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Constitutional Responsibilities

The Prim Committee Chairperson and PSO representative, holds the responsibility of serving as a liaison between the SRC and the Prim Committee in terms of section 25 of the Student Constitution. Furthermore, in the term of 2021 to 2022, the Chairperson serves on the Institutional Forum. In accordance with section 99 of the Student Constitution, the role of the Chair includes representing and voicing the needs of PSO students in the SRC and to University management.

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Portfolio Overview

The Prim Committee serves as a body comprising out of all the elected Prims on Stellenbosch Campus and Tygerberg Campus. It aims, as per section 99 of the Student Constitution, to raise student concerns and issues to the SRC and to University Management as well as provide relevant solutions for them. Any and all decisions made must be voted on in order for them to bind all House Committees falling within its scope. The responsibility of the committee is to further student life and to promote the rights of students in a way that will allow for student success in both their personal and academic life.

The Prim Committee has a duty to foster and to preserve a relationship with the SRC in which student concerns raised in community spaces will be raised and discussed at SRC meetings. This will ensure that the SRC is aware of developments in the community space, especially those which result from the decisions of the SRC itself.

Furthermore, there is a duty on the Prim Committee to coordinate with the Senior Prim Committee to tackle issues and develop solutions for students both undergraduate and postgraduate.



Committees/Task Teams

- MAC Committee: this committee is a body which analyses the monitor reports during welcoming and develops solutions for the issues brought up in Welcoming by residences and PSOs.
- Risk Assessment Forum: this forum served as an advisory body on how the University should handle COVID-19 and its regulations going in to 2022.
- Institutional Forum: this statutory body advises the Council on issues such as policies, conduct and management policies.
- Student Communities Advisory Committee: formerly known as the Student Housing Committee, is the committee deals with all concerns arising from student housing on campus.
- Bridge the Gap Annual Fund Meeting: an alumni office social impact initiative in which the future of the initiative is discussed in order to determine a long lasting sustainable impact.
- LSAL Brainstorming
- SER Report Drafting Sessions
- Welcoming Programme Committee: the committee which plans all things concerning Welcoming including newcomer clothing and newcomer events.
- End period Poverty: a division of the Bridge the Gap initiative created by the Alumni office with the support of the Prim Committee. We discuss how to make feminine hygiene products more available to people who menstruate around campus.



Term Overview

The first term for the Prim Committee starts with the necessary training for the newly elected Prims. This is done through POPS Camp (an acronym for Prims and Onder-Prim Camp). This took place on the 23rd and 24th of September for the Prims and the 25th of the Vice-Prims. The purpose of this camp is to get the Prims and Vice-Prims introduced to one another, to outline the structure of the university and to train them on how to handle certain issues that may arise in their term.

The PSO Prims are provided with further training from the PSO office through StratCon. There have been two StratCons that have been held in the first term. The first was from the 15th to the 17th of October in which we focused on equipping the PSO Prims with all the knowledge they need about the PSO structure. This includes where they fit in and how the PSO office can help their community.

The second StratCon was held on an afternoon in pre-welcoming/pre-registration with the intention of providing the communities with all the information they need to survive Welcoming. This included a question and answer sessions and a session that I facilitated where I explained how the SRC can help them and their newcomers during registration.

The month of October is inundated with annual discussions for all of the communities around campus. These discussions are a way to gauge where the community is at, where the new leadership plans on taking the community and is a way for external individuals to add to the development and growth of the community. We made sure that the SRC was invited to attend these meetings along with the executive of the Prim Committee.

Pre-Welcoming serves as a time in which community leaders become acquainted with one another to allow for community building and to ensure that there is collaborative leadership. When this time was coming to a close the Prims had a session with Pieter Kloppers (Director: CSC) to answer any last questions about Welcoming and COVID-19 regulations. Following this we had a session with the Prims in which we could offer advice.

Welcoming for the Chair means working with the SRC, PSO office, the MAC Committee and with the Prims themselves. In the PSO office the responsibility is to be able to help any newcomers who have any issues regarding the PSOs. This included needing to be allocated, not knowing where to go, the reporting of any complaints and needing assistance when they have accidentally been placed in more than one PSO. Following this I would make my rounds to all of the communities to check on the Prims to see if they need help and have meetings with those who need it.

During Welcoming the Prim Committee Chair and Vice Chair sit on the MAC Committee. This means reviewing the reports written by the monitors and finding solutions to deal with the issues outlined to ensure that they are dealt with and do not happen again. We then follow up in the following meeting until the rest of the Committee is fulfilled with the result. When issues do arise, it is then our duty to inform the SRC.



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Plans for next term

During the next term we will see the ending of Welcoming. This means Monitor's Reports will be released. Following this we will be scheduling meetings with the Prims to evaluate the reports with them. We will also be having the Prims review the experience they had with their respective monitors.

The Prims will be forming subcommittees to deal with common issues faced by students in communities to provide sustainable solutions to long lasting problems on campus. This will hopefully be in collaboration with the SRC.

The Prims will begin the process of amending and modernising their Constitutions to be in accordance with the Student Constitution.

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