



SRC 2020/2021 Term I Report

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Constitutional Responsibilities

The Social Impact portfolio in the SRC at Stellenbosch University has been non-existent for two terms following its last term which was 2016/2017. Thus, for this reason I am not aware of the constitutional responsibilities affiliated with this portfolio. It is, however, an important portfolio in the SRC and as a Social Impact representative I get to sit on the Social Impact Committee SIC which falls under the division of Social Impact in the university.

Portfolio Overview

The Vision and Mission of the Social Impact portfolio for the term 2020/2021 can be summarised as follows:

Vision:

To accelerate the pace of development in underprivileged communities.





Mission:

Strengthening Stellenbosch University's capacity to Social Impact.

Goals:

1. Forge collaborations with various organisations in Stellenbosch University and outside the university.
2. Create projects in communities that have everlasting positive impacts in the communities.
3. Strengthening Stellenbosch University's relationship with neighbouring communities.
4. Identifying the needs in the communities and addressing them.
5. To create a strong everlasting foundation to make it easy for my successor to be able carry on with the legacy.

Social Impact

Over the past few years, the Social Impact portfolio in the SRC has not received that much of attention judging from the fact that there has been no designated portfolio for Social Impact in the SRC for two terms. Judging from the time we find ourselves in of the Covid-19 pandemic it is extremely important that the Social Impact portfolio be granted the attention that it needs. Now more than ever it is extremely important for the Social Impact portfolio to contribute positively towards the Stellenbosch University community and the neighbouring communities.

Goals

1. Focus on creating long term projects which will have a positive impact in the long run for the communities.
2. Collaboration with the different houses and faculties to work on a long-term sustainable project in Khayamandi.
3. Collaborations with outside stakeholders to form more partnerships and alliances.

Committees / Task Teams

Social Impact Task Team

The Social Impact Task Team's role will be to plan all major events which will be implemented this year. This includes the Cancer Drive which will be in the third term and other initiatives such as the School Shoes Initiative (mentioned in the year) which will be taking place on the 19th of April 2021. The applications for the Social Impact Task Team will be out on the 29th of March 2021 when the students have settled into classes.

Budget Overview

Traditionally under normal circumstances this would have marked the end of the first term where I have implemented my goals set for the first term and have used some of my budget however, judging from the fact that the first academic term only starts on the 15th of March 2021 made that impossible. Hence my budget as for now remains unused and I will thus start using from my budget in the beginning of the academic term.

Term Overview

Project ideas

- School Shoes Initiative
- Sustainable Garden in Khayamandi (Collaboration)





- SLSJ Sanitary Pad campaign (Collaboration)

Plans for next term.

Project ideas:

1. School Shoes Initiative

The School Shoes Initiative will donate 50 school shoes to a primary school in Khayamnandi. The principal of the school will identify 50 students 25 boys and 25 girls who need school shoes, and we will then donate the school shoes to the primary. Followed by that we will then also have a talk at the primary school to the young children I might also bring in a speaker to address a few key issues such as Gender-Based Violence and substance abuse. This is to ensure that we create a strong relationship with the school and not just donate shoes and leave the school but also to form a relationship with the school.



2. Sustainable Garden in Khayamnandi

So far, I have been working with all the different house representative and faculty representatives to work on a collaboration project idea and with the most votes the Sustainable Garden in Khayamnandi received the most votes and was decided that this project would be the one that will go through with. In a nutshell the Sustainable Garden in Khayamnandi is a garden where crops will be planted such as vegetables that will go to the residences of Khayamnandi. This project will ensure a self-sufficient way of tackling the issue of food security. It will also reduce the amount of unemployment as people who are unemployed can volunteer in this garden. This will also equip residences of Khayamnandi with the proper agricultural skills that are essential.





3. SLSJ Sanitary Pad campaign

The Stellenbosch Students for Law and Social and Social Justice are planning a Sanitary Pad campaign to raise funds to donate pads to the Stellenbosch safehouse shelter. The Social Impact division of the SRC will be assisting this campaign in advertising in our social media platforms and using the SRC's branding for the project.

