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ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR (DEPUTY SPEAKER INTERNAL) ANNUAL REPORT



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1. Introduction:

Detailed within this report is the activities fulfilled by myself as the Accountability Chair (Deputy Speaker Internal) of Student Parliament during the year of 2019. This report serves as a feedback for the annual activities fulfilled by me in my role as the Accountability Chair.

2. Activities:

i Election into Office

I only came into office at the beginning of the second term of office and thus have no activities completed in the first term however I attended the first sitting ordinary sitting of Student Parliament in which the speaker was inaugurated into his role.

ii Student Parliament Executive Committee Meetings:

Throughout the year, the executive of the student parliament committee met on a frequent basis to discuss matters tabled forth on the agenda's as to how to proceed with the activities of Student Parliament for the period as well as serving as a feedback to the executive on our respective activities.

iii Ordinary Sittings of Student Parliament:

Student Parliament is mandated by the Student Parliament Constitution to hold sittings at least once per term. Throughout my term in office we have hosted three sittings due

to the second sitting in the second term of the year being adjourned early as a result of venue problems.

The Second sitting was resumed in the beginning of the third term of 2019 however due to a lack of quorum due to no SRC members present, the continuation of the second sitting was then cancelled.

The Third Ordinary Sitting of Student Parliament was held later in the third term of 2019. During this sitting, the various committees of Student Parliament provided feedback on their activities for the year with me providing feedback on the activities of the Accountability Committee for the Year.

iv SRC meetings:

During the term, I attended several SRC meetings as part of my duties in my role as the Deputy Speaker Internal (Accountability Chairperson) of Student Parliament as outlined in section 8 (1)(k) of the Student Parliament Constitution.

v Co-curricular Sessions:

During the year, we as a student parliament committee attended several co-curricular training sessions as a part of the co-curricular program for Student Parliament. These sessions have proven to be very informative and very helpful in providing adequate training to help us better fulfil our individual roles within the committee. I have enjoyed all the sessions I have attended so far and look forward to continuing this process till the end of my term.

vi Tygerberg Student Parliament Sitings:

As part of our respective roles within Student Parliament and as part my duties as the Deputy Speaker Internal of Student Parliament I have attended two Tygerberg Student Parliament sittings with the first being in the second term and the second being in the third term. These were great experiences as the sitting were filled with robust and meaningful engagement. The Tygerberg Student Parliament and Tygerberg Student Representative Council working together to ensure that the house is well nourished with all the information needed for meaningful debate.

vii Treasures Forum:

During the year, the speaker and deputy speakers as well as the treasurers of Student Parliament convened the first Treasures Forum of Student Parliament as outlined in section 8(5)(d) of the Student Parliament Constitution. This forum is chaired by the Executive Treasurer of Student Parliament and consists of treasurers from other various student bodies. The forum was a huge success and we hope the it continues to be a platform of feedback and engagement between treasurers of the different constitutional bodies which form a part of this structure

viii Accountability Committee

The Accountability has outlined in Addendum F of the Student Parliament Committee serves as mechanism in ensuring Accountability and Transparency among students and student leaders. This committee investigates complaints brought forth by students and has the power to recommend corrective action and issue reports.

During the year the committee received a few complaints with the cases handled being:

- Monica Language Policy Issue:
- Dagbreek Language Policy Issue:
- Register All Policy
- SUI Portfolio Budget
- Huis Visser Elections

ix Constitutional Review Committee:

As the Deputy Speaker Internal of Student Parliament, I sit on the Constitutional Review Committee which is tasked with the review and amendment of the Student Parliament Constitution to have it more in line with the 2019 Student Constitution. This committee was formed in line with Addendum J2 of the Student Parliament Constitution and is still in the process of amending the Student Parliament Constitution.

x Disciplinary Committee:

I also the head of the Disciplinary Committee of student Parliament which was tasked with the suspension of the Speaker of Student Parliament as the beginning of the third term. This was due to the speaker's misconduct when using a university vehicle to attend the inauguration of the speaker of National Assembly.

3. Conclusion:

My term in office throughout the year has been a growing experience. From assuming office to having to fulfil my various duties, it has been an eye-opening experience to the amount of work and discipline required to assume this position. The support from the committee and from other various constitutional bodies in helping Student Parliament rebuild and rebrand itself has been wonderful and helped immensely in fulfilling my duties.