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Constitutional Responsibilities

The role of the SU International portfolio head is to Ensure accessibility of information and documentation related to being an International Student. They Liaise with International Office and are a point of contact for all concerns raised by international students. Their role is to Facilitate projects to increase the enjoyment of campuses by all International Students as well as to Facilitate engagement between various International Students. They ensure equality of offerings for all international students and Promote pride of identities for international students.

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Portfolio Overview

The portfolio is changing how the international students are perceived on campus. More intentional discourse is being set up to discuss surrounding international student perception. At the end of the term 2021/2022, I hope for a visible/qualitative difference between the care at arrival and the emotions at departure of international students from SU now, and that of future prospective students and alumni.

The events scheduled at the end of the year are set to establish grounds for dialogue.

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Committees/Task Teams

Summary of discussions in meetings.

- **Senate**
 - *Senate voted for the New Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies*
- **Bursary and Loans**
 - *Bursary and loans discussed plans and areas in which funding needs to be concentrated. There is a lot of talk on assisting students who do not automatically fall within the bracket that requires immediate financial assistance.*
- **Umoja Summit Planning Committee**
 - *The planning committee concluded organisation of the summit which set to be held on the 29th of July at STIAS in Stellenbosch. The theme of the year is centred around climate change, and the role of African leaders in addressing it. Speakers from across the country have been invited to attend.*
- **Institutional Advisory Committee on Internalisation (IACI)**
 - *IACI Launched the SDG hub which as it is a virtual centre for tracking of Stellenbosch's data towards sustainability. A programme was launched for students to join, and create projects for the SDG hub. The goal would be for students to see this work*
 - *IACI discussed intentions bringing students from more African countries.*



Term Overview

Term 2 of 2022 was a gruelling time for students, staff and student leaders alike. There were great ideas for the portfolio, but not all of them were realised. The lessons learnt is to stick to one at a time, events cannot (always) be predicted.

The event we have during this term will all be followed into the terms that follow. The idea is to leave a legacy of events that continue, for the enrichment of students. Key takeaways from the term:

- *Full Time International students needs to have their orientation. This will be for international to have a better understanding of the context of which they're in the country. Unions formed with other international students and with South African students will create better empathy.*

The Africa Day lunch was held on the 25th May at a new centre in Stellenbosch The CoCreate assists students with venues at a reasonable price.. The event needs to hosted annually. With the correct organisational methods, it should not cost a lot. Indabo's Kitchen served "home cooked" with "traditional Africa" at the heart of it, and Warda's kitchen serving 40+ halaal dishes.

I thank the CoCreate for their generosity and workmanship. The event will hopefully grow into a better, and fuller experience .



Budget Usage

Utilise the following template or something similar to show your expenditure during this term:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount budgeted</u>	<u>Amount utilised</u>
Africa Day Lunch	R8000	R4000

Funds were redistributed and set out for events planned for term 3 of 2022.



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Plans for next term

Term 3 will be the term where the rest of the budget is utilised, and all the plans imagine will be realised.

There is an outreach in association with the EBSK. This will be to renovate an emergency centre for survivors of sexual assault. The centre is housed by elderly women who will be the first point of call. International students will be invited to assist and play critical roles as part of the process.

*There are two events organised that cater for the mixing of internationals. *TBA.*

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