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**Constitutional Responsibilities**

The Vice-Chairperson shares the responsibility of the Chairperson of overseeing the Student Representative Council (“hereafter SRC”); and is responsible for the internal relations and discipline of the SRC.

**Portfolio Overview**

The Vice-Chair is responsible for the internal relations of the SRC. The Vice-Chair is responsible for maintaining discipline within the SRC and is the chairperson of the disciplinary committee by virtue of their office.

The Vice-Chair also maintains oversight over the progress made by members in their respective portfolios. The Vice-Chair is responsible for team building events during the year to facilitate good working relationships between members.

The Vice-Chair is responsible for the appointment of the managers, Disciplinary Committee, Electoral Committee and the Evaluation Panel of the SRC.

In Stellenbosch University The position of Vice-Chair offers a unique platform for engagement in student leadership meetings and events. As much as the Vice-Chair is responsible for the internal workings of the SRC, I have enjoyed the opportunity the platform has provided me as I have been invited to be involved in assisting and planning alongside various residence leadership bodies across all our campuses and now I know more of our students on a first name. This is a good platform to promote the SRC’s culture of collaboration by being directly involved in the student community.

South Africa Preamble of the Stellenbosch Student Constitution 2018 states: “We acknowledge our responsibility to participate in the democratic structures recognised by this Constitution. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the Higher Education Act, the Statute of Stellenbosch University and University regulations, we accept this as our binding Constitution.” The Vice-Chairperson’s role in leadership is part of the bigger picture to promote the founding values of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, namely human dignity, equality and freedom.

**Committees / Task Teams**

**Institutional**  
**Institutional Forum (IF):** This forum advises the University of Stellenbosch on policy decisions taken by the university. Preparation is paramount, as meetings happen only four times a year, and are dense with information and decision. Preparing the agenda for the meeting well in advance is an important responsibility of the member to be able to make an informed vote.

**Senate:** Oversees academic and research functions of the university. Accounts to the Council.

**Other Committees / Task Teams**  
**SRC Executive:** The SRC Executive meets once a week to discuss ongoing developments within the SRC. The Committee also meets with RMT (Rectorate Management Team) to discuss the work that the SRC has planned for the term. The committee also decides on the allocation of portfolios within the SRC.

**Disciplinary Committee:** Oversees any disciplinary action needing to be taken against SRC members in office for the term.

**CSLS Leadership Summit for aspiring leaders:** Design Team

**GBV protocols and policies at SU** strategy team

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**Budget Overview**

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| **EVENT NAME** | **EXPENSE BREAK DOWN** | **EXPENSE TOTAL** |
| Team Building:   * Guest Speaker * Laser Tag * Breakfast * Lunch * Travel | Guest Speaker: R2400 (flights and transport to Stellenbosch)  Laser Tag: (R50 x 23)  Breakfast: (platters Spar: R550+R240+300)  Lunch: (R50 x 23)  Travel: R600 (MilAc Student Captain)  Shuttle to Grandwest: R1500  Figo to Grandwest: R400 | R2400  R1150  R1090  R1150  R600  R1500  R400  Total: R8290 |
| Team Recharge: (Post June vac)   * Travel * Food | Shuttle: R1500  Figo: R400  Food: R1500 | R3400 |
| Administration Assistant:   * March * June * August | March: R1000  June: R1000  August: R1000 | R3000 |
| Transport:   * Weekly meetings | R400 x 39 (approximate no. weeks) | R15600 |
| General Office   * Admin * Office Key | Admin: R500  Office Key: R1000 | R1500 |
| Pitch it to your SRC:   * 5 Prizes | Each prize (R2000x5) | R10 000 |
| Sex Talk by Tygerberg x2   * Avanza * Food * Beverages | * R800x2 * R2000x2 * R500x2 | R6600 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATE: |  | R48390 |

*Green=completed // Yellow=Moved to online platform // Blue=Cancelled*

**Term Overview**

**COVID-19 burden steadily increased and lockdown duration steadily lengthened. Many year plans and ideas had to be reshaped and re-thought to adapt to our currently digital times. Lots of time was spent adapting to lockdown and the devastating effects of COVID-19 whilst ensuring students could continue studies online whilst keeping safe.**

**6 April: WAQE instagram meeting:** Met with the Womxn and Queer body empowerment Manager and the respective committee to discuss their new Instagram account and their strategy for lockdown and supporting students..

