



Minutes/Actes:

Meeting No: 46/55
Date: 27th August 2020
Time: 13:15 - 15:55 PM EST
Venue: Virtual (MS Teams)
Quorum: 13/17 Units

46th Staff Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was quorate at 13:25 with 13 Units present. The meeting was recorded.

Staff Council Deputy Chairperson Ms. Ramona Kohrs chaired the meeting and Assistant Secretary Ms. Sarah M'Bodji took notes.

Units present were: 6, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 33.

The First and Second Vice Presidents of the Union leadership team were present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Deputy Chairperson Ms. Ramona Kohrs declared the agenda adopted after the Council agreed to move item 7 up to item 3.

2. Adoption of previous minutes

The Deputy Chairperson asked the Assistant Secretary for update on the notes, citing a number sequence may be incorrect on the resolutions. The Assistant Secretary apologized that both she and the Secretary were on leave.

The First Vice President said that he had some comments but had not been able to send them in to the Secretaries. It was decided the minutes would be adopted the following week.

3. Resolution on “working conditions for staff translators, revisers and editors”

Ms. Karina Loktionova (Unit 29) introduced a draft resolution titled “**Resolution on working conditions for staff translators, revisers and editors**”. The resolution was shared by Virtual Chat and on screen.

Ms. Loktionova (reported on the Documentation Division’s recent townhall and she further explained to the Council the supporting reasons for the resolution.

The Deputy Chairperson asked for Council members to vote by virtual chat, and the vote was counted by the Assistant Secretary.

The Deputy Chairperson announced that resolution **RES/46/29** had passed with 7 votes in favour and one abstention.

4. Reports by Unit

Ms. Michelle Rockcliffe (Unit 6) reported on challenges with financial oversight culture in the Pension fund and asked for leadership support.

The First Vice President Mr. Aitor Arauz Chapman appreciated Ms. Rockcliffe’s efforts to address the unit’s issues internally but offered the Leadership’s support where required.

Mr. Sherif Okasha (Unit 28) wanted to report that there were more concerns from staff than those included in the resolution just passed. The First Vice President thanked Mr. Okasha for the concern affecting language staff and he welcomed the meeting of the global staff as an opportunity to establish a constructive debate with DGACM management.

5. President’s Report and Summary of Communications

The President’s Report PDF file was shared by Virtual Chat by Assistant Secretary.

The First Vice President thanked the Staff Union Team Assistant for her support covering the report over 3 weeks. He shared the PDF on screen and briefed the Council on the report. He briefed the Council on the Union’s Racial Survey results and the data received. He further elaborated on the work of the Racial Justice Core group, whom have been holding weekly meetings. He addressed the OHR survey and the international press scandal, which were also accompanied by enormous amount of staff complaints.

6. Executive Board report

The Executive Board (EB) Report PDF file by Virtual Chat.

The First Vice President began briefing the Council on the Executive Board (EB) Report and Fundraising effort for Beirut, which would be closing in a few days.

7. UNSU Finances

The Deputy Chairperson asked if anything to report under UNSU Finances.

The Treasurer Mr. Jaime Garreta and Assistant Treasurer Mr. Yogesh Sakhardande were absent.

8. Any Other Business (AOB)

The Deputy Chairperson Ms. Ramona Kohrs asked the Council members to read the email she sent regarding the report on internal justice suggesting this item be placed on the agenda for the following week. Ms. Michelle Rockcliffe (Unit 6) seconded Ms. Kohrs suggestions and asked the Council revisit the training initiatives.

The Assistant Secretary suggested a council resolution on Racial Justice citing that internal justice and racial justice are required for a system of accountability and mechanisms for change.

The virtual meeting adjourned at 15:49 PM EST.
