



SRC 2020/2021 Term 3 Report

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Constitutional Responsibilities

This term was greatly hindered by the change in COVID-19 restrictions from Level 4 to Level 3 and back again. Likewise, the exam season meant that a lot of my plans could not be executed due to the house rule that no events may be planned for or that students are not required to attend events during and prior to their exams. This led to my pushing to complete the plans I have budgeted for all in August.

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. This term I found that my responsibility goes as far as ensuring the safety of students in communal areas such as the Neelsie as well as ensuring that the Campus Shuttle service is working.

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.

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Term Overview

This term was largely a blur in terms of implementing the plans I have budgeted for. What I was able to do was fulfil the duties of communicating with the Stellenbosch safety think tank, Campus security and Transport services.

I was fortunate enough to represent the Secretary-General, Eduard Zehrt at the 8th SAUS National Elective Conference held at the University of Venda, Thoyandhou in Limpopo from the 25th – 28th of June. Here, my colleague the Special Needs Manager, Luigia Nicholas was elected as an additional member of the NEC.

The term also saw the unfortunate violence and looting that scurged Gauteng and KZN and the emotional turmoil from that as well as the simultaneous Taxi Violence that gripped Cape Town for the entirety of July. It was quite worrisome my request to student affairs that there should be accurate information distributed to students with regards to the Taxi violence and the direct/indirect emotional turmoil caused by the traumatic daily experiences faced by the cleaners. For instance, the shuttle service was not adjusted nor was their availability or lack thereof communicated to students.

Lastly, I was selected to be a part of the SU Unfair Discrimination and Harassment Panel of Inquiry and completed my training on the 30th of July. I believe that being a part of this committee is mandatory for SRC Safety and Security Managers in future as it will allow the SRC to be more aware of and able to answer students when it comes to dealing with GBV at SU. The Panel of Inquiry is responsible for conducting investigations after the advisors have filed official complaints and have referred the matter to an advisory panel.

The functions of a panel member include:

- Committing to being a panel member for two years
- Conducting preliminary investigations into matters of unfair discrimination and harassment which have been reported to the Equality Unit.
- Provide recommendations to SU, complainants and respondents on a way forward.
- Communicate that mediation be a strong component to conflict resolution.
- Report writing on the outcomes of the investigation.
- Provide recommendations to the Equality Unit on how to eliminate unfair discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment and GBV at SU.

Budget

Budget & Reasoning & Expenditure so far

Here I will cover what was budgeted for and the adjustments thereof during the many changes that have happened during the term as explained above.

- I. Safety and Security Review Survey: Accountability to get feedback from students on the following areas concerning their safety and security: GBV, Taxi violence, Shuttle service, Green-route, Campus Security Walk with me service, Safety of facilities and general safety at

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Stellenbosch University. 4 x R100 Takealot vouchers are up for grabs and are in the requisition process.

2. Cyberbullying and Law Webinar Talk as part of the Equality Unit's Anti-Cyberbullying Campaign. 3 x R100 Takealot vouchers are in the requisition process and need to be delivered to the 3 students who interacted the most during the webinar.
3. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Mental Health Talk by CSCD. Date yet to be confirmed. 5 x R100 Takealot vouchers are in the requisition process for 5 students that will participate the most and engage during the talk.
4. Self-Defence Demonstration has been in the pipeline since February and has been delayed by strict COVID-19 bureaucracy and I plan for it to happen in the week of the 23rd of August and it may finally have to be virtual as an in-person demonstration does not seem possible. Pepper sprays to the value of R2564.00 are in the requisition process and here the struggle is in finding creditors to fulfil this. But by the time I submit the final term report I will have been successful.

Plans for next term

For the upcoming term I plan to wrap things up in terms of implementation prior to the evaluations and the submission of the final term report.

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. The portfolio needs its own social media account in order to distribute information to students. On the side of procurement, I believe that an in-person financial training will be helpful with regards to having a list of creditors for things such as First-aid training; Self-defence equipment etc prior to requisitioning on Teraterm.

Important Contacts

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