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## SRC 2024 TERM I REPORT

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## Foreword

Hello fellow Maties,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who was a part of the election period. It took a lot of hard work from many parties, and I am very grateful for this.

I believe that we have a very robust election system that enjoys a lot of trust by the electorate.

Yet we should never forget that democracy is in the hands of the people, but yet democracy can only function if people take part by voting etc.

This year will definitely bring and has already brought a lot of challenges for the Matie community. However I fully believe that if we all stand together and work together there is no challenge we will not be able to overcome.

Your representative,

Richard Visagie

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## Constitutional Responsibilities

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According to the student constitution the SRC Innovation Officer has the following constitutional responsibilities: The Innovation portfolio thus far has no constitutionally prescribed responsibilities. However, I am obliged to comply with the duties allocated to me by the general SRC which are: As the portfolio officer for Innovation:

- a) Supporting student entrepreneurship
- b) Facilitating innovation in SRC projects
- c) Liaising with SU LaunchLab/Innovus
- d) Providing student input to SU structures planning entrepreneurship projects

As an elected SRC member, my constitutional responsibilities can be divided between the duties imposed on me as an SRC member, duties directly assigned to me by the Executive committee 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 actively promote their constitutionally provided rights. Section 32 further obligates me to submit a termly report of all my activities during the academic term. Finally, according to section 44 I must attend an SRC meeting every week during the academic term.

## Portfolio Overview

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SRC Innovation Officer:

1) The Innovation portfolio of the SRC focusses on actively supporting student entrepreneurship on campus. The portfolio facilitates innovation in SRC projects. It also liaises with SU LaunchLab/Innovus. It ensures that student input to SU structures planning entrepreneurship projects is heard.

2) For 2023 my mission is working towards achieving sustainable projects and helping students produce at their premium best. In depth, the innovation portfolio broadens, promotes, and supports a culture of innovation & entrepreneurship as it drives creative thinking and advances efforts to extra economic and social value from knowledge. As a proponent for student innovation, it seeks to work with the Launch Lab to promote and facilitate entrepreneurial ideas from students which are aimed at socio-ecological challenges in their respective contexts.

3) The Innovation portfolio's 2024 mission is to focus on sustainable student founded businesses that empowers black, female, queer, disabled and disadvantaged communities with the aim, that that which they yield is ploughed back into the community.

## Committees/Task Teams

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I ran for very many institutions committees, but sadly I have been elected to none.

## Term 1 Overview

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Term 2 has been very productive!

I hosted my portfolio's first event. It was a talk by LaunchLab's CEO Brandon Paschal.

Initially this talk would have been held at Jan Mouton, however Jan Mouton requested a fee of it R6500. It was then moved to Reitz Hall in the Engineering Faculty who offered their venue for free.

The event was a huge success and had a very good turnout.

I also represented the SRC at several events such as meeting a diplomatic delegation consisting of Military and political leader at the centre for advanced studies. I furthermore undertook in several campus activities.

## Plans for Next Term

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I am planning on fulling on representing the SRC at all possible events and activities in addition to fulfilling all of my constitutional duties