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## SRC TERM 3 REPORT

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### Foreword

Dear Maties,

A belief that constantly pushes a student to new heights academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually is perfectly summed up by prolific American Footballer, Ronnie Lott: “If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.” As a Matie; it is your personal mandate to overcome any mental barriers that hinder your progress towards being an indispensable member of society.

I am a Matie and so are you. Never hesitate to reach out to me or any other Matie that is able to assist you with any issue or idea that requires the support of a team of bright Stellenbosch students. Imagine studying a degree without a team of hard working lectures, imagine playing on a field without teammates to celebrate victory together: We are all in this together and should offer help and expertise at all times where needed. Stellenbosch University has an endless pool of knowledge, references, collaborations and assistance to provide a world class tertiary experience no matter where you come from or what you know. A simple conversation with a random individual across our 5 campuses will leave you feeling both educated yet dumbfounded at the same time. It is our duty as members of this fantastic institution to encourage camaraderie and compassion amongst our peers and colleagues. In doing so; our beloved university will thrive and grow for generations to come.

I took an oath when joining the Students Representative Council to “achieve sustainable impact and experiential transformation through promoting intentional student servitude underpinned by mindfulness, transparency, and accountability in the spirit of Ubuntu.” I urge you to help me in building a new tomorrow for our students and our personal goals for the greater good.

In closing; I would like to reiterate the fact that my doors are always open to everyone who wishes to make a contribution towards the success our fellow Maties.

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## Constitutional Responsibilities

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According to the student constitution under Section 27, the constitutional responsibilities are the following:

1. to act in the best interest of students and to actively promote students' rights under (11).
- (2) to represent students at – (a) the University Council; (b) the Senate; (c) the Institutional Forum; (d) other committees, bodies and functionaries of the University; and (e) national and international student bodies;
- (3) to evaluate the University policy and give input in the formulation thereof;
- (4) to consider the advice of Student Parliament;
- (5) to facilitate projects and initiatives to the benefit of students;
- (6) to inform students continuously, and obtain feedback, about its activities; and
- (7) to formulate and maintain policy in order to ensure that the SRC performs its functions and duties effectively.

SRC Managers constitutional responsibilities:

- (1) The SRC must appoint a minimum of two (2) and up to a maximum of ten (10) students as SRC Managers to, on behalf of the SRC, run portfolios that entail mainly organizational or administrative functions.
- (2) Unless the following portfolios are selected by an SRC member, there must be an SRC Manager responsible for:
  - (a) KUKO; and
  - (b) Sport

- (3) Each SRC Manager must be accountable to a specific SRC member and to the SRC as a whole.
- (4) SRC Managers enjoy access to the same facilities as the SRC and may appoint their own committees.
- (5) The remuneration of each SRC Manager must be determined before they are appointed, after which the amount in question can be adjusted downwards by both the SRC and the Evaluation Panel on the grounds that the SRC manager did not perform their duties.
- (6) SRC Managers are subject to evaluation by the Evaluation Panel.
- (7) SRC Managers do not have the right to vote at and are not compelled to attend SRC meetings, with the exception that –
  - (a) SRC Managers must attend at least one (1) SRC meeting per academic term in order to report back to the SRC regarding their activities; and
  - (b) an SRC Manager must attend a SRC meeting if asked to do so by a written request from the Executive Committee.

## Portfolio Overview

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- The bridge between Maties Sport and Maties Students.
- Representative of Stellenbosch University nationally for example: University Sports South Africa (USSA).
- Be the microphone for Maties Students who want to connect with Maties Sports and other Stellenbosch University related departments.
- Provide students with full access to information about Maties Sport events and activities in residences and Private Student Organizations (PSOs).
- Assist with the resolution of any sporting disputes on behalf of Maties Students.
- Promotion of physical wellness.
- Advocate for recreational activities.
- Using sport as the foundation of building a sense of ubuntu amongst Maties Students.

## Committees/Task Teams

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I serve on the following Committees and or Task Teams:

### Songo Foundation

An aftercare facility based in Kayamandi where kids from Grade R to Matric are tutored and nurtured into university-ready students. The International Office heads this program by gathering student volunteers to assist kids with class exercises, projects and recreational sports like soccer, road and mountain biking.

A truly eye-opening and fulfilling experience that every student should make time for during their stay at Stellenbosch University. There are a number of Outreach programs available according to your academic/work schedule with a certificate of appreciation and participation.

### Cluster Sports Program

Every Thursday from 6 - 8pm; 5 sporting codes including soccer, tag rugby, ultimate frisbee, netball and volleyball are organized into a cluster vs cluster league for bragging rights.

The program is headed by Benita Van Zyl from the Centre for Student Communities (CSC) and our previous SRC Sport Manager, Tanya. We are currently recruiting a new Head of Cluster Sports Manager after Tanya's graduation. The application can be accessed on the SRC Maties Sport instagram page or by visiting the CSC offices at 9 Bosman Street opposite Huis Ten Bosch.

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## Term 2 - 3 Overview

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I was appointed by our Vice-Chairperson, William Sezoe, on the 6th of April 2023 and decided to hit the ground running by getting involved with all available opportunities to make the lives of our fantastic students as comfortable and wholesome as possible.

