



# SRC 2020/2021 Term 2 Report

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## Constitutional Responsibilities

My responsibilities according to the Student Constitution 77(1/2) is to represent the students who form part of the 11 PSO's of the University of Stellenbosch (SU) and my Vice-Chairperson, Joshua Eva, represents the students who form part of the residences. Both myself and the PC Vice-Chairperson take equal responsibility for our respective constituencies as well as the Prim Committee as a whole.

I am mandated to actively promote the rights of students according to the Student Constitution, and specifically the right, under section 8(1), to do my part in enabling a campus environment in which student success and academic excellence are encouraged and pursued.

Furthermore, according to the Prim Committee's own constitution, my responsibilities include:

- Holding the highest authority in the Prim Committee.
- Planning and chairing biweekly Prim Committee meetings.
- Planning and chairing weekly/biweekly (depending on the need) PC Executive meetings.
- Representing the PC on various bodies as determined at Prim Committee meetings and as determined by other relevant SU bodies.
- Representing all houses in spaces in the absence of the Vice Chairperson and vice versa.

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Regular meetings with the CSC director

- Offering support at biweekly Prim Development Programme (PDP) sessions,
- Participation in various committees including the MAK, SHC, Welcoming Program Committee, and SRC,
- To provide guidance and assistance where the Houses need.

As the primary caretaker of the PSO's, a mandatory goal is to ensure the personal and leadership development of PSO Primarii, which will in turn benefit the overall community-building within our private student structures. This is achieved via the informal relationships that I establish with the PSO leaders, as well as at structured spaces, such as the developmental Strategic Conferences (StratCons) which offer a platform for PSO Primarii and Vice Primarii to engage collaboratively with community-specific and campus-related issues in order to develop leadership abilities and promote the PSO space and what it has to offer. The PSO Caretaker works alongside the PSO Office at the Centre of Student Communities (CSC), to develop and orchestrate three annual StratCons, each tailored appropriately to the needs of the communities and the climate on campus.

The key responsibilities of the PSO Caretaker include the following:

- Weekly meetings with the PSO Office,
- Orchestration of three Strategic Conferences,
- Planning of various developmental opportunities for Primarii.
- Administering the PSO Pre-welcoming initiative
- Facilitating leadership trainings for the House Committees
- Attending Annual Discussions

The role of an ex-officio SRC member in this context is fulfilled through active participation in the body and accurate representation of the PSO constituency. A trusted and reliable link of information and representation between the PSO structures and the SRC are formed through my role's position on the SRC.

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## Committees / Task Teams

**Student Housing Committee (SHC)** – Chiefly oversees physical developmental affairs of student housing on campus. It is chaired by the Vice-Rector of Teaching and Learning and is further comprised of the PC Chair and Vice-Chair, the Directors of Project Management, CSC, Residence placement office, as well as the Senior Directors of SU International, SunCom, Student Affairs and Student Access.

**The Senate** – The Senate is accountable for the academic and research functions of the University. The Senate may also be delegated or assigned other functions by the Council.

**Monitors Advies Komitee (MAK)** – Receives and acts upon information provided by the monitors program during the welcoming period in order to compile an annual Monitor's Report to report on and align communities' welcoming practices. The committee is comprised of the PC Chair,

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Pieter Kloppers (Director of CSC), Monica du Toit (Res-ed Coordinator: Victoria Cluster), JC Rademeyer, and a few other relevant stakeholders.

**Welcoming Program Committee** – Amalgamates the annual Welcoming Program’s stakeholders across the University’s structures, such as faculties, Student Governance, CSC and many others.

**The Senate Library Committee** – The Library Committee is a branch from within the Senate, which is responsible for ensuring efficient management of the Stellenbosch University libraries as well as the logistics surrounding the research materials, developing sections and so forth.

**The SRC Constitutional Review Committee** – The Committee has been mandated by the SRC’s Policy Officer to review and amend the Student Constitution.

**The Prim Committee Constitution Review Task Team** – The Task Team has been mandated to review and amend the Prim Committee Constitution, by the Prim Committee Executive. This committee is focused on restructuring and reviewing the Prim Committee Constitution as well as what other supporting structures it requires to ensure optimal performance.

**The PC Policy Forum** – The Policy Forum is a platform that was created with the intention of assisting the Houses with the relevant tools, documents and expertise that may be needed as they seek to create and/or amend their internal House Policies.

**PC Executive** – Oversees the strategic planning of the Prim Committee and is comprised of the PC Chair and Vice-Chair, the PC’s treasurer, the PC’s secretary, the external Cluster Convenor Executive member, and the Tygerberg PC Chair.

**Alcohol Policy Task Team** – Consists of the PC Chair, Vice Chair, Lisinda de Jager And Pieter Kloppers, and it is a team that is responsible for drawing up the newly formulated residence rule regarding alcohol consumption in SU residence spaces.

