

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS' ORGANISATION

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

VENUE: EDENDALE LAY ECUMENICAL CENTRE

DATE: 1ST - 8TH DECEMBER, 1971.

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PRESENT:

<u>EXECUTIVE:-</u>	T.J. Sono in the chair	<u>CENTRES:</u>	A. Mokoena - UNIN
	R. Phillip		S. Mogoba - FED SEM
	N. Pityana		K. Mokoape - UNB.
	S. Moodley		J. Shezi - UNIZUL
	R. Nengwekhulu.		B. Mudaly - Darban-West
			E. Maki - Fort Hare
			S. Farisahi - L.T.C.
			D. Luthuli - L.T.C.

ABSENT: Western Cape

T.C.E.

Reeso

OBSERVER: P. Lenkos

1. OPENING: Meeting opened at 9,17am. by the President.
2. MINUTES: No minutes of previous meeting read
3. STANDING RULES : Adopted.
4. Read letter from Western Cape Branch expressing doubts about attending the Council Meeting.

BUSINESS:

6. PRESIDENT:

Chair handed over to R. Phillip(Vice President)

President's report read.

MATTERS ARISING:

Zululand: Explanation of the episode surrounding the visit of Chief Gatsha to UNIZUL - (page 8 of the report)

UNIN: Explanation of the "Felicitations" resolution to the Rector.

PROTESTS: The controversy surrounding the invitation of the President by a UOC official pretending to do so on SASO's behalf.

INFORMERS: It was a general feeling that all the centres are infested with informers. It was seen as necessary that admitted students must be fortified against fear resulting from informer activity.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON CHIEF GATSHA: It was mentioned that this Untata statement caused a lot of controversy in the black world and perhaps raised dissension at Unizul.

The President was asked to explain the statement.

10,35-10,45Tea

ABSENT: Miss Maki (Fort Hare) - apology as she was arranging for the typing of her report.

President's reply on Chief Gatsha.

Letter written by the President to the Editor of World re: Students and irresponsible action.

Further Discussion on Unizul and the President's

Utata statement in COMMITTEE

ER 1/71 THAT this Executive Council, satisfied with the explanation given by the President on his statement in Utata on Chief Gatscha and sectional politics; affirms our confidence and support for him and instructs the Secretary-General to issue a circular to all affiliated centres setting out the full facts and detail. the SASO stand on this controversy and that a meeting with Chief Gatscha be arranged for January, 1972.

Moodley/Pityana

UNAN

E/R 2/71 This Executive Council; after having listened intently to the President's report, congratulates him for his assiduous endeavours in setting the gospel of SASO throughout the black campuses and resolves to accept the report.

Mokoena/Mogoba

UNAN

Chair handed back to the President.

6. Vice-President:

Report reflected in the Secretary-General's report.

This arrangement accepted by Council.

7. Secretary-General:

Report would be discussed as items appearing on the Agenda.

1-2pm. LUNCH

Transport: It was accepted in principle that SASO must purchase a car funds permitting in order to decrease the already high transport costs.

UNIN: SRC offering to purchase a used car from its subscriptions.

ER 3/71: That this Executive Council, in view of the unsatisfactory allocation and spending of monies during Conference 1971, and in view of a need for discretion and economy in the use of public funds, recommends that, in future,

- (a) a definite financial allocation be made each year for Conference by Executive;
- (b) a minimal amount be spent on entertainment during conference.

Mudlay/Woodley

ER 4/71

That this Executive Council congratulates the University of Zululand for the contribution of R50,00 towards meeting their fundraising target and the University of the North for their generous donation of R100,00 and encourage other affiliated centres/branches to note their sensitivity towards the dire needs of their own organisation.

Mokoape/Phillip

UNAN

ER 5/71

That this Executive Council, noting the kind gesture extended to us by the Natal Regional Council of the UCCSA in providing office accommodation at a reasonable cost, resolves to express its sincere gratitude to the said Council.

Shezi/Mudley

UNAN

ER 6/71

That this Executive Council expresses its appreciation for the work of the Secretary-General and the Vice President for their dedication and efficient running of the machinery of SASO and its Head Office, and in this spirit accepts their report.

Mogoba/Mokoena

UNAN

STAFF: This question of finding permits and accommodation in Durban was raised. Barney mentioned that he might consider resigning if he cannot find accommodation by January. Sono and Nengwekhulu might have to face the same problems.

Director of Publication's report read.

ER 7/71

That this Executive Council, noting the enormous expenses of Head Office in particular those of the Newsletter, resolves to raise the price of the Newsletter to 20cents with effect from Vol. 2 No. 1.

Mokoena/Maki

ER 8/71

That this Executive Council, noting the high demand for the SASO Newsletter, therefore resolves.