**22 April: RMT meeting.** Met with the RMT and shed some light on how the SRC is adapting their portfolios for the online platform amongst other things surround SU and navigating lockdown in the best interest of our students.

**28 April: Elections Strategy Meeting:** Together with Student Governance, Tygerberg Leaders and election convenors we met to discuss the strategy around elections for the upcoming leadership term amidst Covid-19.

**6 March: Election Convenors Appointment process:** Together with various SRC members forming the panels for the interviews, I facilitated the appointment of the election convenors. Application forms were sent out to all students, after which the applicants were interviewed and selected.

**13 March: Elections review**. A follow up meeting to continue the conversation on the stategy for elections from March 6th.

**12 May: Attended Institutional Forum meeting.** This meeting was extremely insightful with regards to the brand image changes that the university is embarking on and also shed light on how the university is adapting to the lockdown in every facet of its functioning.

**14 May: CSLS Leadership Summit for aspiring leaders**. I joined the committee which will be organizing the upcoming Leadership summit in August (an adaptation of SU Leads essentially). This meeting was to start brainstorming and introduce the team to one another.

**20 May: SU brand strategy meeting.** This meeting showed the thought process and planning behind the branding changes the university is embarking on. A detailed breakdown of every aspect was given and it was quite uplifting to see progressive thinking and planning coming from the university.

**5 June: Attended an online Senate meeting.** The meeting gave lots of insight on what the university has been doing to adapt academically for the online platform and to cater for all students

**25 June: CSLS Leadership Summit Design team.** After our initial meeting we split into separate teams to cover various aspects of the summit. This team is responsible for the content and platform which the summit will be on essentially and the details of that were discussed at this meeting. This team now meets regularly every Thursday.

**10 July: Justice For Lebo meeting with management**. This meeting was especially to hold management to account for their shortcomings in Lebo’s assault case and for us to give our feedback as student leaders on what actions we would have liked and would still like to see happen.

**16 July: Campus Security Management meeting.** Myself and The TSR Chairperson and a member of the TSR met with 3 members who are part of the campus security management team to discuss how to improve on campus security and how the assault at Tygerberg was handled and what should and must be improved should there be a next time, which of course, one hopes there won’t be.

**GBV protocols and policies at SU** strategy team was formed in which students and myself will brainstorm more effective measures to tackle GBV at SU.

**(upcoming soon)21 July-28 July:** Leadership Interviews. Lots of planning and preparation went into consulting various types of leaders at SU and on the aforementioned dates interviews will be held with said leaders to shed some light for students interested in leadership at SU.

**(Continuous) SRC Executive:** As stated above, this committee met once a week to oversee SRC planning and allocated portfolios to SRC members. The committee also met with the Rectorate Management Team.

**(Continuous) SRC Check Ups:** I check in with all SRC members and provide each member with a tip/article that I feel will help them on their leadership journey such as “practical ways to handle stress”

**Plans for Next Academic Term**

* Team Self Care Course
* Leadership Showcase
* Pitch it to the SRC/pitch your solve: at least 5 student led initiatives will be funded R2000 start-up money after interview process. Initiative must directly benefit Anti GBV strategies and Covid-19 burden lowering.
* SU Leads (Blazer Culture, Food security, Surviving O-week, Accommodation, crisis management, demeaning O-week practises)
* Investigate how a new food vendor/convenience shop can be introduced at Tygerberg Campus
* Organise a sex ed talk for Stellies and Milac by Tygerberg

**Recommendations for Portfolio Improvement**

Consider opening up a Accountability committee who will specifically focus on the fulfilment of SRC members YEAR PLANS and not just their constitutional obligations or adherence to the code of conduct.

Advise the whole team to choose Executive positions with extreme care and thought, do not rush into the process for the sake of getting it done and ticking off a checklist.

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