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## Constitutional Responsibilities

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The Safety and Security manager has the duty of acting in the best interest of students by actively working with the relevant structures and stakeholders to ensure the Safety and Security of students at Stellenbosch University at both Tygerberg and Stellenbosch campus. This responsibility is fulfilled by facilitating projects and initiatives to the benefit of students and to inform students continuously, and obtain feedback, about its activities via the SRC (meetings and/or media platforms). Where possible this portfolio may formulate and maintain policy regarding Safety and Security in order to ensure that the SRC performs its functions and duties effectively.

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## Portfolio Overview

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The role of the Safety and Security portfolio head is to perform safety reviews of SU campuses and report to the SRC and relevant institutional structures there on. They initiate projects to further increase the safety of students and facilitate safety training such as first aid for community leaders. They also coordinate with Faculty and Community leadership to ensure safety concerns are effectively dealt with at the relevant institutional structures.

The mission of the portfolio is to work tirelessly towards promoting and ensuring the safety and security of students at Stellenbosch University at Stellenbosch and Tygerberg campus. All while fostering a culture of zero-tolerance to GBV and empowering students with the necessary skills to defend themselves.

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## Committees/Task Teams

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### Stellenbosch Campus Safety Forum

Due to there only being four members serving as safety reps for the SPC, there is one Stellenbosch Campus Safety forum including PC and SPC safety reps. These forums have the mandate of bringing safety issues affecting their constituents to the fore, so that the SRC Safety and Security manager can report these to the SRC. Campus Security personnel, Mr Brandon Como and Ms Le Roux are also a part of the Safety forum and so receive such information directly.

The safety forum allows important information and planned events pertaining to Safety and security from the SRC to reach the relevant constituents and vice-versa.

The Tygerberg Campus Safety Forum is headed by my colleague in the TSR, Anandi De Witt.

The forum had its inaugural meeting on Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of January from 18:30-19:30, the purpose of this meeting was to touch base with the Safety reps, introduce myself, Campus Security and give an overview of the work of the forum for the 2022. It was also essential for Campus Security and myself to deliver essential information and wrap up logistics for the Welcoming Programme. These logistics are available in the term overview below.



## Term Overview

### Safety Awareness workshop

During the welcoming period of 1-13 February, Campus Security alongside the SAPS and Fire Department will host safety awareness workshops for undergraduate and postgraduate newcomers in all Stellenbosch and Tygerberg campus residences and PSOs. These talks are essential in making newcomers aware of their role in being active role players in their safety and security at Stellenbosch University and to know where and how to get help should they face any safety issues.

This consists of Mr Brandon Como and Ms Le Roux attending each and every residence and PSO which is quite strenuous. I am grateful to my TSR colleagues Queren Kamuanya (TSR Vice-Chairperson) and Anandi de Witt (TSR Student Services) for assisting with the logistics on Tygerberg campus. This was quite effective as Huis Francie and Hippokrates residence will have one workshop together at the TSR sports hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February while Huis Enkanyini and Meerhoff will do the same at Ubuntu Hub on the 09<sup>th</sup> of February. Safety reps at the various Stellenbosch and Tygerberg campus residences through the various Safety Forums have been of tremendous help with assisting with logistics of organizing their newcomers as well providing sound, a projector and taking photographs and videos at these talks. A link to a feedback survey for the newcomers to review these workshops was sent through the Stellenbosch and Tygerberg Safety Forums on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February and close at the end of the Welcoming Programme.

The success of this is very much through the partnership of the Safety and Security portfolio with the TSR under the leadership of Vhudi Rhavutsi as well as the Prim Committee under the leadership of Tonia and Christo. Christo was also essential in ensuring that the essential information to me that Safety vests for the Safety reps and Safety marshalls will be provided by Mr Pieter Kloppers. This is essential for future reference that Mr Pieter Kloppers through the Prim Committee, is the point of contact for the provision of safety vests and first aid kits for student communities.

For the sustainability of these workshops for future Welcoming Programmes, future portfolio holders need to consult cluster convenors to ensure that the workshops happen through the clusters together with the collaboration of the stakeholders mentioned above.



