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Foreword

Hello fellow Maties,

What a term it has been. I hope your exams went well and excited to see you back for the 2nd semester.

We have some cool events loading so stay tuned!

Please follow:

- SRC instagram page: [stellenbosch_src](#)
- SUI (International office instagram page): [su_globally](#)
- Cocreate Hub instagram page: [cocreate_hub](#)
- Cocreate Hub facebook page: [CoCreateHubStellenbosch](#)
- Stellenbosch Museum facebook page: [facebook.com/usmuseum/](#)



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Constitutional Responsibilities

According to the student constitution by constitutional responsibilities are the following:

As the SRC international portfolio holder, my constitutional responsibilities can be split between the duties imposed on me as an SRC member and my portfolio specific duties.

As an SRC Member, sections 27 and 32 impose the prevalent duties. Accordingly, I must always act in the best interest of students and to actively promote their constitutionally provided rights. Other specific duties include to represent students on institutional committees. Section 32 further obligates me to submit a termly report of all my activities during the academic term to the Secretary. Finally, according to section 44 I must attend an SRC meeting every two weeks during the academic term.

Portfolio Overview

The role of the SU International portfolio head is to ensure accessibility of information and documentation related to being an International Student. We point of contact for all concerns raised by international students and liaise with the International Office for matters. Our role is to facilitate projects to increase the wellbeing of International Students on campuses, as well as to facilitate engagement between various International Students. We ensure equality of offerings for all international students and promote pride of identities for international students.

The holder of the SRC international portfolio is to prioritise all students, with further consideration being given to international students, in decision making. This entails finding ways to ease the lives of students including providing easier access to relevant documents and increasing the collaboration between international students.

Committees/Task Teams

You will serve on the following Committees and or Task Teams:

IACI: Institutional Advisory Committee on Internationalisation: A representative committee on internationalisation from across the faculties and support environments. Meetings are held once a term, via teams. Usually various topics on SU Internationalisation strategies, new initiatives and general updates and reports on faculty internationalisation progress are discussed. This meeting has important people from the Stellenbosch, Tygerberg and Business School International Office. Robert Kotze (Senior Director of the Stellenbosch International Office) may ask you to make a presentation showing what events you have held in the meeting; thus, it is important to always have a photographer at your events taking great pictures. You should have a photographer hired by the visibility officer, so you do not have to get your own. Make sure you are not running around too much that you do not get pictures with important people you invited, those you collaborated with and your colleagues in the src office. Be prepared and be professional- you could have potential even collaborations.

Term III Overview

I. SOCIAL IMPACT



Daisy Ndebele, the SRC Social Impact Officer, organized an incredible initiative with Rise Against Hunger Africa (RAHA), aiming to pack 50,000 meals. This event was a fantastic opportunity to do some good while also interacting with other students. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Well done, Daisy!



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2. SOCIAL NIGHT

On the 27th of April, I hosted a Social Night at Academia Hall. I am incredibly grateful for the collaborations with Concordia and the Stellenbosch University International Office (SUI), which made the event planning and execution much easier. Thank you so much!

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with the setup on the day of the event, especially considering we only had one hour to prepare. I also appreciate the help at the gate and entrance. While there were a few hiccups, I believe we can learn from them and improve for future events.



The event featured speed dating and delicious food prepared by Bidvest Catering. A huge thank you to Ms. Leoni Jacobs and Ms. Heidi Hartogh for providing such amazing food and drinks while working within our budget. Also, thank you to the SRC members who came to support us, to all the photographers who captured the event so beautifully, our djs and Bantu for MCing at the end.



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3. Donation of Books

Emma Hammond, the SRC Sports manager, in collaboration with the ESC (Education), organized a book donation from our collection. The ESC invited children from the local children's home in Stellenbosch to the education faculty to receive the books and spend some time with us. I was thrilled to be part of this initiative. We had a wonderful time dancing with the children and handing over the books.



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4. Tygerberg Medical

Diana Maritim (TPSC) organised an event for



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5. Mid-year Camp

Our Vice Chairperson, Abongile Quthu organised a mid-year camp so we could reflect on the registration period, our term so far and our hand over process for the following SRC. We delved in 'the Agenda of the Soul' and it was so powerful, I even cried in one of the session. It is really important to check in with yourself and your team because leadership is hard and we really do face so much many students will never know about. Thank you to the best team I could ask for and the space they create for all of us to be vulnerable with one another.



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6. JICA 3rd Lecture

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mass Media office recently hosted a presentation by Dr. Hayashi Kaori the Executive Vice President of the University of Tokyo and Prof. Mehita Iqani from Stellenbosch University during the July holidays. The presentations discussed the evolution of media in Japan and South Africa, tracing the journey of Japan's media landscape over the decades. Dr. Hayashi delved into the Golden Media Era, a peak in print media, while Prof. Iqani compared media trends in other nations, emphasizing the dynamic nature of media in a rapidly changing world. The event underscored the importance of mass media in shaping public discourse.



I also said goodbye to Mac, an international student originally from Hong Kong but studying in Chicago. This position has really given me the opportunity to meet such amazing souls. I cannot wait for the new arrival of exchange students for the 2nd semester.



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Budget

At the beginning of the year my budget was R38000.

How funds were spent:

Date of Event	Venue of Event	Description of Event	Funds Spent on	Price
Sunday 11 February	Neelsie Cinema (113 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFCON Screening: Student came to watch the AFCON finals, (Ivory Coast Vs Nigeria). • Popcorn & drinks were provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue • Small popcorn • Drinks 	R10 616.00
Friday 5 April	Hidden Valley Wine Estate (10 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zambian students organized a wine tasting at Hidden Valley Wine Estate and asked for transport. • A quantum was ordered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport from a quantum 	R 2 000
Saturday 27 April	Academia Hall (136 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Evening: Speed dating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering from Bidvest • Braai Food 	R13 917.30

I have (R38 000.00 - R10 616.00 - R 2 000 - R13 917.30) R11 466.70 remaining from my budget.

Plans for Next Term

I am organising a cultural evening in collaboration with the Stellenbosch Museum. This upcoming event is designed to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our university community. Our event aims to acknowledge and appreciate the various ethnicities, races, and cultures that make up Stellenbosch University. We envision an evening filled with a fashion show, dances, songs, poetry, and other forms of artistic expression, providing our students with a platform to showcase parts of themselves that are often overshadowed in a new environment.

Date: Friday 6 September 2024

Venue: Stellenbosch Museum

Time: 18h30 to 22h30

Pax: 150 people

I will also be working with the international office on the events they have planned for both degree seeking international students and exchange students.