : Lamprecht

AMENDMENT

That this student assembly defer the Correlated Resolution Paragraph F (Education Policy) to Student Assembly-in-Council and that all three education policies presented to NSA be debated on campus.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Hirsch

Accepted by proposer and seconder of 111/76

Voting on 111/76:

Carried unanimously

The chairman ruled that Paragraph D3 also be deferred.

Resolution 112/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Media Committee.

PROPOSED : de Beer
SECONDED : Moroney

Carried unanimously

Resolution 113/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Media Committee.

PROPOSED : Lamprecht
SECONDED : Delvare

Carried unanimously

FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Resolution 114/76

That this student assembly table the report of the Finance and Fundraising Committee.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Jordan

Carried unanimously

Resolution 115/76

That this student assembly adopt the report of the Finance and Fundraising Committee.

PROPOSED : Jordan
SECONDED : Sandes

Carried nem. con. (2 abstentions)

Resolution 116/76

That this student assembly

NOTING 1. the report of the Finance Committee
2. the value of the travel project

RESOLVES 1. to set up a standing committee to be known as the "Student Travel Committee"
2. that this committee shall administer the NUSAS Student Travel programme
3. that the Student Travel programme should primarily be the responsibility of the President and the Finance Officer
4. that the committee should comprise of M. Stent, C. Williamson, D. Kemp, R. Knight, J. Bridger, A. Lamprecht, D. Georgiades, T. Jordan, N. Haysom, A. Fine
5. that M. Stent be empowered to enter into the contracts necessary for the establishment of the project in consultation with National Council who may veto the acceptance of any contract.

/PROPOSED : C. Williamson.....

PROPOSED : C. Williamson
SECONDED : D. Kemp

Carried unanimously

Resolution 117/76

That this student assembly do adopt the budget as proposed by the Finance Committee.

PROPOSED : C. Williamson
SECONDED : J. Bridger

Carried unanimously

MOTION

That this student assembly

- NOTING
1. the continued presence of the South African administration in Namibia/South West Africa
 2. the failure of the South African government to effect peaceful constitutional change and its intolerance of political dissent in the territory
 3. the absence of world support, including that of the Western world, for South African occupation of Namibia/South West Africa
 4. the conscription of young South Africans including students of NUSAS affiliate and branch campuses for military service in defence of Namibia/South West Africa.

- RESOLVES
- to adopt the following principles as guidelines for consideration by students at affiliate and branch centres
1. that South Africa has violated its mandate to develop Namibia/South West African citizens by the extension of its policies of racial discrimination, the practice of detention without trial, militarisation and labour exploitation to Namibia/South West Africa
 2. that the principle of self-determination be applied to the peoples of Namibia/South West Africa
 3. that in pursuance of this aim, the South African government accept the unanimous decision of the Security Council of the United Nations, 15-0, that South Africa agree to UN-supervised elections in Namibia/South West Africa by August 1976
 4. that guarantees be established for the co-existence of Black and White in a free and independent Namibia/South West Africa.

THEREFORE
EXPRESSES its opposition to South African occupation of Namibia/South West Africa and calls for South African withdrawal by August 1976.

PROPOSED : Marchand
SECONDED : Sandes

/AMENDMENT.....

AMENDMENT

That this student assembly

- NOTING
1. the continued administration of South West Africa/Namibia by the Republican government
 2. the lack of international recognition of this administration
 3. the absence of a democratic, constitutional government in either the Republic or in South West Africa/Namibia, and the intolerance of political dissent
 4. the unjust labour practices prevailing in the territory of Namibia/South West Africa
 5. the very real possibility that members of South Africa's citizen force might become involved in a full scale war with SWAPO, African States and other powers for control of the territory