- (a) that all affiliated centres should furnish the Publications Director with specific numbers of copies required for each issue.
- (b) that a maximum of six issues of the Newsletter be produced per annum; and
- (c) that the bulletin be sold at 5c and should not be reproduced in any way by an unauthorised person.

Mokoena/Shezi

UNAN

ER 9/71

That this Executive Council resolves that the report of the Director of publications be accepted and further that the Director be congratulated on the very high standard of our SASO Newsletter.

Luthuli/Mogoba

UNAN

1/71 All centres which had outstanding affiliation fees at G.S.C. reminded about the September 1st deadline. None responded except the Western Cape branch whose fees were received on 30th November, 1971. Federal Seminary are expecting ratification of the student body's decision to affiliate centrally by their governing Council not earlier than April, 1972. No contribution was received from the Fed Sem branch. The affiliation of St. Peters Seminary Hammanskraal has been further delayed by the unrests there followed by the closing down of the institution.

ER 10/71

That this Executive Council accepts the application of Durban-West as a SASO Branch and recommends the ratification of our acceptance by the G.S.C. in 1972.

Pityana/Phillip

UNAN

ER 11/71

That this Executive Council noting the non-payment of affiliation fees by certain centres/branches despite constant reminders by the Secretary-General, instructs the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the relevant centres and/or branches to this non-payment and further urges the Secretary-General to encourage these centres to pay in their affiliation fees as soon as possible.

Moodley/Shezi.

UNAN.

ER/12/71:

That this Executive Council urges the University of the North SRC to look into Resolution 24/71 and informs this Council of its reactions and/or attitude to this resolution.

Nengwekhulu / Phillip

UNAN.

ER/13/71:

That this Executive Council mandates the Secretary-General to convey the contents of Resolution 35/71 to all the black centres.

Mokoena/Mogoba.

UNAN.

ER 14/71:

That this Executive Council noting the calamity in which St Peter's has landed itself, requests the Secretary-General

- (i) to enter into correspondence with the student body immediately after the said institution re-opens.
- (ii) and that in view of a similar disturbance elsewhere the

Executive should request any campus nearer the unfortunate institution to investigate the matter and pass the facts to the Executive on which facts the latter must work in seeking action against the cause of turmoil.

- (iii) and that in future the Executive should enter into correspondence or contact with the authorities of such institutions in thrashing out the matter.

Shezi/Maki.

UNAN.

ER 15/71:

That this Executive Council noting

- (i) the adequate notice given by Head Office of this meeting and its agenda;
- (ii) the failure of centres, branches and certain Executive members to have reports prepared in time for this meeting;
- (iii) the hold-up caused by and the stumbling blocks presented to the smooth-running of Executive meeting;

THEREFORE:

1. censures these centres, branches and Executive members for their failure to present the reports to coincide with the agenda;
2. instructs all centres, branches and Executive members to have their reports ready at least five days before any meeting call. (This includes the annual G.S.C.

Pityana/Moodley

For	7
Abst.	2
Against	2

NOTION:

That this Executive Council censures the Executive for its inefficiency and failure in running the cocktail party on the 30th November as was reflected in the programme.

Mokoena/Mogona

WITHDRAWN

ER 16/71:

That this Executive Council instructs the Secretary-General to communicate the contents of Resolution 47/71 to L.U.S.A. and that the Vice-President (International) or his representative arrange a meeting to discuss the details and possibilities of a P.A.S.O. sub-continental conference in Lesotho, Swaziland or Botswana before May 31, 1972 where the question will be fully discussed.

Wengwekhulu/Pityana

MOTION:

That this Executive Council, believing that the black students of South Africa have much in common with the student movements in Latin America, Africa and Asia; hereby instructs the Vice-President to maintain contact with all radical student groups in these countries and that these countries should be included in the itinerary of any of our Executive members who manage to tour overseas.

Pityana/Wengwekhulu

Amendment:

After "Radical" insert "and/or relevant"

Woodley/Mokoena

For:	9
Against:	2

ER317/71:

That this Executive Council, believing that the black students of South Africa have much in common with student movements in Latin America, Asia and Africa; hereby instructs the Vice-President (International) to maintain contact with all radical and/or relevant student groups in these countries and that these countries should be included in the itinerary of any of our members who manage to tour overseas.

Pityana/Wengwekhulu.

For:	6
Abst.:	3
Against:	2

THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

9.25 am.

Absent: N. Pityana, B. Mudaly, K. Mokoape.Minutes by S. WoodleyR63/71:

Discussion on the imprecise provisions of the SASO Policy on the question of "contact" with whites.

10.15 am. K. Mokoape, N. Pityana arrive.

