

Minutes of a meeting of physics students

5 July 2007, University of the Witwatersrand, 16:50

1. Opening and welcome

Dr. Attie Combrink opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees.

2. Attendance

An attendance register was circulated.

3. Matters for Discussion under “General”

Two items were added to the agenda, as indicated below.

4. Minutes Of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted without change.

5. Matters Arising From Minutes

5.a. Community Involvement of Physics Students

At the 2006 meeting students indicated that they found it difficult to get involved with community projects, because their time was limited and they had to consider the academic pressures. The news of DST's intended camps in all nine provinces was shared with the attendees. The majority of the attendees agreed that they would be willing to assist in these camps, being held in close proximity to their universities, to share their experiences as physics students and act as role models.

6. General

6.a. Election of Student Representative on Council

No new student representative was elected for Council prior to this meeting, since the only nomination received was invalid. During the meeting Mr. Gurthwin Bosman (University of Stellenbosch) was nominated and unanimously elected as the new student representative on Council for the 2007–2009 term.

6.b. International Year of Astronomy 2009

Mr. Kevin Govender shared with all the attendees that 2009 would be the International Year of Astronomy and that this would create many opportunities for students to promote physics through astronomy. Students were encouraged to look out for opportunities related to this project to promote physics in their area.

7. Closure

The chairperson closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the 2008 SAIP Conference.