- RESOLVES to recommend the following points for consideration by students at affiliate and branch centres
1. that the present situation in the territory is both unacceptable to the majority of its inhabitants and a pretext for military intervention by outsiders
 2. that the Republican government's alleged moves towards constitutional democratic government are misconceived and ridiculously slow
 3. that maintaining an unpopular administration by military force and providing a pretext for foreign intervention cannot serve any South African interests, white or black
 4. that the Republican government should conduct, under United Nations observation, free elections to a constituent assembly to draft a constitution for a democratic government in the territory
 5. that subsequent independence should be granted to the territory
 6. that guarantees should be established for co-existence of Black and White in a free and independent South West Africa/Namibia

PROPOSED : Barkusky
SECONDED : Bloch

Amendment accepted by proposer and seconder

Resolution 118/76

That this student assembly

- NOTING
1. the continued administration of South West Africa/Namibia by the Republican government
 2. the lack of international recognition of this administration
 3. the absence of a democratic, constitutional government in either the Republic or in South West Africa/Namibia, and the intolerance of political dissent
 4. the unjust labour practices prevailing in the territory of Namibia/South West Africa
 5. the very real possibility that members of South Africa's citizen force might become involved in a full scale war with SWAPO, African states and other powers for control of the territory

/RESOLVES.....

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 6. that guarantees should be established for co-existence of Black and White in a free and independent South West Africa/Namibia

PROPOSED : Marchand
SECONDED : Sandes

Against: 8
Abstentions: none
For: 45

The following people wished their votes against to be minuted:
Midgley, Rainier, Hemm, Babb, Smuts,

WITHDRAWAL OF RESIGNATIONS

Resolution 119/76

That this student assembly requests Mike Stent to withdraw his resignation from the position of NUSAS President, and notes with appreciation that his resignation was intended as a gesture of good faith.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Knight

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention) with acclaim

Mr. Stent withdrew his resignation.

Resolution 120/76

That this student assembly requests Craig Williamson to withdraw his resignation from his position as NUSAS Finance Officer and Vice-President, and notes with appreciation that his resignation was intended as a gesture of good faith.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Knight

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention) with acclaim

Mr. Williamson withdrew his resignation.

/Resolution 121/76.....

Resolution 121/76

That this student assembly requests Cedric de Beer to withdraw his resignation from his position as NUSAS Seminars Officer, and notes with appreciation that his resignation was intended as a gesture of good faith.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Knight

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention) with acclaim

Mr. de Beer withdrew his resignation.

Resolution 122/76

That this student assembly requests Sean Moroney to withdraw his resignation from his position as NUSAS Cultural Action/Media Officer and notes with appreciation that his resignation was intended as a gesture of good faith.

PROPOSED : Kemp
SECONDED : Knight

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention) with acclaim

Mr. Moroney withdrew his resignation.

Resolution 123/76

That this student assembly requests Fink Haysom to withdraw his resignation as Campus Co-ordinator at the University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Hirsch
SECONDED : Kemp

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention) with acclaim

Mr. Haysom did not withdraw his resignation.

Resolution 124/76

That this student assembly, noting the resignation of Alan Fine as Wits Campus Organiser, requests him to withdraw this.

PROPOSED : Emdon
SECONDED : Love

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention) with acclaim

Mr. Fine did not withdraw his resignation.

Resolution 125/76

That this student assembly requests Tony Jordan to withdraw his resignation from the position of NUSAS Campus Organiser and notes with appreciation that his resignation was intended as a gesture of good faith.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Schreiner

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention) with acclaim

/Mr. Jordan withdrew.....

Mr. Jordan withdrew his resignation.

