UNITED NATIONS STAFF UNION SYNDICAT DU PERSONNEL DE L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES

45th STAFF COUNCIL/45ème CONSEIL DU PERSONNEL

Minutes/Actes

Meeting No: 45/48

 Date:
 31 May 2018

 Time:
 1:30 pm

 Venue:
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 Quorum:
 8/16 Units

45th Staff Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was quorate with 8 units present at 1:30 pm, with Council Chair Camille McKenzie in the Chair and UNSU Secretary Aitor Arauz-Chapman taking notes. The meeting was recorded and a copy deposited with the UNSU Administrator.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no changes.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous Council meetings

Minutes for meetings 47 were adopted.

3. Executive Board report and President's report and summary of communications

There had been no EB meeting on Monday due to a UN Holiday.

There was no report from the President, who was attending the CCISUA Assembly in Bangkok.

4. UNSU positions for CCISUA annual meeting

The Chair announced that the item was carried over from the previous week but had become obsolete since the delegation was already in Bangkok.

5. UNSU Delegation for AFT Convention

The Secretary pointed out that AFT needed a list of names for their annual Convention to be held in Pittsburgh from 13-16 July 2018. He was interested in attending. Michelle Rockcliffe (Unit 6) asked to be added to the list.

She encouraged as many Council members as possible to attend. Thomas Chacko (Unit 30) asked his name to be added to the list. Unit 25 Rep. asked if UNSU had voting rights at the AFT Convention. The Treasurer asked for the invitation to be forwarded to the Council, as well as to clarify who would cover the expenses. The Secretary would request additional information, send out an email to the whole Council in order to complete the list of names and ask the Treasurer to submit a resolution if expenses were required.

6. OPPBA

Eugenia Beldo made reference to the morning's presentation of the SG and ACABQ's management reform reports before the 5th Committee, which affected the whole of DM, including OPPBA. OPPBA reps would go through the report to identify how they might affect OPPBA staff.

Michelle Rockcliffe asked Eugenia Beldo to confirm that all OPPBA affected by GSDM had been placed. Eugenia Beldo made it clear that it was not the case. She was concerned that the Downsizing Policy and mitigation measures had not been adopted. She called on Leadership to keep pushing on the matter.

7. Reports by Units

Michelle Rockcliffe offered to hold Pension briefings in the coming month. Units 25 and 30 expressed an interest.

Ahmad Ismail (Unit 20) announced that he was considering stepping down and would contact the Polling Officers to ask them to add his unit to the list announced for by-elections. The Secretary pointed out that units who lacked an alternate (20, 23, 27 and 39) had been left out of the announcement. Michelle Rockcliffe encouraged those units to contact the Polling Officers in order to correct the situation. She did not believe an action by Council was warranted.

The meeting adjourned at 13:45 pm.