

SRC 2021 Nomination Form

Please note that an electronic copy of this nomination form and all other required documents must be emailed to srcelection@sun.ac.za by **Friday 13 August, at 11:59 AM** with the following email subject: **SRC Nomination: Name, Surname.**

Late nominations will not be accepted.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

Have you completed the nomination form?	
Have you attached your short CV?	
Have you attached your policy statement?	
Have you attached your mission statement?	
Have you attached your video?	
Have you attached your photo?	
Have you completed the Academic Mentor acceptance letter?	
Have you completed the Academic Clearance consent form?	



CANDIDATE INFORMATION

FULL NAME AND SURNAME

NICKNAME

SU NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

CONTACT NUMBER

I hereby confirm that I undertake to adhere to the Election Code of Conduct and that I am familiar with the attached documents and the content thereof.

SIGNATURE



NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME AND SURNAME

SU NUMBER

Academic Mentor:

Which lecturer/staff member would be your academic mentor if you are elected to the SRC?

See Addendum A.

ACADEMIC MENTOR

NAME AND SURNAME

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

DEADLINE

The deadline of **13 August at 11:59 AM** will be strictly enforced.

IMPORTANT DATES¹

Candidates should study the list of important dates and ensure their availability for those events. The training and all the caucuses are compulsory.²

<u>CANDIDATE TRAINING</u>	19-20 August 2021
<u>CAUCUSES</u>	23 August 2021 24 August 2021 25 August 2021 26 August 2021 30 August 2021 31 August 2021 1 September 2021
<u>SRC CHAIR VOTING & ANNOUNCEMENT</u>	13 September 2021
<u>SRC VICE-CHAIR & ANNOUNCEMENT</u>	14 September 2021

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Please note that all nominations are subject to academic selection as per the Student Constitution. See Schedule 1 of the Student Constitution for more information.

¹ Dates are subject to change if external circumstances demand it.

² EXCEPTION: A candidate will only be excused from a caucus if they can prove, by means of a sick note, that they are sick OR if the caucus clashes with the candidate's academic timetable.

CANDIDATE PHOTO

Candidates are required to send in a photo that will be used for their campaign posters.

CANDIDATE VIDEO

Candidates are encouraged to send in a campaign video (where they can elaborate on their policies and plans). The video may be max 60 seconds and must be in mp4 format.

SUNLEARN

Candidates are required to self-enrol themselves to the Elect-Us module on SUNlearn [here](#).

ENQUIRIES

Direct any enquiries to srcelections@sun.ac.za.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. <u>COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM</u>	
2. <u>SHORT CV</u>	Only name relevant experience that will make you a good SRC member.
3. <u>POLICY STATEMENT</u>	Write a policy statement of max 200 words. The first paragraph should address how you believe the SRC could be a better student representative body. Any longer texts will be disregarded. The second paragraph should set out how your skills and experience make you an ideal SRC candidate.
4. <u>MISSION STATEMENT</u>	Write a personal mission statement of max 100 words. Any longer texts will be disregarded.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

The Student Constitution in Schedule 1, Part S2, items 13 – 15 outlines the academic requirements for candidature in the Student Representative Council election, academic disqualification and other grounds for disqualification of candidates.

13 Academic requirements for candidature in the Student Representative Council election

- (1) *The academic requirements for candidature in the SRC election exist to prevent situations where a member of the SRC resigns during their term of office for academic reasons.*
- (2) *In order to qualify on academic grounds a candidate must comply with the minimum residence HEMIS requirements on the basis of their academic record of previous years and the June examination results of the year concerned.*
- (3) *If a candidate is at risk of non-compliance with the readmission requirements of the University, they will not be granted candidature in the SRC election.*
- (4) *A candidate's official academic record can be accessed by the Election Convenor(s) in order to determine whether the requirements under sub-item (2) and (3) have been met.*

