DSAf **TRANSFORMATION SUMMIT 2021**



DSAf Transformation Summit 2021 Speakers: Dr Zethu Mkhize; Professor Deresh Ramjugernath

On 14 April 2021, Division Student Affairs (DSAf) hosted its second annual DSAf Transformation Summit. The 2021 summit theme was 'A Transformative Student Experience: A shared journey of learning, innovation, and change.' Due to Covid-19 regulations, this year's transformation summit took place online. The purpose of the 2021 summit was to continue engagement on what a transformed DSAf looks like and how a transformative student experience finds meaning and expression within DSAf.

The key speakers for the summit included Prof. Deresh Ramjugernath, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Learning & Teaching, and Dr Zethu Mkhize, Head of the Transformation Office. In a session titled 'Nothing About Us Without Us,' positional and non-positional student leaders were given the platform to share their views. Speakers in this session included SRC Transformation Officer (and now newly-elected SRC Chairperson) Viwe Kobokana, Grace Mngadi, Kofi-Anan Mkumla from the Anti-GBV movement as well as Zizo Vokwana, a non-positional leader.

Following the summit, attendees were afforded the opportunity to provide feedback. These are some of the post-summit recommendations made to the DSAf Transformation Forum:

- I.[The Forum] should be a space to interrogate why students do not resonate with transformation efforts.
- 2. Facilitate engagement and create awareness to staff and students continually. Transformation can be realised through our collective actions, daily versus being events-driven.
- 3. Find new ways of eliciting staff and student experiences.
- 4. Include student voices.
- 5. Monitor and evaluate the charter.
- 6. Be enforcers and reinforcers of the proposed charter.
 - 6.1 Ensure that students and staff are aware of what is expected from them to create this inclusive environment and transformative experience,
 - 6.2 Monitor and evaluate implemented policies.



DSAf Transformation Summit live MS Teams event: Programme director, Mrs Thobeka Msi; Chair of the DSAf Transformation Summit, Mr Yeki Mosomothane