



SRC 2020/2021 Term I Report

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Constitutional Responsibilities

This term involved a lot of admin. I had a seamless handover from the previous manager who was very helpful and giving towards the relevant information I needed to start off my term. Thus far I have attended all the SRC meetings and I have found that every meeting always has a significant topic related to Safety and security and what I need to do towards the relevant issue. So far, all the work done thus far has consisted of ensuring that the university is safe and accessible for all during the Welcoming Period. There have been many meetings and communication with Campus Security and Facilities Management with regards to the return of students and their safety.

Portfolio Overview

The Safety and Security portfolio aims to assist the SRC in any capacity with regards to safety on campus and to inform the SRC of any feedback obtained by the students. The portfolio remains in communication with Campus Security and Facilities management as well the Safety VP's of Stellenbosch University Residences and PSO wards as the Stellenbosch Safety Think Tank. Relevant information will be relayed via the appropriate channels to the SRC and the students.





Committees / Task Teams

The Safety and Security Manager heads the Stellenbosch Safety Think Tank that allows for an open channel of communication between the SRC, Campus Security and the Safety HK from different residences and PSO wards.

Term Overview

On the 20th of October at 18h00- 19h00, I held the Student Concerns dialogue via Microsoft teams. Here students were able to voice their concerns and needs as it pertains to their safety and security at Stellenbosch University. The information gathered from this meeting will guide my term and what I will focus on in fulfilling my duties and responsibilities.

On the 26th of October I finally established the Stellenbosch Safety Think Tank Email group and WhatsApp group that will allow Campus Security, myself as the Safety and Security Manager and the Safety VP's of Stellenbosch University Residences and PSO wards will communicate directly on everything that pertains to the safety of their constituents.

On the 29th of October @17h00 -18h00 I will hold the inaugural meeting of the Stellenbosch Safety Think Tank. In November, I looked into the University Policy on cyberbullying which is available on the university's website.

November 2020, was marked by the loss of a student through suicide, which highlighted the need for the plans of this portfolio to be centered around promoting and protecting the Mental Health of students.

In January 2021, I have been involved in assisting Campus Security with organizing First Aid training for the Stellenbosch and Tygerberg Safety HK. This training will happen around the 25th of February online and in-person.

On the 2nd of February, The SRC had its inaugural meeting. I used this meeting as an opportunity to enquire about the information the members had with regards to the Neelsie protocols and residence regulations for Covid-19. Immediately after this meeting I met with Ms Le Roux from Campus Security and Jonah Ellis, a student from Eendrag, to hear about his proposal for Eendrag students offering to volunteer and assist Campus Security with a Walk with me Initiative. He will be submitting a formal proposal in the second week of February that I will submit to the SRC and Student Affairs for any comments or queries.

On Wednesday, 3rd of February, the SRC met with the new Vice Rector and shared our vision and mission for 2021. On Thursday, 4th of February the SRC met with Mr Kloppers to get a briefing on the plan for the Welcoming programme. This briefing emphasized the great deal of responsibility placed on student leaders to promote the safety of students during welcoming and overall, under the COVID-19 pandemic that still lingers.

On Friday 05th of February, I had a meeting with student governance; the SRC Secretary and Mr Gary Howell to find out the protocols in place and those that need to be put in place at the Neelsie. Here again the onus falls on the SRC to drive a COVID-19 Safety campaign to promote compliance of the covid protocols put in place. Later on, I met with Campus Security to discuss the Welcoming period. Here I was updated on the First aid training of Safety HK happening later in November; the plan to work with a company to offer pepper sprays and other safety equipment at a discount to Stellenbosch





University students. Here Campus Security informed me of the plans to give me digital content that will be circulated on SRC and TSR platforms to educate students about Campus security; how to identify a campus security official and how to use the walk with me service.

Plans for next term

In the upcoming term, a lot of work will go into continuity and implementing the above-mentioned plans all in the goal of having a seamless and successful Welcoming Period.

This term will be marked by echoing a Zero Tolerance to GBV; promoting COVID-19 Safety and compliance and aligning the implementation of my plans to assist the Action4Inclusion Campaign and promote the Mental Health of students.

Recommendations to improve portfolio

So far everything is working well with no complaints from my side. In COVID less world this portfolio would have a subcommittee but because of the high paced nature at the moment that would be futile.

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