



SRC 2020/2021 Term 2 Report

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Constitutional Responsibilities

According to the Stellenbosch University Student Constitution, 2018, a manager is responsible for:

- Running portfolios that entail mainly organizational or administrative functions.

Portfolio Overview

The role of the SU International manager is to organize and administrate functions concerning the international students registered at Stellenbosch University.

The primary objective is to unite international students as a whole.

Therefore, narrowing down the divide between Euro-American and African students. With both international groups placed under the same administration (International Office), there still doesn't seem to be a coherent unity between the two subgroups, at least on the campuses.

SU Internationalisation portfolio works towards ultimately and holistically representing international students who often feel neglected on the campuses as well as the institution as a whole. In addition to this, relevant/efficient representation of these students, proves to be of immense help when they are found in times of crisis.

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Committees / Task Teams

- African Student Board
- Institutional Advisory Committee on Internationalization
- KUKO Executive Committee

Term Overview

Due to the long-lasting effects of COVID-19 term 2 was dedicated to the administrative needs and experiences of international students. The events planned to facilitate international student integration on campus for the 2nd term were switched out for more meaningful administrative support, with efforts focused on the effects of the travel ban on students abroad, visa expiration issues, issuing of permits for international students and the issues facing international students still on campus e.g. accommodation; food security. Events that assist with social integration for international students are of great importance, and actually form the main stay/objective of this portfolio. However, I have had to re-invent the portfolio a bit, especially due to the fact that the country still falls under Covid-19 restrictions. Therefore, resulting in most of the events that were planned out for the term (potentially even the year) being no longer feasible.

I have found that my duties have gone above and beyond its initial scope. This has proven overwhelming at times because of the sensitive nature of the assistance that I had to provide, however assistance and guidance from the SRC Chairperson had really helped me understand my role within the SRC and that is to ultimately assist students, particularly International Students, at that.

Subcommittee applications were opened within this term and will be finalised and fully running/functional in the upcoming term.

The Matie-Buddy program, in collaboration with the International Office, is having a face-lift and is a passion project that I have committed several hours too.

Collaborations with the Tygerberg IO, have only recently begun, and discussions of better communicative resources and events to create unity of Tygerberg International students and those on main campus have begun.

Otherwise, the 2nd term proved eventful and successful in my opinion, due to the completion of the prospects that I had placed for myself the preceding term and I will now finally get to do the 'fun-part'.

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Budget

Budget & Reasoning

1. Funds Budgeted For - R43 661.00

Discretionary Funds - R1 000,00

a.) External Mixer = R9 861.00

- *Transport* - R4 361.00
- *Game Equipment* - R500.00
- *Food* - R3 000.00
- *Beverages* - R2 000.00

b.) Internal Mixer = R4 500.00

- *Food* - R3 500.00
- *Beverages* - R1 000.00

c.) Masterchef International = R11 100.00

- *Food* - R2 500.00
- *Kitchen Hire* - R300.00
- *Ingredients* - R4 000.00
- *Judges* - R400.00
- *Venue* - R400.00
- *Sound hire* - R2 000.00
- *Beverages* - R1 500.00

d.) Open Day/Fair = R11 700.00

- *Food* - R5 000.00
- *Marketing* - R150.00
- *Décor* - R1 000.00
- *Sound Hire* - R2 000.00
- *Venue* - R1 550.00
- *Beverages* - R2 000.00

e.) Treasure Hunt/Amazing Race = R5 500.00

- *Sound hire* - R2 000.00
- *Prizes* - R1 500.00
- *Equipment* - R500.00
- *Beverages* - R1 500.00

2. Funds Spent Thus Far

Owing to the nature of the problems that I had to deal within this term, the budget was not put to use.

This term focused on administrative issues concerning our international students, in partnership with

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the international office. Therefore, the budget was not necessary this term. However, the upcoming term will utilize the financial resources available.

Furthermore, adjustments within the budgeted events may occur due to National Corona Virus Policies and relevance to the Intuition as a whole.

Plans for next term

1. Finalising Sub-Committee applications and membership. This finalisation will assist in the production/curation of the events that are planned for the term. These being, The Mixers, Treasure Hunt and MasterChef.
2. Continuous engagement with the International Office in relation to the groundwork for the solutions and concerns of our international students. This has been successfully laid in the second term and will require consistent commitment from this portfolio and the SRC as a collective.

Recommendations to improve portfolio

Maintaining a healthy working relationship with the international office and aligning one's year plans with their foundational prospects of international students' success. Moreover, clearly differentiating when stepping/crossing over one's scope and being able to reel it back would be of great assistance. As some, if not most events, are quite similar with those that are organized by the International office.

Additionally, make sure as to open up Sub-committee applications as soon as you can, to help alleviate unnecessary stress and to assist project management within your portfolio.

Important Contacts

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