ER 18/71:

That this Executive Council, in view of the confusion and controversy over SASO's policy of 'no contact' with white people and their institutions, and in view of the apparent contradictions of GSC resolutions:

35/71 "..... advise black campuses to shun and refuse to meet those misdirected, adolescent white students who are out to destroy black solidarity."

42/71 "(d) That, therefore, we believe that in all matters relating to the struggle towards realising our aspirations whites must be excluded.....

(f) That in pursuit of this direction, therefore, personal contact with whites, though it should not be legislated against must be discouraged, especially where it tends to militate against the beliefs we hold dear."

44/71: (a) That this GSC ratifies the Executive decision

- (i) that there shall be no co-operation with NUSAS on a political platform.
- (ii) that SASO shall initiate and maintain her own field-work projects independently of NUSAS; and
- (iii) that contact shall only be maintained by exchanges of research material for academic reasons".

45/71: (vi) that in all matters relating to the struggle towards realising our aspirations, whites must be excluded;

- (vii) that though this is the case, there are still potential avenues of meaningful executive dialogue with organisations such as the above;

and thus resolves:

- (i) to curtail or avoid any unnecessary dialogue and/or co-operation with multiracial organisations;
- (ii) to empower the Executive to engage in such dialogue only when the former deems it necessary and strategic .

Hereby rules that these resolutions be interpreted thus:

- (i) Official contact with whites should be approached with extreme discretion especially when it concerns the fundamental, aims and objects of SASO.
- (ii) SASO does not deem to rule against personal contact of every of every black student with whites, but merely urges that of that such contact be approached with caution where blacks' aspirations and issues are concerned.

Mudlay/Pityana

UNAN

ER 19/71

That this Executive Council, while noting the contents of Res 69/71 of GSC, and believing that this should be extended to include pharmacy

students, radiology and physiotherapy students etc. with a view to forming a Para-medical Students' Association, and that this be left to the Medical Students' Council at UMB; and further requests members of the Executive to inform the MSC of valuable contacts they know of.

Mokoape/Phillip

UNAN.

ER 20/71:

That this Executive Council; realising the necessity for marshalling black resources in bringing R63 and 70 of GSC 1971 to the notice of the relevant state departments and university authorities;

THEREFORE RESOLVES that the Secretary-General brings the contents of these resolutions to the notice of all black organisations whose interest geared towards uplifting and improving the lot of the black man with a view to galvanising them;

AND FURTHER RESOLVES that the Secretary-General sees to the implementation of this resolution with a view to bringing pressure to bear on the relevant state departments and university authorities.

Nengwekhulu/Mogoba

UNAN.

ER 21/71:

That this Executive Council resolves that with reference to the implementation of Res 71/71 that this be brought to the notice of all the Coloured groups in addition to the Coloured Affairs Department so as to mobilize general public opinion that will promote black solidarity.

Mogoba/Mokoena

UNAN.

Res 72/71 re-Transkei school strikes. It was agreed that the university students should tutor those pupils who have been expelled.

10.50 - 11.05

T E A

Absent: Farisani, Luthuli, Mokoape.

11.15 am. Enter Farisani

ER 22/71:

That R74/71 be extended to include Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Phillip/Nengwekhulu

NeM CON.

11.20 am. Enter Luthuli, Mokoape.

UNE raised the possibility of a black Exchange Scheme that was promised by Dr Logan of the US. State Department.

9. PERMANENT ORGANISER:

Report read by R. Nengwekhulu.

ER 23/71:

That the last sentence in paragraph 1 of the Permanent Organiser's report be deleted.

Mokoape/Shezi

UNAN.

Christian Scholarship Fund: The Permanent Organiser was asked to explain his allegation that R500 from the C.S.F. was given to a UBC candidate to fight for election.

ER 24/71:

That this Executive Council notes that R75/71 is the same as R63/71 and resolves that that resolution be incorporated into R63/71.

Mogoba/Mokoena

UNAN.

ER 25/71:

That this Executive Council, noting the comments by the Academic Board of the Federal Theological Seminary on the errors and inaccuracies reflected in our amended constitution;

THEREFORE wishes to thank the said Board for these, and MANDATES the Executive to implement them with a view to proposing amendments for the July GSC.

Pityana/Phillip

UNAN.

ER 26/71:

That this Executive Council mandates the Executive to find .

- (1) A firm of financial advisors and auditors;
- (2) A firm of legal advisors.

Pityana/Mudaly

UNAN.

ER 27/71:

That this Executive Council noting that:

10/ 1. SASO was.....

