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General overview

Personal reflection

The term has demanded strong leadership all across the University's leadership structures. A week in from being appointed one already had to prepare for the 2015 USSA SGM & Council meeting held in Pretoria. Not so long after the #feesmustfall movement demanded commitment, strong leadership and guidance as it was imperative to understand the movement itself as well as understand how this would have directly or indirectly affected ones portfolio. One example of indirect implication(s) is taking into consideration how the bona fide status of sport players is affected if exams are cancelled or delayed, which either renders a number of players unable to represent their institutions or institutions themselves have to cancel hosting games.

I believe that it is really important for student leaders and representatives to keep up to date with student or rather campus current affairs, so that student bodies can critique or support initiatives based on informed decision(s). This could possibly strengthen the lines of communication as well as provide first hand understand of socio political and economic issues that affect everyone on campus.

My most important goal with the portfolio is to achieve the best possible GAINS (Growth, Ambition, Innovation and Success). For the 2016 term, the portfolio will be driven by achieving GAINS. I believe that we need to encourage Growth of all-rounder students who excel in the classroom and on the sport fields. We need to adopt an Ambitious culture accelerated by inclusivity and INnovation in sport and recreation in order to achieve Success as a top-tier institution of South Africa.

Portfolio overview

The SRc Sport and Recreation portfolio serves as a student representative entity first and a primary line of communication between Maties Sport and the student. The interests of the student take priority over institutional interests. That is not to downplay the interests of Maties Sport, it is a highly professional institution that also serves for the best interests of the University and its students, so one must ensure to help convey their objectives as well.

In serving the students this portfolio has to ensure that students achieve optimum growth and success in their respective clubs as well as academically on campus. One must also assist Maties Sport with communicating information especially to residences and PSO's. The portfolio also provides a great opportunity to work under the guidance of the Recreational and Active Lifestyle Unit (RALU) to ensure healthy recreational and active lifestyles on campus through fun runs and cluster sports days.

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Portfolio responsibilities overview

I am responsible for assisting Maties Sport with marketing and executing sporting events on campus as well as in and amongst residences. Such include Varsity Sport rugby and netball, club or koshuis league games and competitions as well as cluster sport days. I am also responsible for conveying student complaints or concerns to Maties Sport as well as on the SRc, such as the constant issue of shortage of facilities especially with regards to soccer and lobbying for equal treatment between male and female sporting codes.

Committee overview (i/a)

For the 2016 term, the Sport & Recreation Committee consists of RALU joint-managers, a secretary, marketing manager as well as one female residence sport house committee member and one male residence/pso sport house committee member. This is to provide a basis for strategic planning and communication between various representatives in a small body.

Portfolio Priorities

The first priority that came with the portfolio was attending the University Sport South Africa (USSA) Council and Special General Meeting as a student representative for Stellenbosch University together with Mr Quintin van Rooyen who was representing Maties Sport.

Prioritise for the first term include amongst others Welcoming and Varsity Cup Rugby. Although Welcoming falls under the MAD portfolio, this portfolio must always avail itself to providing any assistance it can to support the welcoming programme for first years. Prior to registration it is imperative to host a meeting with all the residence and sport HK to outline key responsibilities and obligations for the SRc as well Maties Sport. The purpose of this meeting is to provide cohesion in our leadership structure so that all house and private accommodation representatives understand the key objectives of club managers involved with their portfolio so that information is relayed efficiently to all students.

Subsequent to the HK Sport meeting is the HK Sport Launch where Varsity Sport hosts a braai for all the HK and get an opportunity to engage with the student leaders not only to market the brand and its sponsors, but also to work with student leaders in promoting Maties as a sport institution.

How can the portfolio be improved?

This portfolio needs to be structurally improved similar to the calibre of the Prims Committee. Stellenbosch University has a rich sporting and recreational culture which could be tailored to attract students of all demographics. A (structurally) strong Sport Committee is important for strategic planning between students and Maties Sport and representation is just as important. I believe that working closely

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with a Tygerberg representative, male and female residence representative will help strengthening ideas to counter generic sports problems and identify key areas of growth for the sporting community on campus. Initiatives like cluster sports days and Maties Monday Madness should not be dominated by the same traditional residences, we ought to encourage participation in all facets outside the classroom.



