

DIE Board Hearing Application 2020

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This application is for a: Appeal of a DIE Board Decision

Reason I was informed by the spokesperson of the SU council, Philip Miheso, as per the bylaw I will be expelled from the council with immediate effect.

That decision came from the bylaw stating that every councillor is required to attend at least 50% of roll calls each trimester. I have, unfortunately, failed to do that. I would like to explain the circumstances that lead to this.

In June 2021 I had to accompany my mother going to Syria for urgent family matters, and other matters that needed our attention. I have tried to attend every council meeting but because of the electricity and internet issues, I was usually either cut off in the middle of the meeting or joining late. I have informed Councilor Miheso about this issue immediately and walked him through the process of how I join the meeting every time.

The circumstances were out of my hand, and still are. However, I have looked into finding a solution and I was able to find one last week. It's a costly one, but I was prepared to do it because I am determined to be a part of this council. I bought my own monthly data that's able to connect to meetings only.

I am kindly asking you to consider that I keep my seat at this council and continue in my position. I am with confidence and the firm belief that I can contribute in so many ways to this council, and learn from other councilors.

I would be honored to be a part of this council for this coming year. It's a challenging one, and I am excited to work through it with the other council members, if approved.

Thank you for your time and work.

Sincerely,
Rama Taha

Signature