1. SASO was invited to serve on the Management Committee of C.S.F.;
 2. our representative was not invited to some meetings where important decisions about the allocation of funds were taken;
 3. it has come to our notice that the sum of R500,00 from this fund was granted to a U.B.C. candidate for his election campaign ;
 4. that out of formal discussions by this committee it was intended to hand over the management of this Fund to SASO completely;
- with views concern the manner in which the fund is being handled and condemns its action involving this UBC candidate
 HEREBY MANDATES the Secretary-General to investigate our relationship with CSP and the manner in which funds are used;
 AND FINALLY INSTRUCTS the Executive Committee to take the necessary action after the findings have been presented to it.

Moodley/Parisani

UNAN.

Happy Valley Clinic: It must be noted that the Happy Valley Clinic is run by the Medical Students' Council with the active support of the SASO Local Committee at UNB.

ER 28/71:

That the word "guys" be deleted and "students" be inserted in paragraph 7 of the Permanent Organiser's Report.

Mokoena/Mogoba

NEM CON.

ER 29/71:

That this Executive Council requests the Permanent Organiser to make contact with all black teachers' associations such as TUATA and SAITA etc., and that they be included in our mailing list and urge them towards working in closer union with one another.

Shezi/Maki

UNAN.

ER 30/71:

That this Executive Council noting

1. the lack of communication between the African, Coloured and Indian teachers, and

11/2 that.

that this constitutes a threat to black solidarity
 THEREFORE INSTRUCTS (a) the Secretary-General to call a
 joint meeting between the Coloured, African and Indian
 teachers' associations so that they may deal with the above
 issue and (b) that this be done as soon as possible.

Phillip/Mogoba

UNAN.

SACHED: Executive must pursue the matter and manner of closer
 association with SACHED.

ER 31/71:

That this Executive Council, seeing the need for a closer cooperation
 between SASO and the organisers of the Domestic Workers' Project and
 the numerous possibilities of student involvement in literacy work,
 health education and such schemes with domestic workers;

HEREBY RESOLVES to request the Permanent Organiser to work in collabora-
 tion with the Wilgespruit scheme on Domestic Workers with a view to
 organising a practical project during the next vacatich.

Moodley/Mokoape

NEM CON.

Mr Steve Manyane and Miss Daphne Masekela were heartily congratu-
 lated on their work in the Domestic Workers' Project. It was explained
 that the project has already involved theological students and how they
 grapple with the real-life problems of the domestic workers. Students
 are involved in industrial work where they can share the experiences ...
 and frustrations of labourers. Classes on literacy, home economics and
 home industries are held and an attempt is made to provide recreational
 facilities for them.

2.00 - 2.35 pm.

LUNCH

Absent: Mokoena, Mogoba

Paragraph 14: Alter sentence to read: They seemed to be dissatisfied
 with my having addressed the students at Morris Isaacson, but after
 discussions they were satisfied.

S. Biko (observer) suggested that the Permanent Organiser must work
 towards opening avenues with student groups.

ER 32/71:

That this Executive Council acknowledges the existence of ASM and

notes with concern the multifarious problems they are experiencing; resolves that a meeting with the Executive of ASM be held in due course so that we can set out plans for cooperation in schools and also to help them make their organisation more representative.

Pityana/Mokoena

UNAN.

Paragraph 15: add Morris Isaacson.

Attempts to contact Indian and Coloured post-primary school leaders have not been successful. With the possibility of a SASO branch being formed in Lenasia there is hope of meaningful contact. It is the expressed desire of the Permanent Organiser that a move will be initiated in the new year in the rural areas to interest schools in black consciousness.

Paragraph 19: Change "SRC" for "SASO".

ER 33/71:

That this Executive Council

- (1) noting the dire need of resource centres for the black community in urban and rural areas;
- (2) aware of the advantages that can accrue out of the establishment of such centres, THEREFORE Resolves:
 - (a) to establish where possible resource centres to include:
 1. Education library
 2. Library on black art, poetry and relevant philosophies that apply to the liberation of blacks
 3. Selected relevant historical records concerning the black community
 4. Music and other artifacts relating to blacks in general.
 - (b) to make this facility centre available for use by blacks in each particular area, and
 - (c) to investigate the possibility of these facility centres being financed by local organisation by way of subscriptions.

Moodley/Pityana

ACCEPTED WITH ACCLAM.

S. Biko (Observer) expressed concern about the involvement of the

members of the Executive with dubious groups like NICRO. It would be better if such contact and investigations are conducted at branch level.

3.50 - 4.00

T E A

Absent: Shezi

Failure of Workers' Project: apology must be communicated to those who had applied to attend the project.

ER 34/71:

That this Executive Council, noting with regret the failure of the Labour/Industrial relations project organised with Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre; expresses its apology to all the black students thus unfortunately compromised and hope that their interest in labour relations will not wane; suggests that the failure of this scheme points to a further need for SASO to organise its own projects; and instructs the Permanent Organiser to make sure that a scheme organised for the June or December 1972 vacations will be maintained and directed by us in order to avoid any further incidents.

