Term Report

Student Parliament Executive Committee

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**Letter of submittal**

Dear Ms. Selahle

The report entitled, “Term Report” was prepared as my responsibility report, as Treasurer of the Student Parliament for the first academic quarter as mandated by Section 11 of Chapter 2 of the Student Parliament constitution. The purpose of this report is to reflect on my duties and activities undertaken since assuming office (First quarter).

Student Parliament refers to the body established in terms of Chapter four of the Student Constitution. It plays a leading role in creating and facilitating a non-discriminatory Maties community where leaders in the institution engage critically and responsibly with not only the students and their needs, but the challenges facing Stellenbosch University and the world at large. “Student Parliament also commits to inculcating accountable, transparent and consultative governance within our constitutional democratic student leadership.” (Student Parliament Constitution).

Throughout my first quarter as Treasurer of Student Parliament, I was working very closely with our Speaker, Mr. Keitumetse Lebesa, who showed me the ropes, and essentially, what would be expected from me throughout my term. Mr. Thulani Hlatshwayo and Mr. Anele Mdepa were also of tremendous assistance in my induction as Treasurer.

This report was written entirely by me. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr Keitumetse Lebesa and Mr. Nhlakanipho Mkhize for assisting me with the formation of this document.

Sincerely,

Philasande Shongwe

Executive Treasurer

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**Summary**

My first quarter as the Executive Treasurer of Student Parliament has been an overwhelming success. My expectations were exceeded far beyond the scope I had apprehended.

We had our first sitting on the 19th of March at the Wilcocks building where the agenda points regarding housing for students on campus and the language policy were thoroughly debated and examined. It was a very well attended sitting and was carried out very professionally, also considering that it was the Speaker’s first sitting.

Subsequent to that, we as the executive committee had a few meetings to discuss a way forward which were also handled very delicately.

Furthermore, we had a meeting with Mr. Thulani Hlatshwayo and Mr. Anele Mdepa of Student Governance who clarified and answered some of the questions we had, especially regarding the powers of our institution and the training that is to follow very early into the second quarter. Most applicable to me being cost centre training to equip me with the necessary skills to be able to make payments on behalf of the Student Parliament especially with regards to venue bookings and transportation costs as that falls within my jurisdiction.

The Speaker and I have been in rigorous talks about convening a Treasurers Forum (which consists of the Treasurer officer or their delegate for; Tygerberg Student Parliament, Student Representative Council, Tygerberg Student Representative Council, Military Academy Student Council, Academic Affairs Council, Societies Council and the Prim Committee) as mandated by Chapter 2 of the Student Parliament constitution in association with Student Affairs.

We, as the Executive Committee also sat in at the first Tygerberg Student Parliament sitting which took place at the Education Building, at the Tygerberg campus on the 4th of April.

**Conclusion**

The report above is a quarterly requirement according to the Student Parliament Constitution which I commit to withholding. It explains what I did, as Treasurer in the quarter. This report is just for the first quarter of the year, with more reports to follow as the year progresses.