## Budget Usage

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount budgeted</u>	<u>Amount utilised</u>	<u>Amount available</u>
PC and SPC Safety Forum	R1600	R0 [This amount was budgeted for transport for Safety forum meetings at Stellenbosch campus. However, the use of transport for SRC purposes comes from the SRC cost centre. There will be a budget review with the treasurer to ascertain whether or not this amount will be appropriated for another Safety and Security project or it will return to the SRC cost centre]	R1600
Safety Awareness Workshop	R3600 [Refreshments: R1500 Speaker Gifts: R1600 Venue: R500]	R0 [Gifts will be sent to Mr Brandon Como, Ms Le Roux and the members of the SAPS and the Fire Department to thank them for the tremendous work they have done and for these workshops to continue for future SRC's]	R3600



## Plans for next term

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### Maintain medical stock in SRC Office

Great focus will be placed on this in during the welcoming period. I will be in consultation with the SRC leadership on how to go about this around that time.

### Report security incidents on campuses to the SRC

This will take place on a regular basis during the SRC meetings I will be attending as well as via the SRC group chat. When I receive the campus security quarterly report (which I have been promised will happen this year) will I will send a copy of this to the SRC Secretary General for the records of the SRC.

### Safety reviews of SU campuses

When I receive the campus security quarterly report (which I have been promised will happen this year) will I will send a copy of this to the SRC Secretary General for the records of the SRC. Safety feedback questionnaires on social media and via Microsoft forms will be created in March and August and shared to students from both campuses to provide the SRC with information on how students view their safety and security at Stellenbosch University. This will also be the regular function of the Stellenbosch and Tygerberg Safety Forums.

### Pepper sprays for students

Pepper sprays will be purchased and distributed to students at the SRC office on dates that will be indicated through the relevant communication platforms of the SRC and the Safety and Security portfolio. Pepper sprays have over the years proven to be essential in equipping students with a tangible means of self-defence and empowering them to protect themselves.

### Distributing pertinent safety information to students

Through the SRC's communication platforms, SRC meetings as well as the Safety and Security social media pages as well as the Maties newsletter, relevant information pertaining to safety awareness and update on safety issues will be disseminated to students.

### GBV Assistance

During this term this portfolio in consultation with the Equality Unit, will take on the task of creating a guideline for the SRC outlining the scope of support that student leaders can render to students reporting GBV. Support ranging from transport to the Equality Unit, transport to court proceedings and or transport to healthcare centres and even legal facilities.



### Self-defence classes

Two self-defence classes will be held at Stellenbosch Campus. The company that will be used is Krav Mega Self-Defence. During one of the classes Tygerberg students will be transported to Stellenbosch. Both classes will cover the same topic: Rape prevention and defences. Both these classes are planned for March 2022; however, this may change depending on the availability of the company and venues at Stellenbosch Campus. This will be finalized by the end of January 2022. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the above-mentioned company not yet being registered as a creditor with the university these classes couldn't take place in 2021. However, I am hopeful that they will take place this year and fulfil the mandate of the SRC in equipping students with the necessary skills to fight GBV. The Safety and Security Social media subcommittee will be tasked with capturing photographs and videos as evidence that these classes did in fact take place for the records of the SRC.

### First-aid training

First-aid training is planned in collaboration with Mr Brandon Como. The plan is that the various undergraduate and postgraduate residences and PSOs at Stellenbosch and Tygerberg campus will send through the names of students/safety representatives that need first aid training to Mr Como. These students will undergo 2-weeks of theory and 4-hours (one day) in-person training in first-aid. The costs for Stellenbosch campus will be organized by campus security and for Tygerberg there will be a consultation with the TSR and Student Affairs to cover those costs. Logistics of venues at Stellenbosch are yet to be confirmed, however, at Tygerberg campus through the assistance of Queren and Anandi, Tygerberg will essentially run the First aid training via the Tygermaties cluster and have first-aid training at the TSR Sports hall at the same time. There is no need for transport for Tygerberg as the first-aid company will travel to Tygerberg. In consultation with Mr Como, the dates have been confirmed as follows: Online 2 weeks course will take place at both campuses from the 18<sup>th</sup> till the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and the 4-hour in-person training will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. There will be someone appointed to capture photographs and videos as evidence that first-aid training did in fact take place for the records of the SRC.

Appointment of Safety and Security Social Media subcommittee: this committee will create social media pages for the Safety and Security portfolio for the purposes of creating content aimed at educating, empowering and informing students on the work of the portfolio as well as disseminating information concerning their safety and security. Applications have been reopened as of the 03<sup>rd</sup> of February and will close on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. Applications were opened in November and only 3 students applied. Seeing that this will not reflect a transparent procurement procedure the applications have been reopened to hopefully reach the newcomers.