Pityana/Moodley

UNAN.

TRADE UNIONS: It was maintained that the Permanent Organiser's report on black Trade Unions was rather unsatisfying. It was suggested that he should find out more about organised and unorganised workers' union activities.

AFRO-ASIA SOCIETY: It was noted that contact with this group at Wits was too minimal. Secretary-General maintained that our attempts to maintain contact with black students at Wits and UCT were frustrated by the students' own seeming indifference. The contact that is there is the best that the Permanent Organiser could establish in the circumstances. It was then advised that personal contact should be maintained with those students who express interest.

4.40 pm. Exit Both L.T.C. Delegates.

STAFF: NEW APPOINTMENTS: Because of the obviously insurmountable amount of work entrusted to the Permanent Organiser, it was suggested that a joint Permanent Organiser should be appointed. The President will be appointed on a Part-time basis until the expiry of his term of office.

ER 35/71:

That this Executive Council, having listened intently to the Permanent Organiser's report, resolves

- (a) to congratulate him for the broad and informative report
- and (b) to spur him to sell the gospel of SASO throughout the country and create healthy relations with black organisations that are in sympathy with the aims and objects of SASO.
- (c) to adopt this report as authentic.

Mokoena/Mogoba

NEM CON.

10. UNIVERSITY OF THE NORTH:

Report read.

Required explanation on the "Felicitations" resolution passed by the Executive of the SRC to the Rector on his 'verlig' speech

Chair handed over to S. Moodley.

On page 2 of the report delete "Substantial".

Substitute UCM with 'SASO': National Executive to pay UNIN-SRC.

Chair handed back to T. Sono.

ER 36/71:

That this Executive Council vehemently censures the Executive of the University of the North SRC for having 'felicitated' their Rector for saying what is almost trite in this country, especially from a white man in the Afrikaner press and further requests the SRC to pin the text of this resolution on their notice board.

Shezi/Maki

NEM CON.

Abst.

2

Recorded: Pityana & Mokoena

In Paragraph (c) of the SRC Report substitute 'Members' for 'fans'.

The SASO Local Committee like all the SRC sub-committees are appointed by the SRC.

6.00 - 7.05 pm

S U P P E R

11. No reports from T.C.E. REESO and St Bede's College.

12. FEDERAL SEMINARY:

Report read

SVS issue deferred until the Fort Hare SASO branch report is tabled
ER 37/71: That this Executive Council accepts the University of the North SRC report and further congratulates the SRC President for his presentation.

Shezi/Maki

UNAN

PORT HARE EXPANSION: SRC president of Fed Sem gave a verbal report of the publicised aims of the University of Fort Hare to expand towards the Federal Seminary. The matter will be discussed under GENERAL.

13. FORT HARE:

ER 38/71: That this Executive Council notes the existence of SVS in the Victoria East area with a view to involving students in community development work; mandates the Permanent Organiser to investigate together with the Fed Sem SRC President and the Chairman of the Fort Hare SASO branch, the real nature philosophy behind SVS.

Phillip/Pityana

UNAN

14. WESTERN CAPE:

Report not tabled. Left at Head Office by mistake. It was agreed that the report maybe included in the minutes of the Council.

15. UNIZUL:

Report read.

There was confusion about the fact that Mr. Ntwasa, Director of Black Theology shared a platform with Mr. Nongwekhulu at the University of Zululand. The SRC President was under the impression that the invitation was extended to him on the basis of his being an active member of SASO. Secretary-General explained that Mr. Ntwasa was invited by the previous President of Unizul in his capacity as Director of Black Theology.

The last sentence of the first paragraph under "Executive Visits" to be deleted.

A snap vote was taken on whether the first sentence on "Chief G.M. Buthelezi's Visit" should be deleted.

Non-participation recorded by S. Moodley and N. Pityana.

SCM Participation: This was considered to be against SASO Policy. However Local Committees must use their own discretion regarding their relationship with SCM.

ER 39/71: That this Executive Council having listened intently to the Unizul report as was presented by their SRC President, resolves to accept the report as a true reflection of what happens on that campus.

Mokocena/Mokoape

UNAN

16. LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:

Written report not available. A verbal one will be given later. Apologies accepted.

17. DURBAN WEST.:

Report read and accepted.

18. UNB:

ER 40/71:

That this Executive Council, having listened intently to the Federal Seminary report as was read by their SRC President, resolves to accept the report and congratulates the students of this campus for having decided to affiliate to SASO centrally and further encourages them to implement SASO Policy as effectively as they possibly can with the view to black solidarity and the conscientization of other students in their campus.