Cluster Sports launched in the second term on the 25th of April and there was a very decent turnout from the 8 clusters which saw some very competitive games being played throughout the course of the evening. A massive thank you to all the sports hakas and convenors for helping in ensuring that the evenings were a success with no major setbacks occurring. We had a shortage of match officials and equipment which was brought forward to Benita and Flavia who agreed that a coaching and officiating workshop for students would ensure that myself and other Maties Sports staff do not have to step in and referee games. The implementation thereof should keep the fixtures flowing on behalf of our incredible athletes and social players.

Our student athletes competed in a number of USSA fixtures during Semester 1 which made me really proud to be a supporter for Maties Sport. Our touring players also did well in their respective disciplines despite falling short of a few vital wins against our rival institutions. Our Women's hockey team under the guidance of Miss Marais and Davids took the gold this year along with our Netball Team coached by Zanele Mdodana. We are immensely proud of our Rugby, Basketball and Badminton teams as well who performed remarkably well on their expeditions. USSA continues to be a massive platform for our student athletes to show South Africa that Maties Sport produces elite sportsmanship and performance in all sporting codes.

Hockey Forum was hosted by the SU Hockey coaches and advisors and Maties Sport on the . Both my sub-committee and I were pleasantly surprised to see the dedication and efficiency with which our sports coaches develop extraordinary players on and off the pitch. The meeting also established a need once again for more participation in men's and women's sport whether you as a student prefer to be in the field on or refereeing and assisting with match day officiating and administration.

Residence Leagues were in full swing from Term 1 up until the present and allows our High-Performance Coaches to pick and prune the top performing athletes from each residence and sports code to bolster our 1st and lower teams. The friendships and banter amongst our residence leagues players is truly unmatched and never fails to bring together Maties in support of their classmates and housemates. However; we are currently faced with 2 underlying issues: The first being the lack of supporters at games despite most of the fixtures taking place after the academic day ends. The second being the lack of participation by female participation in residential games. Through the use of social media platforms, the SRC is actively encouraging more engagement by the student community by publishing all fixtures and providing students with the right steps to starting a hobby or career in sport.

Our Sports Hakas were instrumental in arranging fixtures for the students and facilitating some truly exhilarating performances on the fields and courts that are scattered across our main campus, Tygerberg and Sadhana campuses as well. Open communication and accountability were key factors in



getting the best out of our student leaders in Semester I and I trust that we can continue to operate as a unit to encourage more participation from students and staff alike. It should be noted however that not all our sports hakas were actively engaging in tasks set out by the SRC Sports Portfolio and sub-committee. Although we do understand that academics takes first place in a student's life; it is our mandate when appointed as a student leader to be present and willing to assist with all necessary events and programs during the day-to-day operation of student sport.

TygerMaties hosted a boxing tournament at the eKhanyini residence which saw our hardworking medical students coming together to witness an eccentric lineup of fights coupled with great music and cheerful spirits. The work that is done by our Tygerberg residence to give access to sport for our medical students is truly inspirational and a great example of a sound balance between work and fun. I applaud the camaraderie that prevails come rain or shine: Maties will show up and bring the gees.

The SRC Sports Instagram page underwent a revamp upon my appointment as a platform for all Stellenbosch University students to find information on every SU lead initiative or event happening on any of our campuses. Three sub-committee members were appointed to assist with the administrative duties and social media engagement in collaboration with Maties Sport and other Student Departments such as the Centre for Student Communities and the Division of Student Governance and Affairs. The members appointed are as follows:

1. Anja Hartogh (BEd Intermediate Phase): Graphic Designer and Chief Editor
  2. Henrietta Cloete (BDrama): Head Illustrator and Content Creator
  3. Guillieano Prinsloo (BEng Electrical): Head Photographer and Procurement
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## Plans for Term 4

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- 1) Dr Ali Bacher Visit to SU. The chosen dates were 27 July or 03 August from 12:00 until 14:00. He will speak beyond just sport with 30 min on his life in sport; the good, bad and lessons learned as well as his relationship with Madiba. This will be followed by a 40 min Q&A on any topic (including his political opinion)
- 2) Cluster Sports will be relaunching from 3 - 31 August in term 3. Our cluster sports managers under the guidance of Benita Van Zyl will aim to gather more participants and supporters to bring our respective cluster communities together under one banner: Student Sport. Sporting equipment and officials is a commodity that will be looked at in terms of how we can generate donations and help from the different SU Departments and broader Stellenbosch community.
- 3) The Recreation and Lifestyle Unit (RALU) will be hosting our annual LOC Colour Run with a LGBTQ+ theme promoting transformation and disabilities in collaboration with Yaadien Padiachy (SRC WAQE Manager), Abongile Quthu (SRC Transformation Manager), Aphiwe Sithole (SRC Sustainability and Social Impact) and Daniël Terblanche (SRC Special Needs Manager).
- 4) The establishment of Virtual Wellbeing programs headed by student volunteers:
  - Monday: Zumba
  - Tuesday: Yoga
  - Wednesday: Meditation
  - Thursday: Calisthenics
  - Friday: Meal Plans
  - Saturday: Rest
  - Sunday: Week Evaluation via Microsoft Teams
- 5) Maties Gym Classes to be attended by Student Leadership bodies on available time slots to be arranged by Maties Gym Consultant JR.