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## General overview

### Personal reflection

To be Prim Committee (PC) Vice-Chair it was simple at first, because I was determined to build relationships in every aspect of what the portfolio entailed. It was important for me to be a good representative for the PSO students, which is also seen as a marginalized group on campus. I am very adamant to raise opinions that will also benefit these students.

As an old-residence student it is a personal challenge to try and overcome challenges that I have never faced before.

This portfolio is very personal and cannot be efficient if you do not have people skills. You are part of the bigger PC, the Executive of the PC as well as the Chairperson of the PSO PC. It is quite administrative, especially in the planning of welcoming in the following year.

My experience has been very positive. You are part of the training and development that the University offers student leaders. You have to make an effort to see and understand where university is going while engaging enough with the prims and students to understand their opinions and views.

### Portfolio overview

This portfolio is both supportive as well as administrative based at first. There is no definite description, no one will check up on you and no one will make suggestions as to what you ought to achieve. As PC Vice-Chair you are responsible for administrating the PSO Primis which is a pleasant group of students to work with. We are a committee of 15 and work very close to each other.

You are also part of the bigger PC context where you have to support the PC Chair, in this case, Wim Steyn. I have been just a pleasure so far. At first it was a very big adjustment to work in such a close relationship but you get rhythm in your relationship. To play a supportive role is bigger than just to help where possible, but you should also invest in personal development, and ready and do research. This will enable you to be active in developing the

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members of your committee.

This portfolio plays a very important role in investing in the student leaders to equip them to create an inclusive environment in their specific communities.

#### Portfolio responsibilities overview

The responsibilities are to be informed and to have conversations with different student communities and constituencies on campus. It is to be an example to the Prims.

You also have administrative duties like assisting in chairing the PC meetings. You play a very important role in being a communication when the welcoming planning takes place. It is also very important to be in communication with management. We have weekly meetings with Leslie van Rooi as well as Pieter Kloppers, to help us and guide us. We also use these platforms to generate ideas and test ideas. We are in constant conversation with people, to take these conversations to the PC meetings.

#### Committee overview (i/a)

The Committees are, as mentioned above:

- The PC - Prim Committee, which consists of the Primarius and Primaria's. We meet bi-weekly.
- The PC Exec, consists of myself, the Chair, Bernice Shaw as the head cluster convener, Chanel Viljoen as PC Secretary, and 3 elected Prims.
- The PSO Prims. We are a separate committee that meets as needed.

#### Portfolio Priorities

The priorities are to communicate with management and the students and to equip students to create an inclusive community. This is supported by creating a welcoming culture as well as to educate students on campus.

#### How can the portfolio be improved?

This portfolio can improve by moving away from playing an administrative role, and being more educational.



# Responsibility overview

## **Responsibility 1: Supportive role as the Vice-Chair**

### Overview of responsibility

As a Vice-Chair it is always expected to support the chair in his/her role. This does not mean that you cannot have a different opinion, but suggests you discuss challenges and problems before hand, to confirm your stance in front of your committee. We should share a confident opinion or suggestion to the committee.

### Desired outcomes of responsibility

I desire to do only what this suggests. To be a true supporter of Wim Steyn as the Chair. I wish to differ from his opinion, if it is needed, but to speak about it and challenge the views of each other.

### Outcomes achieved with responsibility

I believe that our team dynamics are very good and that we work very well together. We do support each other and help each other in the literal sense where possible.

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

I can be more informed of what he is planning or where he wishes to bring about change. If I am aware hereof I can be of bigger support.

## **Responsibility 2: Chairing the PSO students**

### Overview of responsibility

This is to be the voice of the PSO students to assure them they do have a voice on the SRc. We have had discussions about access for PSO students to venues such as Residence Dining Halls, which was championed.

### Desired outcomes of responsibility

To truly not exclude any student on campus, and voice the needs of PSO students.

### Outcomes achieved with responsibility

We granted greater access of students to residential communities. We made the cluster initiative a more prominent player in the PSO context.

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

Have more conversations with PSO students to assure I know the needs that they are faced with daily.

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### **Responsibility 3: Informative and development of the Prims**

#### Overview of responsibility

This is the priority of being on the PC. The Prims are all very willing to learn and very eager to develop their skills as leaders, to bring about change in their individual communities. This is what is important. You as leader of this committee should be informed and remove yourselves from your beliefs and always consider the perspective of others.

This is the reason PC is such an represented body and important body to impact students.

