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Term report 1

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## General overview

### Personal reflection

I have not gotten to fully fulfil many duties for my portfolio except for planning. This is because I was only appointed on 6 October and afterwards had to deal with the overflowing protests. I am confident that next term will allow the portfolio to fully encompass its task.

### Portfolio overview

The Gender Identity and Sexuality portfolio will play a dynamic role in changing and developing attitudes towards sexualities and gender identity at Stellenbosch University. Through the responsible promotion of social justice, awareness and critical engagement this portfolio aims to create a safe space where everyone can be inclusive and ensure that all students have a chance at student success

### Portfolio responsibilities overview

The responsibilities of this portfolio will be to create a gender and sexually inclusive platform which will challenge the traditional views/opinions of institutional culture. Also creating a culture of critical thought amongst campus that gradually de-stigmatising issues surrounding gender identity and sexualities.

### Committee overview (i/a)

The committee therefore will assist with the planning and execution of events under this portfolio. Everyone will be responsible with creating a project based platform on campus that will assist in awareness, education and potential implementation of gender and/ or sexuality. They also will assist in research and partnerships with relative stakeholders

### Portfolio Priorities

The main priorities are to ensure that all students are familiar with this portfolio. Since it is relatively new it is good to all students to become acquainted with it. For this term in particular planning for 2016 is imperative to ensure that all basis of gender, sexuality and safe sex will be covered.

### How can the portfolio be improved?

Again due to the portfolio being relatively new, improvement is not yet needed. Only until actions have commenced.



# Responsibility overview

## **Responsibility 1: Planning and Committee establishment**

### Overview of responsibility

To ensure the success of this portfolio planning and committee establishment took place.

### Desired outcomes of responsibility

- To gather a collective of students that shared the same passion and interest of social change in gender identity and sexuality.
- To create an inclusive strategic plan for 2016.

### Outcomes achieved with responsibility

- A collective of students that share the same passion and interest of social change in gender identity and sexuality have been chosen to be a part of this portfolio.
- The strategic planning for 2016 has been achieved.

### How can the execution of this responsibility be improved?

N/A

## **Responsibility 2: Networking**

### Overview of responsibility

Creating external relationships with other Universities and/or organisations.

### Desired outcomes of responsibility

The outcomes are to share ideas and resources related to the theme of the portfolio. Whilst collaborating in any events/projects that can assist in the success of this portfolio.

### Outcomes achieved with responsibility

Gradually encountering network potentials in the process of establishing potential collaborations.

### How can the execution of this responsibility be improved?

To market the portfolio a bit more and allow external parties how interested we are to work with them.

## **Supplementary Responsibilities**

Supplementary responsibilities are responsibilities that is day to day, but not major enough to be defined individually.

### Overview of Supplementary Responsibilities

Collaboration with other portfolios within the SRC.

### How can the execution of these responsibilities be improved?



Through time.

## Supportive Information

### Relevant contact information

1. Tish White (Mx)

Project Coordinator:

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Advocacy

Wits Transformation and Employment Equity Office

011 717 1456 (Office)

2. Manon Barendse

Master studente Industrial Design

TU/e

### Budgetary overview

R40 000

### Project overview (i/a)

No projects were fulfilled or implemented during this first term.

### Overview of Term

Give a weekly overview of the term

#### Week 1 (14 – 20 September)

Not in office

#### Week 2 (21 – 27 September)

Not in office

#### Week 3 (28 – 3 October)

Not in office

#### Week 4 (4 – 10 October)

First week of office, which was introduction and meetings with the current SRC members and getting a better understanding as to what their portfolios were about and how far they have come.

#### Week 5 (11 – 17 October)

The first sitting of all managerial appointed portfolios at the SRC meeting. Once again getting to understand the dynamics between the team.

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Week 6 (18 – 24 October)

The commencement of #Feesmustfall, We as the entire SRC had to deal with many of the events occurring around the protests. We assisted in providing food for the students who protested and showed solidarity for the movement.

Week 7 (25 – 31 October)

This week was debrief week which consisted of multiple meeting with various stakeholders and students on campus.