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## SRC 2022/2023 TERM 2 REPORT POSTGRADUATE-STUDENT PORTFOLIO

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## Constitutional Responsibilities

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As the Postgraduate Students portfolio holder, I have the following constitutional responsibilities:

- Promoting the rights of postgraduate students as referred to under CHAPTER 2
- Representing the interests of postgraduate students at various committees, structures, and functionaries of the University
- Evaluating the University policies which impact on postgraduate students and give input in the formulation thereof
- Facilitating projects and initiatives to benefit postgraduate students

### Portfolio overview

The role of the Postgraduate Students Portfolio is to inform SRC projects on the impact on Postgraduate students. They Initiate projects to allow for Postgraduate students' involvement on campuses and ensure acclimatization and orientation for Postgraduate students. This portfolio Liaises with the Postgraduate Office, Senior Prim Committee and Academic Affairs Council.



## Terms Overviews

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The goal of this portfolio is to advocate for the need for postgraduate student. To make it clear that the university's goal for postgraduate students is fulfilled, to give them the tools they need to succeed while putting the onus on them to seize chances on their own. This goal includes independence in terms of housing, funding, and academic performance. Key challenges affecting postgraduate students will be brought up in each of these areas, and the requisite.

For the time being, this portfolio's responsibility is to inform the SRC of changes at the postgraduate office and vice versa. The postgraduate office has several employees who are particularly qualified to help postgraduate students but find it difficult to interact with them on a personal level. I believe this portfolio should fill that void.

Other roles I must play include be in charge of all university-wide postgraduate academic problems. Talk with the committees of the Postgraduate faculty. Keep in touch with the Postgraduate Funding Office. Ensure the creation of a setting that supports academic excellence. Oversee developing or improving educational activities for the university and the neighbourhood. Promote postgraduate studies to undergraduate students and make them aware of them. In conjunction with the Vice President for External Affairs, maintain communication with internal and external research and financing organizations. In the second term, after welcoming and orientation. We (I and post graduate office) continue to assist postgraduate in need of fundings and accommodation. There is hardly event happening in post graduate students, workshops are online most of the time. I am certain that the next term there will important workshop happening that will assist post graduate students with their studies.

### Budget usage

Project	Amount Budgeted	Amount Utilized	Amount Available
None			



## Committees

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### Institutional Committees

- Student fees
- Honorary Degrees Committee
- Student Affairs Selection Committee

### Plans for next term.

1. Meet with SLS cluster leadership and discuss activities for the postgraduate students and implementation of their calendar.
2. Collaborate with Dot Net (senior PSO leaders): to make aware of any other ad hoc general problems encountered by postgraduate students living in private housing.
3. AAC: Conversations about the project to boost postgraduate representation will be held in teams and via email.
4. Heads of various student faculty committees: Teams will communicate and have discussions about the project to enhance postgraduate representation.
5. Meeting with the post graduate office to discuss Calendar for postgraduate events. Create a platform or link on My. SUN where events and deadlines from all campus stakeholders can be submitted and seen whenever they are relevant to postgraduate students or are specifically targeted at them. Deadlines for thesis submission, workshop dates, and social events like Varsity Cup, foreign mixers, and SU Acapella are a few examples.
6. Meetings with variety of stakeholders, including the Senior Living Spaces cluster coordinator, the PSO project coordinator, the director and deputy director of the postgraduate office, and several graduate students.



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