#### Desired outcomes of responsibility

To have student communities that is forward thinking and inclusive. To truly see change in the way student communities accept each other.

#### Outcomes achieved with responsibility

Not yet able to comment on the outcome.

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

To have more training and information sessions with regards to sensitive topics to be educated.

### **Supplementary Responsibilities: Administrative role**

#### Overview of responsibility

Playing an administrative role is not always necessary. But to be Vice-Chair, and Chair of PSO students, you do not have a choice. You have to assure transportation for students during welcoming, food packets and accommodation. This means that you are in communication with parents and enquiries as such.

#### Desired outcomes of responsibility

For everything to be in order during welcoming and to assure all goes well.

#### Outcomes achieved with responsibility

Everything was organised but not yet implemented.

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

I am not in a position to say, due to the fact that the outcome has not occurred yet. But I suggest that this can be given to a member on your committee, to help you with the administration. I did so, and will have 2 people on my committee.

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# Supportive Information

## **Relevant contact information**

Leslie van Rooi at the FVZS offices – 021 808 2313.  
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## **Budgetary overview**

Please refer to PC Chair Person's report for the PC Budget.

The PSO budget is being run by the FVZS. The PSO budget is more or less R50000. The income is the membership fees, of all PSO students. The expenses are PSO Bosberaad, Transport during welcoming as well as drivers. Some payments are made to members which are assist during welcoming in planning and administraring the during that period.

## **Project overview (i/a)**

### Project 1

PSO Bosberaad

This is 4 meetings being held by myself, the Chair, the Prims as well as 2 residence Prims. This is a planning and preparation day, to assist the Prims in developing the PSO's to become more educational.

Please refer to Wim Steyn's report for the PC in general PC's projects. This is only PSO specific.

### Project 2

(N.A.)

### Project 3

(N.A.)

## **Overview of Term**

### Week 1 (14 – 20 September)

POPS camp was help the week before, so this week was not a very active week in terms of PC Vice Chair. What I did was to allocate the SRc guardians to PSO's and residences.



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We met with Leslie discussing the over 25 PSO lunch. What this entails is all students that are first years in PSO's but are 25 years and older were usually introduced at this lunch. But this was not a very well attended event, thus we decided not to do so, and use the money that was usually allocated for this event for another cause.

This is also the first MAD2 planning week.

Week 2 (21 – 27 September)

We had our first PSO-Prim meeting. This was also the first time we discussed the PSO document that explains the way in PSO's inter relationship should be. This means that PSO's in clusters should have a bigger working relationship. The document indicates that PSO's should be "mixed" but we suggested that each cluster drafts a plan to work together as a unit, and share portfolio's like mentors.

We were part of a Residence Head meeting this week where we discussed the implicit association test, written by Malcom Gladwell in the book Blink. This is a test done by Harvard University showing your implicit bias towards a certain race, sex, gender. In the meeting, chaired by Pieter Kloppers, we spoke about the education and awareness as Resident Heads while the planning for welcoming started.

Week 3 (28 – 3 October)

This week we had our first (of 4) PSO Bosberaad/Planning days. The agenda is seen as **Addendum 1**.

This was a very successful day and has given the PSO Prims confidence for the year.

This was also the first week of the year discussions. As PC Vice-Chair I took it upon myself to attend as many year discussions as possible. To get to know the communities. And to assist and encourage the planning for the year ahead.

Week 4 (4 – 10 October)

Again I attended year discussions throughout this week.

Week 5 (11 – 17 October)

We had our first PC Exec meeting this week to get an understanding of what the Exec will do in terms of the PC. This was also the first discussion about the 11,5% increase in student fees.

Week 6 (18 – 24 October)

We as PK released a statement in solidarity with the FeesMustFall movement.

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This week was a full-on welcoming planning week. We started to arrange the food and transport services. We made sure for accommodation for “walk-in” students.

#### Week 7 (25 – 31 October)

This week was yet again welcoming based to assure that we end the arrangements before the exams start.

This was also a very active FeesMustFall week.



## Addendums

### Addendum 1: PSO Bosberaad/Planning agenda

08:30-09:00	Arrival with refreshments
09:00-10:30	Welcoming and introductions PSO's cluster models and the impact of the individual models on welcoming
10:30-10:45	Tea break
10:45-13:00	Welcoming program and administration
13:00-13:15	Tea break
13:15-14:30	General discussion "walkovers" (we will discuss walkovers)
14:30	Late lunch

**Addendum 2**  
(N.A)

**Addendum 3**  
(N.A)