Resolution 126/76

That this student assembly

- NOTING
- i) the planned independence of the Transkei during 1976
 - ii) the differing opinions about the economic and political viability of the Transkei as an independent unit
 - iii) that this event has vast political, economic, environmental and social implications which have not been adequately discussed
 - iv) the fundamental opposition of NUSAS to the political philosophy of separate development
- RESOLVES
- i) to mandate the Wages Commissions to undertake thorough research on all aspects of the Transkei's independence as outlined in the Social Action Committee report
 - ii) to use the results of such research as the basis of an educational programme to be implemented with the intention of fostering a greater awareness of the issues involved

PROPOSED : Bloch
SECONDED : Nicol

Carried unanimously

Resolution 127/76

That this student assembly

NOTING clause 11. c) of the NUSAS Constitution

RECOMMENDS that where possible, SRC affiliated centres adopt as procedure for appointment of NUSAS Local members:

- i) a NUSAS Local Acting chairperson shall be elected by the NUSAS Local sub-committee subject to ratification by the Local Council
- ii) the chairperson of the sub-committee shall call for applications for membership of that committee; on receipt of such applications he/she shall submit the names of the applicants to the SRC or its Executive Committee for interview and appointment. Half of the members of the Local Executive shall be appointed in this manner; half shall be appointed by the NUSAS Local sub-committee subject to ratification by the Local Council.

PROPOSED : Bloch
SECONDED : Hirsch

Carried unanimously

CHAIR TO WILLIAMSON

/MOTION.....

MOTION

That this student assembly, as a body representative of loyal and patriotic South African students at affiliated centres,

NOTING 1. confirmation of the involvement of South African troops in the Angola civil war by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence
2. the government's oft stated policy of non interference in the affairs of other countries

RECOGNISING the right of the South African government to protect the territorial integrity of the Republic from foreign intervention, and the illegitimacy of involvement of other foreign powers in Angola

BELIEVES that the involvement in the civil war
1. represents an interference in the affairs of another state
2. was ill advised and has apparently gained nothing for the people of South Africa, and

CALLS UPON the government to refrain from becoming involved in such situations again where South African troops are used to support one or other side in an internal conflict in another state

AND FURTHER calls upon the Minister of Defence to resign.

PROPOSED : Stent
SECONDED : Kemp

Carried nem. con. (11 abstentions)

Mr. Stent declared this motion deferred.

CHAIR TO STENT

Resolution 128/76

That this student assembly resolves

1. on principle to appoint a Social Action officer with the terms of reference contained in the report of the Social Action Committee
2. nominations for this position shall not be opened until financially tenable.

PROPOSED : Nicol
SECONDED : Marchand

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention)

Resolution 129/76

That this student assembly

NOTING the vacant position of Social Action officer

MANDATE the Executive and National Directorate to assume the functions of the Social Action officer until such a position is filled.

PROPOSED : Haysom
SECONDED : Edwards

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 130/76.....

Resolution 130/76

That this student assembly mandates the President to invest all NUSAS monies except those needed for day to day administration with the Credcor Bank, St. Georges St, Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Kemp

Carried nem. con. (1 abstention)

Resolution 131/76

That this student assembly resolves in accordance with clause 7. c) i) to hold the next annual meeting of the National Union within the period defined by the Constitution, the exact date to be set by National Council.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

Resolution 132/76

That this student assembly resolves in accordance with clause 9. b) that the Executive of the National Union up till and including 31/12/76 shall consist of four persons who shall be full-time employees of the National Union and who shall hold the following portfolios :

a) a President

- i) who shall be chairman of NSA, the Executive and the meetings of the National Council;
- ii) who shall concern himself with the administration of the policy of the National Union and supervise the work of all departments, and to whom the Executive shall be responsible.

b) a Services Director whose duties shall be as follows :

- i) supervision of the finances of the National Union,
- ii) fundraising for the National Union, co-ordination of, liaison with, and control over other persons who may from time to time be engaged by the Executive to fundraise for the National Union,
- iii) the book-keeping of the National Union,
- iv) general office administration,
- v) co-ordination and implementation of student community services schemes as recommended by NSA,
- vi) any other organisational aspects of NUSAS as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council.

c) an Education Director whose duties shall be as follows :

- i) initiation and organisation of National seminars in conjunction with the Executive;
- ii) research, collation and distribution of material relating to general techniques on running seminars;
- iii) to draw up, collate and disseminate resource material of use in running seminars;

/c) iv).....