Mokoena/Mokoape

UNAN

ER 41/71:

That this Executive Council noting the efforts engendered by the Fort Hare SASO Branch in implementing SASO Policy, as was reflected in the report presented by its Chairman resolves to accept the report and spur the branch to go on with its struggle towards the liberation of the black people despite pressure from SASO iconoclasts in the said campus.

Mokoena/Mogoba

UNAN

10-10,05 TEA

ER 42/71:

That this Executive Council:

1. Noting the zest with which the Durban-West SASO Branch came to existence

and further noting with appreciation

2. the activities carried out within such a short space of time .

THEREFORE RESOLVES:

(a) to accept the report as presented by its Chairman

(b) to encourage the branch to strive for the black cause.

Mokoena/Mokoape

Matters raised from the UNB Report included the controversy surrounding the proposed 4 year medical courses, the high failure rate of Africans at the Medical School with a plea that SASO take steps to highlight the plight of those affected mainly African-students. Emblem on SASO shirts would be raised under General.

ER 43/71

That this Executive Council having listened intently to the UNB report as presented by the SRC President AND NOTING:

- (1) the rejection of the proposed 4 year "BANTU MEDICAL COURSE by the UNB students;
- (2) the prudent attempt by the UNB students in improving SASO T-shirts with a view to publicising SASO and raising funds

THEREFORE RESOLVES

- (a) felicitate the UNB students for their positive attitude on matters relating to their priorities
- (b) to accept the report and further urge the African, Indian and African of that campus, not allow themselves to be divided by external forces.

Mokoena/Maki

UNAN

19. LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:

The SRC at LTC is sharply divided on SASO although those against SASO are not strong enough. The branch now consists of some 20 members but it is hoped that the membership will increase next year. It has apparently been indicated that central affiliation will not be accepted by authorities. There is also a measure of support from members of the staff.

Among the achievements of the branch is the amount of the political awareness raised. Coupled with this awareness is the unequivocal rejection of white-imposed ideas on the campus. A team of SE's visited the campus in October. Some students and an African lecturer were raided. This however, left the students committed and the SASO image unperturbed.

There has been a demand by students to get more responsibilities. They have been now allowed to run the boarding establishment. Black Theology will be on the syllabus as from next year.

The branch is now planning projects for next year. They hope to go into fullscale fundraising. There is the problem of water shortage in the areas surrounding the College. They hope to help improve the know-how of the people in things like gardening. It is aimed to improve the standing of SASO on the campus organisationally, involving students in community work and interesting them in Black Theology. A Fresher Reception programme has been planned which is aimed at initiating and orientating the new student.

After some discussion the LTC report was accepted with acclaim.

20. PROCEDURE: S. Moodley drew the attention of Council to

1. The undue time spent on reports as a result of petty wiggling on some issues.
2. These could have long been settled if delegates were not personally motivated.
3. This petty wiggling is to a degree a result of hurriedly prepared reports which results in vague wording and numerous misconceptions.

It was pointed out to Mr Woodley that his assertions are negating the impressions of the Council when all the reports were adopted. He agreed that his observations be simply noted.

MOKOENA: We are behind schedule not because of the fault with the presentation of reports but that too little provision is made for centre reports.

MOKOAPE: Any longer time would give room for pettiness.

ER 44/71:

That this Executive Council, in view of the nature of the work of the LTC branch, and noting the brave manner in which this branch has withstood its teething problems accepts the report of the LTC branch and commend them for their unswerving attachment to the cause of black consciousness and black solidarity.

Mogoba/Mokoena.

UNAN.

FRIDAY: 3rd DECEMBER, 1971.

9.04 am.

Absent: R. Phillip, Miss E. Maki, H. Nengwekhulu.

21. PLANNING

Enters Miss E. Maki - 9.07 am.

(a) FRESHER RECEPTION:

- UNB: (i) Pre-lectures dates received from the Administration.
(ii) Welcome reception - tours, discussions and lectures,
(iii) Fresher pamphlet printed.

UNIN:: The guidance Committee handles the orientation

programme of the first years - members of the SRC consulted.

- Tours, lectures, registration of courses.
- Orientation programme arranged by authorities.
- SRC - orientation scheme where talks by student leaders are held.

9.15 Enters R. Phillip

- Films, tours and sightseeing.
- Fresher Banquette.

UNIZUL: All fresher reception activities have been handled by the Administration but it is now hoped that the SRC will have a hand.

9.20 am Enters R. Nengwekhulu

- introduction to student societies and campus activity
- welcome speeches by Rector, SRC President and other senior students.

PORT HARE: Absence of an SRC causes fresher programme to be handled by Administration.

FED. SEM.: arranged by Administration but opportunity is given to students - orientation with freshmen from Rhodes - sharing of ideas
Concern was expressed about the involvement and and fraternising with Rhodes freshmen.

