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First Term Report of the [Deputy Speaker]

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# Introduction

This is the first term report of the Deputy Speaker of Tygerberg Student Parliament written in accordance with the Student Constitution and Student Parliament Constitution of the University of Stellenbosch. This report is written to outline the goals set by the Deputy Speaker at the beginning of the term, and to give an update of what has been achieved. In addition, it will provide the goals that the Deputy Speaker have for the following terms.

# First Term

I was appointed to the portfolio of the Deputy Speaker on the 21st of January 2021 after my interview. My main goals for the term were to firstly understand my role as the Deputy Speaker of the Tygerberg Parliament. As I was still new in the sphere of student leadership, I also wanted to familiarize myself with the working process of my body and that of other leadership structures on campus and the University at large. Secondly, I wanted to mobilize students about the Parliament, make them understand the importance and role of the parliament on campus and to urge them to actively participate in carrying the mandates of the Student Parliament on behalf of the Tygerberg Student Union. I also wanted to meet with relevant leaders in the spirit of cooperative student leadership like the chairperson of the Stellenbosch Student Court etc. Lastly, I as the Accountability Chairperson had a goal of supporting my Speaker and also hold him accountable in instances where I feel it is appropriate to do so. As a collective we were all looking forward to a very interactive and successful first sitting.

## Understanding the Role of my Portfolio

As my first goal of which was to understand my role as the Deputy Speaker and that of the Tygerberg Student Parliament. I then took upon myself to go through all the relevant documents; the Tygerberg Student Parliament Constitution, The Stellenbosch Student Constitution etc. This gave me a good chance to be able to understand my role and hence execute it effectively.

## Informing Students of the TSP

From my observation when I was still a first-year student, I have seen that there is a very great lack of engagement of students particularly in the Tygerberg Student Parliament and more especially in the Parliamentary Sittings. It was therefore of paramount importance to play my part on ensuring to encourage fellow students to participate in the processes of the Parliament because the Parliament is for the students. I have used all possible channels to mobilise students about the Parliament and its mandate, and why it is important that we get participation from them.

## Meeting with other Student Leaders

Provided how short the first term was my plans to individually meet with other student leaders did not materialise. I had however reached out to some leaders including the Chairperson of the Student Court, which I hope I would be able to meet with in the Second term.

# First Sitting

As the Tygerberg Student Parliament we had our first sitting on the 26th of April 2021, 18:00. We had given students time to submit agenda point of which none were received. Nevertheless, the First Sitting was conducted successfully. I would really love to commend everyone in the committee for the collective effort that was put in making sure the first sitting runs smoothly.

# COCURRICULAR APPLICATION

Following the resignation of Tarryn Pangel(Secretary General) from the Co-Curricular Application Committee, she then nominated me to take over from her. I then accepted the nomination. Thus far I have not met with other team members, but I have taken it upon myself to read the Application Document.

# Conclusion

In conclusion, I am certain that I am working on all the goals I had set for my first term. This is despite the challenges we face especially in the time of COVID-19. I am looking forward to a very successful second term. And I also have high hopes that the goals I had set for myself for the second term will be achieved

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