14 Academic disqualification

- (1) *Candidates who do not comply with the academic requirements stipulated in item 13, may are not eligible for election to the SRC.*
- (2) *The Election Convenor(s) must obtain the academic record of the candidates from the Registrar's office and submit any cases where the candidate does not appear to comply with the provisions of item 13 to the committee contemplated in sub-item (3).*
- (3) *The decision to reject the candidature of a candidate on academic grounds must be taken by a committee consisting of:*
 - (a) *the Director of the Centre for Student Leadership and Structures or their nominated alternate;*
 - (b) *the Chair of the SRC;*
 - (c) *(one (1) of) the Election Convenor(s);*
 - (d) *the Dean of the candidate's faculty; and*

- (e) *one (1) additional member of the Election Committee, as delegated by the Election Committee.*
- (4) *The committee contemplated in sub-item (3) must make its decision based on the criteria in item 13, but can also take the following factors into account in making its decision:*
 - (a) *the existence of special reasons, such as illness, injury, disability, et cetera, for the candidate's poor academic performance;*
 - (b) *whether the candidate changes to a different programme and performed well in the new programme;*
 - (c) *whether the candidate's results over the past three (3) years indicate a rising trend (in other words, whether the candidate performed better and failed fewer modules, or did not fail any module in the past three (3) semesters); and*
 - (d) *whether the candidate followed a programme (for example BEng) in which failing a module meant that various other modules could not be followed or where failing a module necessitates that the year of study be repeated (for example MB, ChB).*

15 Other grounds for disqualification of candidates

Apart from compliance with items (4) and 13, the Election Convenor(s) must also reject the nomination of a candidate if the candidate –

- (1) *has not been a student for at least one (1) semester;*
- (2) *has been sentenced to imprisonment in the Republic of South Africa or elsewhere for any misdemeanour without the option of paying a fine; or*
- (3) *has been found guilty of any offence by the Central Disciplinary Committee or the Disciplinary Appeal Committee of the University.*

ELECTORAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The SRC Election Convenors and all Stellenbosch University (SU) Students are bound by the Student Constitution (SC). In addition to the stipulations of the SC, the SRC Election Convenors have the responsibility to put rules or codes in place to ensure that the SRC is elected by a free and fair process. The contents of the rules are within the discretion of that election's SRC Election Convenors. The rules and regulations regarding previous SRC Elections do not apply in this election.

VALUES AND STANDARDS

This Code of Conduct aims to promote the following values and standards for the Students' Representative Council (SRC) Election:

Ensuring an Election Process which:

- is free and fair
- allows maximum accessibility to information regarding candidates and the election process
- is relevant and transparent
- allows maximum participation and engagement from the SU student body
- stimulates quality debate and dialogue with candidates
- promotes the interests of the student body
- is democratic, non-discriminatory, and inclusive.

RIGHTS

The following rights apply to the entire Student Body, including all candidates of the SRC Election. All students have a right to:

- freedom of speech
- freedom of language

- freedom of political opinion and association
- recruit support from voters
- hold public meetings
- distribute the election and campaign materials designed and provided by the convenors
- use social media platforms to advertise their campaign
- put up the posters designed and provided by the convenors
- conduct election campaigns in all legal ways.
- cast their vote independently and in secret for a total of nine (9) candidates

INFRINGEMENTS

All persons bound by this Code must, during the election period:

1. Avoid language or any kind of action that could lead to violence or intimidation;
2. Refrain from making, publishing or repeating any racist, sexist, homophobic, false, libellous or any other allegations of this sort that would infringe on a person's human dignity with respect to the election;
3. Refrain from actions or practices that discriminate unfairly or are aimed at humiliating someone on the grounds of race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, class, or religion with respect to the election;
4. Refrain from making misrepresentations about themselves in any election material;

5. Do nothing that would impede the right of anyone to gain reasonable access to voters for the sake of recruiting support;
6. Refrain from doing anything to prevent the holding of a political meeting or participation in a political meeting and refrain from seriously disrupting a political meeting;
7. Refrain from removing, damaging or destroying any candidate's campaign material;
8. Refrain from any attempt at misusing power or resorting to privileges or influence or using any form of coercion intended to persuade someone to vote for any particular candidate;
9. Refrain from offering any form of enticement or remuneration to any person for the purpose of such person's vote or non-vote in the election;
10. Refrain from voting in a way in which they know they are not entitled to vote;
11. Refrain from unlawfully removing or damaging or destroying any voting material or electoral material in any way; and
12. Comply with any instructions from the election convenor(s) and implement any just decisions of the election convenor(s).
13. Spend no money on any marketing.
14. The candidate cannot in any way campaign by using their affiliation with any political party or campaign by using any political party's name whether to their benefit or detriment of another candidate.
15. Rule 15 will also apply to any organisation which has political ties or is linked to any political party or is political in nature.