It was decided that SASO should print a fresher pamphlet and try to meet the tastes of all the campuses in its contents. It was estimated that the allocation should be as follows:

UNIN	(±500 (+200))	UNIZUL	±300
PORT HARE	±500	UNB	±200
L.T.C.	± 20	FED.SEM	±40

EE 45/71:

That it is Executive Council noting

- (1) The need of a publication for fresher reception,
- (2) the financial difficulties faced by each centre/branch

WHEREFORE RESOLVES:

- (a) to empower the Director of Publications to print this

publication.

- (b) to entrust the sale or free distribution of the pamphlet to each centre; AND
- (c) to make each centre/branch aware of the cost involved and that the said Director may request a subsidy per quota.

Maki/Shezi

UNAN.

10.45 - 11.25 am IN COMMITTEE

ER 46/71:

That this Executive Council noting

1. the importance of the SASO DAY of COMPASSION;
2. the coincidence of the SASO Day of Compassion and the Week of Compassion declared by the S.A. Council of Churches,
3. the confusion which results in the public mind because of this coincidence;

THEREFORE RESOLVES to change the date of the SASO Day of Compassion from August 24 to August 17.

Nengwekhulu/Moodley

For: 9

Abst.:3

Against :4

It was resolved that the Heroes Day (March 21) and SASO Day (May 10) will be retained as before.

B. EXECUTIVE TOURS:

HEROES' DAY - MARCH 21

PRESIDENT - ALICE

VICE-PRESIDENT - UNIZUL

PERMANENT ORGANISER .. and DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATION - UNIN

SASO DAY - MAY 10

PRESIDENT - UNIN /LTC

VICE-PRESIDENT - UNB/DURBAN-WEST

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATION - FED SEM

OTHER SUGGESTED DATES:

- PRESIDENT - UNIZUL - March 12-13
- UNB - 1st week March
- VICE-PRESIDENT - DURBAN-WEST - 2nd Sunday May
- PERMANENT ORGANISER - ~~PORT~~ HARE - 21st May

FRESHER RECEPTION TOUR: It was decided that the President should set out his itinerary and present it to the centres for approval.

C. HEAD OFFICE:

- It has been agreed that a part-time typist can be hired from time to time as the amount of work increases, funds permitting.

ER 47/71:

That this Executive Council noting the amount of work involved in the Head Office, ratifies the appointment of Strini Moodley as Administrative Assistant.

Shezi/Maki

UNAN.

ER 48/71:

That this Executive Council mandates the Executive to

1. investigate the feasibility of setting up an office in Johannesburg and
2. use its discretion as to when such an office could be opened and how it should be fitted out.

Mudaly/Phillip

UNAN.

D. PROJECTS:

Registration of the welfare/field work section of our activities agreed to in principle. Secretary-General to investigate its implications further.

ER 49/71:

That this Executive Council noting that the registration of SASO as a welfare organisation is essential, resolves

- (i) to accept this in principle and
- (ii) to empower the Secretary-General to proceed with arrange-

ments to bring this into effect as the need arises.

Mogoba/Mokoena

UNAN.

ER 50/71:

That this Executive Council noting that

- (i) it has ratified the appointment of Strini Moodley as Administrative Assistant
- (ii) the President will be serving part-time for the remaining part of his term of office
- (iii) the payment of the two Executive staff officers was not accommodated in the budget;

THEREFORE RESOLVES to assess the salary of the Permanent Organiser and the Secretary-General and paying the latter two officers and the Administrative Assistant plus the President R120,00 per month each; AND FURTHER

takes into account what SASO owes the Executive staff in retrospect

Maki/Shezi

UNAN.

1.05 - 2.00 pm LUNCH

Absent: K. Mokoape, R. Nengwekhulu

22. RELATIONS

(1) JASC

Enter Mokoape, Nengwekhulu - 2.10 pm.

S. Moodley giving explanation for banning of JASC from Inanda Seminary. Reasons were not satisfactory. We were informed however that some of the girls who were expelled were allowed to write examinations.

Enter P. Lenke (A.S.M.) invited observer - 2.20 pm.

ER 51/71:

That this Executive Council instructs the Secretary-General to investigate the JASC affair with a view to finding out the real reasons for its 'banning' by the Inanda authorities.

Phillip/Nengwekhulu

UNAN.

3.48 - 4.00 pm. T E A

Absent: Moodley, Nengwekhulu

(ii) NUSAS:

4.20 pm Enter S. Moodley, R. Nengwekhulu

5.20 pm Exit N. Shezi - his departure for business reasons accepted by Council with regret. V.I.V. Made will replace as alternate delegate.

