

# WELCOME TO STUDENT AFFAIRS

Led by the Senior Director, Dr Choice Makhetha, the Division for Student Affairs (DSAf) at Stellenbosch University comprises three centres which together synergise to facilitate an ecosystem of support, development and engagement. DSAf functions to accelerate student and institutional success and contributes to the institutional and national socioeconomic transformation agenda.

## DSAf strives to:

- Create an inclusive and supportive culture at SU which aims to equip students with graduate attributes aligned to SU's vision.
- Provide systemic-holistic support and development to students.
- Promote coherent co-operation among all the SU role players.
- Advance the goals of SU and students.
- Develop the living and learning environment in such a way that it is conducive to the development of successful graduates.



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Centre for Student Counselling  
and Development

Centre for Student Leadership,  
Experiential Education and Citizenship

Centre for Student Communities



## CENTRE FOR STUDENT COUNSELLING & DEVELOPMENT

The CSCD has dynamic, student-centred psychological development and support services for students. Carefully selected specialists such as psychologists, psychometrists and social workers are involved to meet the needs of the university community. The centre operates under the directorship of Dr Munita Dunn-Coetzee (below) and comprises five units.

The **Equality Unit** promotes collective action towards social justice and discourse regarding social asymmetries at SU with focus on HIV/Aids, gender, sexualities and anti-discrimination.

The **Unit for Psychotherapeutic and Support Services** offers psychotherapy, group interventions and social work services for students with psychological, emotional, personal and welfare needs.

The **Disability Unit** offers various services to students with disabilities or special learning needs, including the development of accessible texts, advice about and access to support technology and innovative academic support.

The **Unit for Graduand Career Services** provides student support in the process of entering the world of work. This includes sessions about careers, compiling a CV, exposure to network opportunities and job-searching methods.

The **Unit for Academic Counselling and Development** offers consultations, career counselling and work sessions focused on academic skills, with the aim to equip students with the necessary skills to reach their potential.



## CENTRE FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION & CITIZENSHIP

The CSLEEC, under the directorship of Ms Tonia Overmeyer (below), comprises the **Frederik van Zyl Slabbert Institute for Student Leadership Development** (FVZS), Student Governance structures as well as the Co-Curriculum Office.

The FVZS coordinates short courses, leadership development, discourse opportunities and partnerships with stakeholders in Africa and beyond. The **Students' Representative Council** (SRC) and other formal student structures, such as societies and student councils, leadership training, governance and elections are facilitated and supported by the CSLEEC. The **Co-Curriculum Office** manages the formal recognition of co-curriculum programmes on the academic transcript.

The aim of the Centre is to ensure that SU provides comprehensive and coherent leadership experiences for its students, contributing significantly to the development of graduate attributes.



## CENTRE FOR STUDENT COMMUNITIES

The CSC aims to give students a holistic living and learning experience. The social dimension of community life is harnessed to support SU's academic mission. Under the directorship of Mr Pieter Kloppers (below), the centre has several focus areas centered around the clusters.

**Residences** and **Private Student Organisations** (PSOs) are grouped together to form a cluster. These are the organising structures of the student community at SU and play a significant role in the integration and support of newcomer students on campus, particularly by means of mentor groups. **Mentors** are senior students that are appointed to support newcomer students with adjusting to university life.

The **Listen, Live & Learn** (LLL) initiative places students together in one of the themed houses with the express aim of engaging with each other around themes. The CSC also facilitates the **Welcoming Programme and Multi-Cultural Education** on campus.