16. Rule (14), (15) also apply to any other organisation.
17. Since a candidate cannot use their own money, this includes Facebook/ Instagram sponsored pages, any sponsorship cannot be utilised.
18. A candidate can upload pictures of themselves campaigning on their campaign social media platform. This includes videos of the candidate campaigning.
19. Organisations, establishments whether political parties, churches such or similar structures can endorse a candidate but cannot campaign for them. As such structures cannot create and post posters for you.
20. No mass communication can be sent by any organisation on behalf of a candidate or endorsing the candidate.
21. The only organisations that can endorse a candidate are organisations that are registered as student societies in Stellenbosch University.
22. A candidate will be held liable for any posters or mass communication that violate this code if such means were to endorse them or to help them with their campaign unless they can prove that they had nothing to do with such violation.
23. No candidate can campaign on behalf of another candidate, e.g. vote for us, or the use of we or any other collective nouns cannot be utilised in campaigning (Basically group campaigns are not allowed as a candidate is an independent candidate).
24. Even though a candidate has the freedom to post their poster (as given by the Election Convenors) wherever they want to post

them, it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that where they post their posters, they do not violate any rules of the place they post their posters.

25. If rule (24) is violated disciplinary actions will be taken.

26. When students vote the candidate cannot be next to them or even

stand next to them or do anything that violates the privacy of the students right to a secret vote.

ENFORCEMENT

Any infringement of this Code of Conduct will render the perpetrator liable for an investigation by the Election Convenors and if found guilty will be disqualified.

RULES FOR CAMPAIGNS

POSTERS

The Election Committee (including the SRC Election Convenors) are responsible for the photography, design and distribution of all marketing posters.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Maximum usage of social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter is encouraged. Please note that there still needs to be

stringent adherence to the Electoral Code of Conduct, and it will be strictly enforced.

OTHER

1. Candidates will be held responsible for the conduct of their respective support committees.
2. Marketing must conform to the Electoral Code of Conduct.
3. Only social media platforms may be used for additional marketing. This implies that no candidate is allowed to use mass communication (SMS, e-mail or any similar media) for marketing purposes. Such methods are in contravention of the Stellenbosch University Electronic Communications Policy paragraph 2.2.1.
A candidate is allowed to electronically or otherwise communicate with a closed group of friends but **MUST** then include a statement explicitly prohibiting the resending of that message as mass communication.
4. Official marketing as SRC candidate on social media platforms will be announced by the Election Committee.

ADDENDUM A:

ACADEMIC MENTOR ACCEPTANCE FORM

I, _____, hereby accept the responsibility to act as the academic mentor for _____ (SU number: _____) during his/her/their term as a member of the Student's Representative Council (SRC). This role must be fulfilled for a term of one (1) year during which the SRC member holds office, unless:

1. The student no longer serves as a member of the SRC before the end of the SRC term for which he/she was successfully elected.
2. The academic mentor can no longer serve in this capacity.

The role of the academic mentor:

The academic mentor will act as an adviser to the SRC member regarding academic commitments and priorities. This does, however, not include private tutoring or any other unfair advantages that the SRC member might enjoy over the rest of the students.

The goal is for the SRC member to achieve academic success while serving on the SRC.

ACADEMIC MENTOR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURES:

X

Academic mentor

X

SRC Candidate

ADDENDUM B:

CONSENT FORM FOR ACADEMIC CLEARANCE

I, _____, hereby give consent to the Election Committee to send my name and student number to the Senior Administrative Officer at the Admission and Residence Placement office. This information will be used to determine if I have the necessary HEMIS requirements to qualify as a candidate in the Student's Representative Council elections. This process is in accordance with Schedule 2 Sections 6 & 7 of the Student Constitution that stipulates the academic requirements for candidature in the Student Representative Council election and lays the grounds for academic disqualification.

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SRC Candidate

SU NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____