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Constitutional Responsibilities

The Safety and Security manager as a fully recognised member of the Student Representative Council 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.

Portfolio Overview

The role of the Safety and Security portfolio manager 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. The Safety and Security manager also coordinates 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.

Committees/Task Teams

Stellenbosch Campus Safety Forum

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. The Events and Security Operations Officer (Mr Brandon Como) and (Ms Melany Le Roux) the Security Systems and Intelligence Manager of Risk Management and Campus Security [will be referred to as Campus Security personnel in this report] 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 led by the head of TSR Student Community Needs.

Term Overview

1. SRC Office medical stock has been procured and is due for delivery on the 25th of July 2022.
2. Krav Mega, a self-defence company communicating with this portfolio since 2021, has completed their process of being a creditor. Self-defence classes at Stellenbosch and Tygerberg campus are being organized to take place in August 2022.



3. On the 20th of April 2022, the Kayamnandi Evening Shuttle was halted abruptly till further notice. After a full month of constant enquiry from the SRC, the Transport division released a contingency plan that the SRC then received from Student Governance. This contingency plan was distributed to the student union.
4. Student Governance organized an engagement on the 12th of May 2022 facilitated by A21, an organization raising awareness on human trafficking. The SRC and TSRC assisted with organizing and distributing information on the engagement to the student union.
5. On the 04th of May, two students were mugged at gunpoint at Tygerberg campus the culprit entered due to a breach of the fencing. The students were assisted promptly by Campus Security, SAPS, ER24 Counselling services and Mr Njabulo Maphumulo, Tygerberg campus Head of Student Communities, assisted the students with transport to the police station and he also organized transport for the students to go home.
6. On Friday 20th May, 15h00-17h00 mobilization took place to address the intersectional plagues at Stellenbosch University, specifically racism and GBV, that have boiled over through despicable incidents that took place. Safety logistics were developed by the SRC Safety and Security Manager based on experience as a safety marshal during marches to Parliament. According to feedback received from Campus Security the mobilization was successful with regards to no safety issues being reported.

Reflector vests were obtained from the student communities. The successor may procure reflector vests for the SRC should the need arise.

During this time the Safety and Security Manager attended SRC Executive meetings due to the SOS/Volatility to be on the pulse of everything that occurs and also provide prompt updates received from Campus Security.

Student interest groups or societies are advised to follow the proper channels of consulting with the SRC when planning to organise protests/demonstrations/demonstrations at Stellenbosch University campuses.

The Safety and Security Manager is grateful for the generous assistance and good working relationship with the Equality Unit and Campus Security to be able to serve the student union.

7. No incidents or safety issues were reported during the exam period and recess, however, the portfolio is still awaiting a formal incident report from Campus Security. On the 24th of July 2022, a student from Heemstede unfortunately passed away. I send my sincerest condolences to the student's family and friends.
8. Safety tips were received from Campus Security and they are in the process of being distributed to the student union.
9. A notice was received from the Transport Division urging students to please book for their use of the evening shuttle. The SRC is in the process of distributing the notice to the student union.

Budget Usage

An updated budget breakdown for the Safety and Security portfolio can be obtained from Chief Financial Officer of the SRC.



Plans for next term

Pepper sprays for students

There have been issues with procuring pepper sprays. The Chief Financial Officer can provide clarity on this issue; however, they will be distributed to the student union upon their procurement.

Self-defence classes

Self-defence classes will be held at Stellenbosch and Tygerberg Campus in August 2022.

Update of 'Preferred Routes'

A survey will be distributed to the student union to review safety at Stellenbosch campus and students will also be asked to indicate which streets should be added to Campus Security's preferred routes.

Intercampus Shuttle & Tygerberg Safety Review

In partnership with the head of TSR Student Community Needs a survey due to close at the end of April was distributed to the student union to determine whether there is a need for a shuttle between Tygerberg and Stellenbosch Campus. Another survey was conducted by the TSRC requesting the Tygerberg Student Union to review safety at Tygerberg campus. This portfolio is in the process of requesting the outcomes of these surveys for the records of the SRC.

SRC Handover

Constitutionally, the Safety and Security manager will conduct a handover of the portfolio to the successor as guided by the SRC Vice-Chair.