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**First Term Report of the
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TSP

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1. Introduction:

This is the term report of the Secretary-General of the Tygerberg Student Parliament written in accordance with the Student Constitution and Student Parliament Constitution of the University of Stellenbosch.

2. Fourth Term:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there had been a delay in the election of new Tygerberg Student Parliament executive committee members. Because of this, I had no 4th term as I was only elected on the 21st of January 2021.

3. First Term:

I was elected on the 21 of January 2021. This was definitely a challenge as the new year had already begun, and planning, arrangements and goals had to be set rather quickly – as we had already lost time.

In the first term my main goal was to arrange for the acquisition of the uniform for the Tygerberg Student Parliament Executive committee. I had been in constant back-and-forth communication with Mrs Lewis from the Maties shop as well as Ms Yolanda Myoli from student governance, over a period of approximately 3 months. This process had taken a bit longer than expected due to several logistical issues, but this had all been sorted out and currently we patiently await as our uniform has entered the production process.

3.1. Tygerberg Student Parliament acquisition of uniform:

The acquisition of uniform for the Tygerberg student parliament had turned out to be a rather lengthy process.

I had started off designing the uniform myself, from scratch as well as searching for the appropriate material and supplies. I had also requested embroidery quotes from *Embroidery Works*, based in Bellville.

It was later brought to my attention that the Maties Shop would ultimately be the best avenue to work through, and so my 3-month long communication with Mrs Lewis, Assistant Buyer at the Maties shop, commenced.

Altogether, 4 sets of uniform items were successfully ordered, namely: men's and women's blazers; men's and women's formal shirts; men's and women's golf shirts; and name badges for each member of the Tygerberg Student Parliament executive committee. Currently we patiently await as production has ensued.

3.2. Team building “Get to know each other”:

Once my term had commenced, I had stated that I would like to host a team building session with the Tygerberg Student Parliament Executive Committee, to enhance the sense of cohesion among us and ultimately ensure a positive atmosphere amongst the team. However, as I had noticed throughout the

process of acquiring uniform for the TSP executive committee, the process of acquiring funds is a rather challenging and long process. However, as I had made a point of allocating funds for this in the budget of the Secretary-General, I will be sure to work on this in the upcoming term.

3.3. Co-curricular application:

I was appointed to be on the Co-curricular task team along with Ms Executive Treasurer, Silindokuhle Chonco, as well as Mr Speaker Lukhanyo Ngamlana and his selected [main campus] Student Parliament members. Mr Speaker Andre Pillay, later, also joined the task team for additional support. Progress has been quite slow as it has proven to be challenging considering the physical distance between Main campus and Tygerberg campus and all of the logistical issues that come along with that - i.e. a lack of physical meetings/sessions. Microsoft Teams meetings are a form of communication that has been used, but it is ultimately much inferior to the old-fashioned physical meetings, in which a much more hands on, brainstorming interaction is able to take place – which is exactly what this co-curricular application needs, in my opinion.

Furthermore, in a statement to Mr Speaker Pillay, made on the 20th of April 2021, I had announced my withdrawal from the co-curricular task team. This statement can be viewed in Addendum A.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Asanda Mnyandu, had since taken over in my place.

3.4. Record of minutes and all important Tygerberg Student Parliament documents:

As per the Constitution, I, as Secretary-General of the Tygerberg Student Parliament Executive Committee, have been recording the minutes of all TSPEC meetings. These, as well as all other important TSP documents, such as the various quotations for the TSPEC uniform, have been uploaded onto the TSP drive.

3.5. Resignation from TSPEC:

On the 6th of May 2021, I received a letter of resignation from Ms Executive-Treasurer, Silindokuhle Chonco. At this point in time, we as a committee are yet to decide on whether the position will be readvertised and filled. The letter of resignation can be found in Addendum B.

4. Goals for next term:

My main aim for the following term is to ensure the successful arrival and distribution of our TSPEC uniform. I would also like to place a second order – a winter edition of TSPEC uniform, as it is highly important to spread awareness of the TSP presence and brand across campus at all times. Additionally, I aim to ensure that a successful team-building session is held – as this had been budgeted for, it is important that I utilise the budget.

5. Conclusion:

In conclusion, I would like to mention that the main goal I had set for myself and the mandates given to me by the Student Parliament Constitution were achieved in the first term.

6. Addendum A:



Statement issued by:
Tarryn Mercia Pangel

Secretary-General
Tygerberg Student Parliament
2020/2021

Date: 2021/04/20

Dear Mr Speaker

Firstly, this letter serves to notify you of my inability to attend the scheduled *Application for Academic Transcript recognition* meeting taking place on Thursday the 22nd of April 2021, from 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM. Even though this is the day before our End-of-Block test, we were notified this morning that our firm (Thursday Firm) will not be excused from our "On-Call" duties.

Furthermore, I hereby would like to announce my withdrawal from the Application for Academic Transcript recognition team. This decision was not taken lightly and comes upon review of several intrinsic and extrinsic factors. I will, however, be more than willing to informally assist the team in any way possible.

If a replacement is needed, my best recommendation for this would be to appoint Mr Deputy Speaker Asanda Mnyandu; if not, I have no doubt that yourself and Ms Executive-Treasurer Silindokuhle Chonco, will fulfil the role adequately alongside Speaker Lukhanyo Ngamlana.

I wish you all of the best with this endeavour.

Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pangel'.

Tarryn Mercia Pangel
Secretary-General
Tygerberg Student Parliament
2020/2021

7. Addendum B:



06 May 2021

RE:Letter of resignation

Dear Secretary General

I, Silindokuhle Chonco, executive treasurer of the Tygerberg Student Parliament, hereby announce my resignation from the Committee.

It is not a decision that I have taken lightly however I have come to the conclusion that upon taking this leadership position, I have been neglecting my academics. I will forward all the necessary documents to the newly appointed treasurer.

Yours sincerely

Silindokuhle Nondumiso Chonco

Treasurer

Tygerberg Student Parliament

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