- iv) to co-operate with other members of the Executive in work on University Education;
 - v) to travel to affiliated centres, and participate in the running and planning of seminars, particularly planning and Freshers' seminars;
 - vi) to co-ordinate and co-operate as far as possible with all NUSAS projects and programmes, particularly in the organising of local and national seminars for these groups;
 - vii) any other duties as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council.
- d) a Communications Director whose duties shall be as follows :
- i) to initiate and assist in the establishment of cultural action and media groups under each local committee,
 - ii) the initiation and co-ordination of cultural action and media projects at a national level,
 - iii) the facilitation of the integration of Cultural Action with general NUSAS projects,
 - iv) be responsible, subject to the approval of the President or vice-president for publicity and press liaison on behalf of the National Union,
 - v) publication and distribution of NUSAS publications,
 - vi) the performance of his tasks as chairman of "THE NATIONAL STUDENT" editorial board especially as regards the co-ordination of distribution and contact between universities and with other student newspapers,
 - vii) the production of a weekly or fortnightly newsletter/press digest about NUSAS affairs and head office events to distribute to campus leaders and project people,
 - viii) to implement and co-ordinate a media resource centre,
 - ix) to interact with other members of the Head Office Executive in the initiation, planning and execution of all projects.

Further, the Executive, in addition to their individual portfolio responsibilities, shall :

- a) function as a multi-purpose secretariat responsible for the initiation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes and projects,
- b) co-operate and interact as fully as possible with the Campus Organisers,
- c) work together as a tightly-knit group on as many levels as possible in the interests of the most efficient functioning of the National Union.

PROPOSED : Williamson
SECONDED : Kemp

Carried unanimously

Resolution 133/76

That this student assembly

- NOTING
- i) the new Constitution and the overwhelming approval expressed thereof
 - ii) that the moves which led to the adoption of this Constitution were largely instituted by Mike Barkusky
 - iii) the work done on the Constitution by both the ad-hoc and Congress Constitutions Committee

/RESOLVES to thank.....

RESOLVES to thank these individuals for their contribution to the National Union.

PROPOSED : Bloch
SECONDED : Sandes

Carried nem. con. (5 abstentions)

Resolution 134/76

That this student assembly expresses its thanks to the members of the Executive and National Directorate for their dedication and unifying efforts in the service of the National Union over the last two months, and wishes them well for the remainder of their term of office.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Lamprecht

Carried nem. con. (8 abstentions)

Resolution 135/76

That this student assembly

1. sincerely thanks the Honorary Office-bearers for their valuable advice to the National Union over the past year;
2. offers heartfelt thanks to the Head Office staff;
3. thanks the SRC of the University of Cape Town for hosting the 53rd Congress;
4. thanks the administration of UCT for making the facilities of Smuts Hall available to delegates;
5. expresses its gratitude to Dave Forson and the members of the Site Committee for their hard work in the organisation of Congress;
6. expresses its thanks and congratulations to Debbie Budlender, Laura Schultz and Cedric de Beer for their dedicated and very competent work as Congress Secretaries;
7. expresses its grateful thanks to Ms. Churchman, Ms. Harribi, Ms. Budlender, Ms. Everett and Ms. Schultz for their general office services above and beyond the call of duty; and to Mr. Stoffberg and Mr. Fagan for printing duties above and beyond the call of duty;
8. expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. van Zyl Slabbert for delivering the opening address;
9. expresses its appreciation to Prof. P.V. Tobias for addressing Congress on the topic of the exclusion of Africans from the Durban Medical School;
10. thanks Sir Richard Luyt for acting as host to the 53rd Congress and for organising the opening cocktail party and buffet-supper.

PROPOSED : Knight
SECONDED : Bridger

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Resolution 136/76

That this student assembly elects Mr. N.R.L. (Fink) Haysom as an honorary life member of the National Union.

PROPOSED : Fine
SECONDED : Edwards

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Mr. Stent thanked all delegates for their co-operation and declared the 53rd Congress closed.
