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# Constitutional Responsibilities

* Compile the yearly portfolio budget
* Attend at least one SRC meeting per term
* Attend office duty sessions allocated by Secretary General

# Portfolio Overview

## Changes from Last Year’s Term: The Expansion of the Portfolio

The Womxn Empowerment portfolio has been expanded to ‘Womxn and Queer Empowerment’ portfolio. This decision was approved by the SRC Executive members. The reason for this expansion was for 3 main reasons:

* Members of the queer community on campus constantly feel as though there is a lack of representation for their communities in terms of events and large decisions made on campus.
* Societies and safe space forums for queer individuals on campus, expressed that they were unhappy with how the burden of critical engagement and progression of queer communities fell on them as minority students, with minimal institutional backing. A platform that would cater for this was thus needed.
* Taking the status quo into account, the university is currently working on numerous projects that focus themselves at combatting gender-based violence (GBV). GBV is an issue that affects both womxn and queer individuals. It was thus logical that as this portfolio worked on ending GBV, they ensured that both womxn and queer bodies were represented.

The three reasons above highlight the demand for a queer empowerment portfolio. However, it is important to note that womxn and queer individuals face different challenges, because they are completely different communities. It is not my aim to unify their struggles. Instead, during the 2019/2020 and possibly the 2020/2021 terms, the womxn empowerment portfolio will use its power to build the foundations for the queer empowerment portfolio. Events and engagements on campus will specifically cater for the relevant communities separately, unless otherwise necessary. This expansion is to be a temporary expansion, until the current manager advises to their new incoming SRC members, that the portfolio is strong enough in its foundations that it will handle a split between ‘Womxn Empowerment’ and ‘Queer Empowerment’.

The members of this portfolio will be referred to as the ‘WAQE Executive” members. When referring to sub-committees, this will be in relation to residence and PSO related bodies, societies and other bodies that have goals and objectives similar that are to ours.

## New Vision

This portfolio aims to actively diminish institutional patriarchy, end rape culture and gender-based violence, encourage the upliftment of womxn, empower queer bodies, educate students on gender inequality, and support overall equity on campus. The foundation of the portfolio is the encouragement of human dignity. It aims to provide a safe and equitable space on campus for all womxn and queer communities at Stellenbosch University, and the broader South African community.

# Committees

The election of the WAQE Executive members occurred in a three-step process:

1. A poster was sent out with a google-form application link. This was shared on various social media platforms. 12 students applied. One student was excluded was excluded for failure to submit their application on time.
2. The top 9 applicants from the application forms, were contacted for interviews.
3. The top 6 applicants from the interview rounds were selected as members of the WAQE Executive committee. The final members are as follows:
* Secretary and Treasurer: Nicole Thompson (24261793@sun.ac.za)
* Events Co-Ordinator: Tamara Foyn (21556164@sun.ac.za)
* Public Relations: Amy Nelson (23733861@sun.ac.za)
* Critical Engagements: Kgalalelo Rakgokong (21706212@sun.ac.za)
* Project Assistant: Nailah Ebrahim (23072776@sun.ac.za)
* Campus Engagement: Alexandra Osborn (23721618@sun.ac.za)

Because no Tygerberg representative applied, it was decided that all major events will occur on main campus, and invitations will be sent out to Tygerberg where possible, via the TSR Critical Engagement personnel.

# Budget Overview

On Thursday, 19 March 2020, a budget meeting was held with the current SRC treasurer (Brandon Murray). This budget is pending confirmation from executive members of the SRC and Student Governance. A summary of the initially proposed budget may be found under **Addendum A** of this report. Budgets and year overviews were due 3 days after the confirmation of the managers’ appointments, and thus before committee members could be appointed. It should thus be noted that this portfolio may not follow the stipulated budget strictly, should new ideas from the newly elected sub-committee have any new ideas that are voted in by a committee majority.

# Term Overview

The SRC Managers were announced on Thursday 5 March 2020 at 21h25. Due to precautions instituted by the Rectorate and the president of the Republic of South Africa in relation to COVID-19, the university shut down on the evening of Monday, 16 March 2020. Because this portfolio was only technically active for 11 days, the only major events that took place was the election of the WAQE Executive and the creation of the sub-committee database. All other work has been administrative.

# Plans for the Next Academic Term

(NB: Due to the current national lockdown due to COVID-19, all plans for the next academic term may be postponed if the university does not open in time for these projects to occur)

## WAQE Committee Opening Function

All members (both executive and sub-committee) will be invited to a small event to encourage and welcome them to the portfolio. Refreshments will be served. The event will focus on increasing relationships between residences and the SRC, sharing ideas, collaborating on future events, and working on building a healthy working environment.

## Critical Engagement Session

There will be a critical engagement session held next term. We hope to focus it on encouraging men to be more involved in womxn and queer empowerment.

## Stellenbosch Pride Admin

We hope to lay all the foundational work down so that Stellenbosch Pride can occur on the second week of term three. The formal bid for this will be celebrated next term, because of how huge this project is.

## Public Relations

Next term, an official launch of our new Instagram account will be made.

# Recommendations for Portfolio Improvement

Not enough has occurred during this term for a fair analysis of this heading to be made.

# Important Contacts

## Committee

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## Other

* Niel de Kock: Prim Committee Administration 2020 (nieldekock13@gmail.com)
* Thulani Hlatswayo: Student Governance Coordinator (thulani@sun.ac.za)

# Addendums

## Addendum A: Prospective Budget

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| TOTAL BUDGET VALUE: Projected Income: R12 400Projected Expenses: R29 600Net: Loss of R17 200BREAKDOWN:

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| Womxn and Queer Empowerment Budget 2020 |
|  |  |
| Expenses |   |
|  |  |
| Events | 22000 |
| Womxn's Week | 12000 |
| Slut-Walk | 6000 |
| PULP Movie Night | 3000 |
| Lecture Video | 1000 |
| Critical Engagements | 1000 |
| Charity Fair | 1000 |
| Pride Day | 8000 |
| Other Engagements | 2000 |
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| Printing | 1600 |
|  |  |
| Transport | 2000 |
|  |  |
| Miscellaneous | 4000 |
| **Total Expenses** | **29600** |
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| Incomes |   |
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| Events | 12400 |
| PULP Movie Night | 400 |
| Pride Day | 12000 |
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| **Total Incomes** | **12400** |
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| Total | 12400 - 29600 |
| **Projected Profit and Loss** | **(17 200)** |
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