ER 52/71:

That this Executive Council noting that

1. a scholarship fund for all South African students is still solely under the control of NUSAS;
2. noting further that Mr. P. Pretorius, President of NUSAS regards applications from black students as 'disturbing';
HOWEVER BELIEVING THAT in raising funds our name as blacks is obviously used;
THEREFORE INSTRUCTS the President and Secretary-General to obtain the relevant facts with regard to the Scholarship Fund.

Mokoape/Shezi

UNAN.

(iii) NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS CONFERENCE:

Invitation to send delegates accepted. The following indicated that they would attend: R. Nengwekhulu (Delegation leader);

A. Mokoena, S. Moodley, K. Mokoape, E. Shezi and Miss Maki.

The following issues will be raised on SASO's behalf:

1. Anti-fragmentation;
2. no attacks on individuals;
3. Black solidarity in relations to the other black communities;
4. involvement in politics.

5.45 - 6.45 pm S U P P E R

Absent: Luthulu, P. Lenkoe (A.S.N.)

Enter V.I.V. Made (UNIZUL)

ADDRESS BY A.S.N. President.

- Has about 700/800 members of which about 100 are full enrolled.

A.S.M. operates on the Reef, Soweto, East and West Rand. It is constituted such that they work jointly with other black organisations and not in competition.

Activities this past year have involved a protest against TUATA re: Musical competitions condemned, picketting TUATA conference. This resulted in condemnation by the Principal's Union resulting in the real threat to its future existence. A.S.M. is geared towards nation-building in its activities.

Exchange of minutes and any other material agreed upon.

A.S.M. inviting observers to their January A.G.M.

(iv) U.C.M.:

HR 53/71:

That this Executive Council noting:

1. that R44/71 states inter alia "..... Resolves that the Executive be given leeway to conduct relations with UCM in a way that will be to the interests of SASO whilst taking heed of the Policy Manifesto."
2. that in the interests of SASO a serious look be taken into the "Black Theology Movement" that exists within the framework of a multiracial UCM.
3. that this anomolous existence lends itself to unhealthy interpretations in view of the 'dual' membership of SASO members within UCM.
4. that in view of R58/71 which states inter alia "..... THEREFORE instructs the Secretary-General to form, together with other relevant religious groups a permanent commission on Black Theology to study, direct and popularise this concept";

HERRYBY DECLARES

- (a) that the "Black Theology 'Movement'" as presently constituted has nothing whatsoever to do with SASO,
- (b) that SASO is not responsible for any actions that might have been taken, are taken or will be taken by the "Black Theology Movement" that exists within the framework of a multiracial UCM;

AND HERRYBY RESOLVES

- (i) to mandate the Secretary-General to call the Director of the "Black Theology Movement" to a meeting with the Executive of SASO to investigate the whole issue of the "Black Theology Movement".
- (ii) to urge the Secretary-General to implement R58/71 as soon as possible so that a completely independent Black Theology Movement be set up and thus facilitate the breakaway of the "Black Theology Movement" from the multiracial UCM.

Wengwekhulu/Moodley

UNAN.

23. CONFERENCE 1972

Dates set for the 2 - 8th July, 1972.

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It was agreed that the theme be CREATIVITY AND BLACK DEVELOPMENT.

Leading Cultural Groups: drama, poets, artists, must all be invited.

ER 54/71:

That this Executive Council noting that:

- (1) the "BEST SPEAKER'S DEBATE" proves meaningless at the conference;
- (2) the floating trophy was donated by Old Mutual;
- (3) the "OLD MUTUAL" forced Mewa Ramgobin to resign his job immediately after he was banned under the Suppression of Communism Act;

However believing that we the black students cannot afford to be competing for such establishment-orientated trophies;

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AND although welcoming and appreciating the need by Fort Hare for more land; however we wish to point out that alternatives for the expansion plan can be met without jeopardising the position of the Federal Seminary; AND

WE WISH it be noted that we have the interests of the present and future students of both Fort Hare and the Federal Seminary; as we all, together, seek to achieve black solidarity.

Moodley/Mokoape

UNAN.

27. FORMATION SCHOOL:

Unless funds provide otherwise it was agreed that no regional formation schools will be held. Centres and regions are, however, encouraged to arrange their own weekend seminars.

The National Formation School will be held at the Federal Seminary in Alice over the Ascension long-week-end of May, 1972.

The Executive Council Meeting will be held in Durban and the UNB-SRC shall act as hosts. The dates are April 1 - 2 or during the Inter-
university Week April 3 - 8, 1972.

28. CLOSURE:

Messages of thanks to the Director of the Edendale Lay Ecumenical Centre and his staff.

Meeting closed at 12.15 am.

READ AND ACCEPTED AT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

AT ON

.....
N. Pityana
(SECRETARY-GENERAL)

.....
T.J. Sono
(PRESIDENT)