



**Minutes/Actes:**

Meeting No: 46/58  
Date: 17 September 2020  
Time: 13:15 - 14:08 PM EST  
Venue: Virtual (MS Teams)  
Quorum: 14/17 Units

## 46<sup>th</sup> Staff Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was quorate at 13:31 with 14 Units present. The meeting was recorded.

Staff Council Chairperson Ms. Camille McKenzie chaired the meeting and Assistant Secretary Ms. Sarah M'Bodji took notes.

Units present were: 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33.

All of the Union leadership team was present.

### 1. Adoption of Agenda

The Chairperson Ms. Camille McKenzie adopted the draft agenda with no amendments.

### 2. Adoption of previous minutes

The Chairperson asked the Assistant Secretary for an update on the minutes.

The Assistant Secretary apologized that both Secretaries were still rectifying the resolutions and backlog because of overlapping leave. The Assistant Secretary explained that she had resent the proper updated versions of Drafts for meeting minutes 52, 53, 54, 55, and the EM and the corresponding resolutions prior to the meeting. The Chairperson clarified that pending minutes would be adopted in a future meeting.

### 3. Reports by Units

Assistant Secretary Ms. M'Bodji reported on staff concerns from Unit 31 asking the Council if there were other for staff reporting on-site. Ms. Lucelena Pimentel (Unit 32) replied that her unit had raised concerns about witnessing various visitors to UNHQ where rules and safety health guidelines were not being abided by.

Deputy Chairperson Ms. Ramona Kohrs (Unit 21) informed the Council that the Department for Global Communications (DGC) staff representatives were involved in the Action Team set up by the USG of DGC to address weaknesses that were identified in the results of the 2019 Staff Engagement Survey.

#### **4. President Report and Summary of Communications**

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

Deputy Chairperson Ms. Ramona Kohrs (Unit 21) inquired about the Racial Justice group. The First Vice President Mr. Aitor Arauz Chapman clarified the purposed of the group and suggested others could join.

The Staff Union President Ms. Patricia Nemeth reported on the weekly UNHQ Focal point meeting on return to work.

#### **5. Executive Board report**

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

The Chairperson inquired if Council members had any inquires and there were no questions on the EB report.

#### **6. UNSU Finances**

Treasurer Mr. Jaime Garreta referred to recent Union financial reports, which were shared by email.

#### **7. Any Other Business (AOB)**

The Deputy Chairperson Ms. Ramona Kohrs asked for clarifications on upcoming Council trainings including the previous mentioned Pension Fund training. Mr. Sergio Pires Vieira (Unit 24) replied that training details were currently being planned.

Assistant Treasurer Mr. Yogesh Sakhardande asked if there were any developments on the UNHQ food services returning. The First Vice President Mr. Aitor Arauz Chapman replied he would inquire. Ms. Lucelena Pimentel (Unit 32) elaborated on the catering point, stating there were challenges due to the pandemic, explaining that "indoor dining" has local guidelines that UNHQ must adhere to.

*The virtual meeting adjourned at 14:08 PM EST.*

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