**The SRC Honoraria Task Team** – This task team was mandated to review the student leader payment structure and is comprised by various representatives in different spheres, such as the PC, AAC, Societies Council and so forth, to ensure accurate representation for all student leaders on campus.

**Leadership Summit for Aspiring Leaders 2021 Task Team**- This task team focuses on the coordination of the leadership summit, by evaluating relevant data as well as numerous student consultation. The team aims to host a summit which will enable positional and non-positional leaders to become active citizens.

**Connect Election Panel** – This panel was comprised by the PC Chair, JC Rademeyer and Naweed Mullajie and was tasked with electing the Connect Committee of 2021

**Rubix.Net Task Team** – This task team was created to pioneer the Senior PSO concept and was comprised by various seniors, leadership and otherwise, alongside Jethro Georgiades, Lisinda de Jager and Minette Sieberhagen.

**Cluster Proposal Team** – This team was created as part of my initiative to develop and improve the relationship with Cluster and its function. It focused on constitutional changes and adaptations which are required to strengthen the relation between the Prim Committee and Cluster as well as to improve the overall efficacy.

**SRC Inauguration Planning**- This committee is tasked with planning the upcoming SRC inauguration, to ensure the ceremony runs smoothly

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**Maties Shirt 2022 planning-** This team was created to work on the design of the 2022 Maties T-shirt for the newcomers

**DSAF Campus Review Task Teams** – They are all aimed at analysing different aspects of University spaces, to report on the culture on campus, as commissioned by Dr. Choice. I sit on the following:

**Campus Election Review-** This task team focuses on how elections on campus are conducted, with an in depth look at how elections were conducted during the pandemic last year, in different divisions, and how the legislation in constitutions will need adapting to ensure that online elections are constitutional.

**Commuter Students-** This task team focuses on how to identify the pressing issues that commuter students are struggling with and how the CSC and PSO office, alongside the division of student affairs can improve their campus experience, issues pertaining to their daily functioning, such as parking, hubs and access to campus spaces are most pressing.

**LGBTQ-** This task team is focused on addressing the campus culture surrounding LGBTQIA+ awareness and how to ensure a more welcoming and inclusive experience on campus.

**Res Head Appointment and Training-** This task team focuses on how Res Heads are appointed, what criteria is applied and how the appointment panels are conducted, as it is mainly an internal CSC procedure, it also reviews the necessary trainings that Res Heads have to undergo and whether or not it is sufficient to equip them for the job.

## Term Overview

As per my constitutional mandate in the Student Constitution, I have fulfilled my attendance requirements of both SRC and Student Parliament meetings, and sittings, and have actively engaged and interacted with the agendas in order to fully serve my constituency.

The third term was mainly focussed on ensuring the Covid procedures were strictly enforced and that the necessary discipline was enforced. We also focussed largely on the rewriting of our constitution and the other structures, such as the Accountability Commission, which will be accompanying our constitution, was planned and penned down efficiently. We met with our relevant stakeholders and consulted them with regards to how we would implement these structures within the residence rules and so forth.

Furthermore, we focussed on the Welcoming reports and possible solutions to problems with The Matie Shop. This was done through correspondence with the necessary stakeholders and I presented a possible solution to the backlog that we always experience with regards to merch during Welcoming, that being that the outgoing HC design the merch for the next Welcoming, this was received fairly well with in the PC and we hope to see it implemented for the upcoming Welcoming.

I also spent a lot of time lobbying for the Cluster Hubs development, as the process was placed on the backburner by SunCom and thus, I had to ensure pressure was placed on them from all sides. This took up a substantial amount of strategizing to guarantee that all relevant stakeholders were convinced and committed to the process, which meant I had to release a statement, and present my case to the IF, Student Housing Committee as well as Council, which is still coming up.

The PSO hosted a very successful prospective leadership training session, which had a 190 attendees, this training was mandatory for all prospective mentors and HC applicants and was

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focused on the expectations of the leadership roles, a broad structure overview and the general just of what goes on behind the scenes in these leadership positions. There was also a session which focussed on how to utilise and manage social media, during these hybrid times and how one can remain an active community even though there are physical limitations. Overall it was very successful.

We also focussed on setting up our elections, which required meetings with the election committee and sorting out the overall process to ensure it aligns with our constitutional requirements. This has come together effectively and we will be electing the new Chair and Vice on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August.

Lastly, a large part of my term was spent on representing the PC on all of the DSAF task teams, to ensure their concerns were heard. This took up a substantial amount of time, as I sat on 4 of these task teams and had to assist with writing up the reports and help present it to Dr. Choice.

## Plans for next term

To ensure the communities have a successful election and assisting them wherever they need. I have already been asked to sit on many election panels and assisted some of the communities with their procedures. We also need to vote in our Constitution, which will hopefully happen on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, and then send it through to the necessary bodies, such as Student Court and the SRC.

The rest of the term will be focused on a successful handover process, to ensure a smooth transition of power. This will be done by hosting a handover conference and slowly allowing the new Chairperson to takeover some of my responsibilities regarding meeting attendance and so forth.

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