

Minutes of the 13TH and 2014 Annual FAPSA General Meeting held at the University of Pretoria on the 29 June 2014

1. Opening and Welcome President – Wayne Muller

The President, Mr W Muller opened the meeting and welcomed all delegates present.

2. Attendance Register and Apologies/Credentials Secretary General –Danie Hefer

The Secretary General took note of all delegates that were present and no apologies were recorded on the day.

3. Minutes of the 12th FAPSA AGM held in Durban, Secretary General –Danie Hefer

The minutes of the 12th and 2014 FAPSA AGM were presented by the Secretary General and ultimately adopted as a true reflection of what transpired in the previous AGM.

4. Matters Arising Secretary General – Danie Hefer

No matters arose from the minutes of the previous AGM; however, the following general matters were presented by members that were present:

- FAPSA members was concerned about the absence of NSFAS and it is noted that in the keynote address by Prof Mosia that FAPSA was advised to consult with the NSFAS board
- One of the key issues addressed was the need to rebuild the relationship with NSFAS and to regain a FAPSA seat on the NSFAS board.
- FAPSA EXCO were also mandated to ensure that regional FAPSA EXCO Members were elected and to ensure that regional workshops were rolled out accordingly in all provinces.
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The following resolutions however were accepted by the members that were present at the meeting, namely:

- FAPSA to rebuild the relationship with NSFAS
- FAPSA to regain seat on NSFAS board
- Feasibility study of affiliation fees
- Investigating the appointment of an administrator including logistics, job description and financial impact

- The appointment of a subcommittee to deal with policies and procedures to be discussed at the next conference

The Members present at the AGM however raised the following concerns in relation to issues pertaining to NSFAS

- Less communication from NSFAS due to the number of institutions served
- Later/non-payments from NSFAS
- Increase in student demand for funding/allowances
- Short deadlines e.g. final reports
- Additional reports and information needed by NSFAS
- Changing Policies without notice and workshops
- Increased applications but less funding and more donors
- Doing more with less staff
- Late receipt of means test

5. Secretary General's Report 2013/2014 – Danie Hefer

Mr Hefer, the Secretary General, presented his report. The members present raised their concerns on the presentation of the report that presented by the Secretary and stated their concerns in relation to it. Members felt that the report presented was not done properly and did not underline the purpose of the role of the Secretary in its context. A few members gave their suggestions as to how it should be done and these points were duly noted.

6. Financial Report 2013/2014 – Vish Naidoo

Mr Naidoo, the Treasurer, presented the financials on behalf of the FAPSA EXCO. The report indicated that FAPSA was in a good standing and showed that the organisation funds were being well managed.

7. Date and Host of the 2015 FAPSA Conference President – Wayne Muller

The venue of the next conference was finalised and agreed upon to be in Cape Town. UCT offered to co-host the conference with UWC. This was accepted and adopted by the members present at the meeting.

8. Closure

The meeting was closed and adjourned at 5pm.