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# SRC 2021/22 TERMREPORT 2

## SOCIETIES COUNCIL

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## Constitutional Responsibilities

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According to the student constitution the constitutional responsibilities of the societies' council chairperson are the following:

- 1) As chairperson I represent the interest of all recognised student societies and that of the members of all recognised student societies of the University, in that capacity, at the SRC and the University management.
- 2) I have a constitutional mandate to Actively promote the rights of students contained in CHAPTER 2, and specifically the right to freedom of religion, belief, and opinion under s9 and the right to freedom of association under s12.
- 3) Serve as a forum of societies' leaders that strives to protect and further the interests of all students, by advising the SRC via the Societies Council chairperson.



## Portfolio Overview

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As the chairperson of the Societies Council, my portfolio on the SRC entails that I:

1. Ensure concerns from societies are raised at SRC discussions
2. Ensure the SRC is aware of developments within the Societies Council
3. Ensure SRC decisions/information feed into the societies
4. Ensure societies are taking part in SRC projects/initiatives



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## Committees/Task Teams

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*For each institutional and SRC committee or task team that you served on, set out the following:*

- *What the committee's purpose and nature is,*
- *What happened at the meetings during this term (naturally within the bounds of confidentiality and brevity)*

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## Term Overview

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Ending of term 2 as chairperson of SC we had just completed our welcoming fair; and coming off that high we knew that the next steps will consist of us ensuring that our societies can function and receive all the members they possibility can.

### **Welcoming**

The welcoming fair provided excellent marketing opportunities for all registered organisations at the University of Stellenbosch. The walk-through took place on February 4th, 2022, and gave newcomers the opportunity to learn about campus groups and join up for those that piqued their interest. The walk-through was a huge success, with many newcomers in attendance and higher sign-up rates for societies than the previous year.

Each term we aim to have a societies council meeting, with we did this term on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. While it was fruitful, the request of the council was that we have in-person going forward and while at that time the level restriction would have cause some stumbling blocks, going forward our next one will be to establish in-person meeting as well as training.

### **Collaboration**

Continuing on the point of visibility for societies I had been in contact with both Prim and AAC and while AAC had not responded to my request the Prim Committee has and I had a fruitful conversation. In the recent months the issue with venue hire and I had asked the different prims of the different residences to allow societies to use their venue as second options and the request was granted.

### **Visibility**

In my last report I highlight visibility for societies and hopefully in the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> the final posters will be sent to the printers so that they can go on the residence walls and faculty buildings with their QR codes attached so students to find out more information about them then.



## **Team building**

Ensuring that the executive of the societies' council becomes more cohesive, we had a team building which I think was successful and it was helpful ensuring cohesion between the group.

## **Senior fairs**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 the societies had their seniors fair instead of the societies' week and while the weather didn't work the societies that could place said it was fruitful. The planning was stressful being that I carried sole responsibility and that is not conducive going forward.

Its important balance the workload out to ensure the burnout doesn't happen, and it will if that practice continues

## **CECO**

The payment of venues had been hard on the societies and the short-term plan of using residences is not sustainable. I have been in communication with Tygerberg's chairperson to start the process of drafting a memo in collaboration with the SRC to establish a long-term plan.

## **Quarterly budget report**

The treasure of the SC executive drafted the first Quarterly Budget Report so that the Council is more aware of how societies manage their funds as well as keeping societies accountable. There has been an oversight by Student Governance where they allowed a society to overspend leaving the Societies Council to cover the liability.



## Budget Usage

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

All fund used are used on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, therefore I am still waiting on the amount utilised, by next week out treasure will send me a summary of money spent in term 2.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount budgeted</u>	<u>Amount utilised</u>	<u>Amount available</u>





## Plans for next term

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The main plans for the text term:

1. Chairpersons day
2. Societies council training
3. Hopefully organising another societies fair, which will take place in the Neelsie (due to weather conditions).
4. The review of constitution will be happening this term, the task team is being set up to have the process started.