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Foreword

Hey Maties!

I would firstly like to thank everyone who supported the SRC election campaign and trusted me with your vote. This first term has been an exciting one, getting to know all sorts of people on a range of levels, faculties and departments within the university.

This term I was privileged enough to represent the university at the USSA Council meeting in Durban, and hope to be able to have more incredible opportunities like this.

Having initially taken up both international and sports portfolios as well as being on the SRC Executive, I have now decided to allow someone else to take up the sports portfolio in order for it to be run with the attention it deserves.

This upcoming term guarantees, and already has been a very busy time, but with a number of exciting events and times ahead I am sure that the team will push through.

Constitutional Responsibilities

According to the student constitution my constitutional responsibilities are the following:

As the SRC sport portfolio holder, my constitutional responsibilities can be split between the duties imposed on me as an SRC member, a member of the SRC 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 to actively promote their constitutionally provided rights. Other specific duties include to represent students on institutional committees. Section 32 further obligates me to submit a termly report of all my activities during the academic term to the Secretary. Finally, according to section 44 I have to attend an SRC meeting every two weeks during the academic term.

As an Executive Committee member, section 41 and 42 imposes additional obligations. This includes setting the agenda for SRC meetings, managing the day-to-day activities of the SRC, compiling the SRC budget and deciding on portfolio allocations. Finally, I am required to attend weekly meetings.

Portfolio Overview

The role of the SRC sports portfolio is to be a connection between Maties Sport and the Student Community as well as represent Stellenbosch University at a national level such as University Sports South Africa (USSA). This helps the students to have a voice at Maties Sport and Maties Sport to have a direct link to the students. Success includes students having full access to Maties Sport events and activities and the resolution of any sporting disputes on a greater student community level as well as the promotion of physical wellness and recreational activities.

Committees/Task Teams

I serve on the following Committees and or Task Teams:

USKOF: Stellenbosch University's Co-Curricular Support Fund (SUCSF/USKOF) is administered by the Division Student Affairs and is a student bursary fund for national, international, and online co-curricular events and courses. (USKOF will next be meeting mid-February)

Student achievement committee: This committee is formed to reward students for significant achievements such as the rector's awards. The Student Achievement Committee is chaired by the Vice-Rector (Learning & Teaching). The Senior Director: Student Affairs, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the SRC, the SRC member responsible for the Rector's Award for Excellent Achievement and the Senior Director: Communication and Liaison form the core committee with the Chairperson.

Institutional advisory committee on internationalization: A representative committee on internationalisation from across the faculties and support environments. This month the SASUF will collaborate with representatives from Sweden in a summit at UWC. (The next meeting will be early May)

Term I Overview

During my first term in office plenty was done and covered. I was a late addition to the team, being a replacement to one of the initial elected members. As an executive committee member, I have sat in a number of meetings, including with rectorate where we discussed different ways for the university to encounter the issues in Stellenbosch, where more engaging and modern social media posts were recommended. During a turbulent week we as an executive met with members of SASCO and EFFYL to bring racial issues to light and work together to avoiding the repetition of racial acts in the university. A mass meeting was held in this regard with ideas and recommendations taken up to rectorate. As an executive we arranged the SRC budget, a successful SRC camp which allowed us interaction with the military campus and participated in a number of events.

Through the sports portfolio I have been able to undergo a number of tasks. The one that stands most is a successful USSA council meeting where I represented Maties Sport in Durban. More so, I have assisted Maties sport in compiling a list of this years sports HKs and communicated with these HKs on a number of occasions for multiple sport related reasons. More so, I ensured the handover of the previous sports representatives to the new one, within the sports leaders WhatsApp group which is used regularly for communications.



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Plans for Next Term

The upcoming term will both be challenging and rewarding. From an executive perspective, I hope to make progress with the SRC team in our current projects and to continue the positive relationships with rectorate in advising them on how to best run the university for students.

In terms of the sports portfolio, as I will no longer be running it, I have no further plans after my assistance in orientation. I will aid the selection process and guide the new SRC sports portfolio holder.

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