Responsibility overview

Responsibility 1: Maties Sport Manager's Committee

Overview of responsibility

As a student representative my responsibilities are not only to endorse and promote the name of Maties Sport in accordance to its strategic plans, but also to table and address issues faced by athletes and students in general. The Managers Committee is composed of various Maties Sport Managers under the leadership of Maties Sport Director, Mrs Ilhaam Groenewald.

Desired outcomes of responsibility

Strengthening the line(s) of communication between Maties Sport and residence/private housing committee members.

Solidify student participation and support of all sporting codes, most importantly high performance codes. The same kind of energy and support that rugby receives on this campus should also be shared in netball, hockey and cricket. We boast a large pool of talented athletes across all codes and genders and all teams deserve the same level of support especially soccer.

Outcomes achieved with responsibility

Established a strong relationship with RALU joint team leaders as well as the Chief Director and her staff as Maties Sport showed support towards Stellenbosch feesmustfall by sponsoring food and beverages for students.

How can the execution of this responsibility be improved?

By attending all meetings and making appointments with club managers to get their vision and objectives.

Responsibility 2: Sport and Recreation sub-committee and Sport HK's

Overview of responsibility

Chair the sub-committee and establish a cohesive relationship with sport HK's. The sub-committee is supported by a secretary to ensure meetings are minuted and recorded as well as ensure Maties Sport directives are timeously communicated to students. The sub-committee is also supported by a student to help with marketing Maties Sport teams and competitions on campus. (HK list attached)

Desired outcomes of responsibility

Meet at least once a month with sport HK's and communicate residence and club sport issues faced by students. Also get the HK to support Maties Sport with Varsity Sport events such as Varsity Cup.

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Outcomes achieved with responsibility
Receiving support from Maties Sport of the SRC with regards to the Elsenburg MAD 2016 memorandum.

How can the execution of this responsibility be improved?
Constant liaison with colleagues and support of a proactive SRC.

Supplementary Responsibilities

Overview of Supplementary Responsibilities

Making appointments with fellow colleagues as well as Maties Sport Managers to understand the objectives of the SRC as well as those of Maties Sport. Constantly update sport HK through email correspondence with regards to koshuis league games.

How can the execution of these responsibilities be improved?

It would be beneficial to work closely with MAD portfolio representative as well as the Maties Identity appointed member to better participation and project success such as Maties Monday Madness and the Welcoming programme.



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Budgetary overview

Please see previous year budget adjusted with R10 000 allocated for Maties Monday Madness and fees payable for (catered) meetings and sub-committee members payment. It is difficult to budget for a portfolio that is constantly changing in leadership and projects. The lack of continuity of projects makes it difficult to budget for either failing projects or establishing new ones every year

Project overview (i/a)

Project 1: Varsity Cup Rugby

Fully funded by Maties Sport with regards to marketing and promoting Maties rugby as well as the Miss Varsity Cup launch. Responsibilities also include finding mascots and students (preferably student leaders) to help distinguished guests at home games.

Project 2: Maties Monday Madness

Championed by RALU and the SRC to promote a recreational and active lifestyle on campus. The winning cluster (based on the level of participation of residents and pso members supporting their various clusters) receives R20 000.

Project 3: Fun Run and Carnival

Together with RALU promote and execute a fun run concluded with a colour music festival on the Rooiplein or Neelsie Parking lot. During the Welcoming period, RALU and MAD plan to host a Welcoming Carnival Sport Day. This incorporates trapkarre and as well as various sporting events which previously fell under bondelsport.

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University Sport South Africa Council Meeting, 10 October 2015.

SRC Meeting, 12 October 2015.

Week 7 (25 – 31 October)

Maties Sport Managers Meeting, 28 October 2015.

Week 9 (8 – 14 November)

Elsenburg MAD memorandum meeting, 11 November 2015. (See attachments)

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