*(Afrikaans follows)*

Good day Maties,

The accountability of the SRC 2014 elections has been a much discussed topic during the last few days. Since Student Parliament is committed to accountability and transparency, we would like to share the following points of important information with all students, management and structural bodies:

Please note that the Election Convenors have slightly altered the current nomination procedures - see the included statement from SRC Election Convenor Tristan Jaftha below.

It is essential to understand that similar to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), the SRC Election convenors are independent from all other bodies, including the SRC and Student Parliament. However, since the Student Parliament was established for accountability purposes in the best interests of all Maties, we strive to remain objective and achieve our core values, taking into account our inherent limitations. This will be done through routine meetings with the Election convenors and Student Governance representatives.

Furthermore, we encourage all Maties who find fault with certain procedural practices to please email [studpar@sun.ac.za](https://webmail.sun.ac.za/owa/redir.aspx?C=_kk8DXvNSkCkir_wfObowXj2Prlhg9EIa1sFANdJXVwpHZ45kA4j8KI8rou0ro5c_3f_8yQPQR8.&URL=mailto%3astudpar%40sun.ac.za) or contact the election convenors directly with their concerns. These concerns will be discussed with the Election convenors once brought our attention. After the elections have taken place, Evaluation documents will be available to both candidates and students to set a precedent for the future continuous improvement of elections.

The Student Parliament sitting has deliberately been scheduled a day after the announcement of the new SRC representatives (19th August 2014) in order to establish a strong and working relationship between the newly elected SRC and Student Parliament, as well as to allow for feedback on the Election Process.

If you wish to have the Xhosa version sent to you, email studpar@sun.ac.za- Subject:Xhosa

**Statement from Tristan Jaftha (SRC Election Convenor):**

It has come to our attention that there is unhappiness with the manner in which the nomination period for the SRC Election 2014 has been marketed to campus.

As convenors we would like to apologise therefore and alleviate such concerns by stating that we are in the process of remedying the situation.

To that end, we are willing to deviate from the current nomination procedures by allowing any prospective candidate to submit only their names and student numbers to the Convenors by the deadline on Thursday, 31 July at 13h00, provided they:

• attend the information session for candidates on Thursday, 31 July at 17h00; and

• submit a completed nomination form at the orientation day on Saturday, 2 August at 09h00.

In other words, the deadline for nominations remain Thursday, 31 July at 13h00 and this deadline will be strictly enforced. However, a student that is unsure of whether he or she wishes to run in the 2014 SRC Election, only needs to submit his or her names and student number to the Convenors by Thursday, 31 July at 13h00, so long as the completed nomination form is received on Saturday at the orientation day and the candidate attends the candidate information session on Thursday.

We would like to remind those interested that nomination forms are available at the SRC Office and on the SRC website (http://www.sun.ac.za/english/management/src/documents).

Furthermore, we invite all students to attend the SRC Election Information Sessions on Monday 28 July at 20h00 and Wednesday, 30 July at 19h00 in the SRC Boardroom where the Election Convenors will answer any queries with regard to the upcoming SRC Election.

If there are any further concerns they may be directed to the SRC Election Convenors, Tristan Jaftha (079 776 7058) and Maxine Bezuidenhout (084 776 9001) or at srcelection@sun.ac.za.

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Goeie dag Maties,

Die verantwoordbaarheid van 2014 se SR verkiesing is ŉ onderwerp wat baie gedebatteer was die afgelope paar dae. Aangesien Studente Parlement getrou is aan verantwoordbaarheid en toerekeningsvatbaarheid, wil ons graag die volgende punte meedeel met alle studente, bestuurslede en ander strukturele liggame op kampus:

Asseblief neem kennis dat die Verkiesing Sameroepers ŉ verandering aangebring het aan die nominasie prosedure – sien asseblief die verslag deur Tristan Jaftha, SR Verkiesing Sameroeper, onderaan.

Dit is belangrik om te verstaan dat, soos die geval van die Onafhanklike Verkiesingskommissie (IEC), dat die SR Verkiesings Komitee ook onafhanklik van ander liggame op kampus staan, insluitend die SR en die Studente Parlement. Afgesien daarvan, sal Studente Parlement daarna streef om objektief en getrou aan ons waardes te bly sodat die verkiesing sal afloop tot in die beste belange van alle Maties, al word ons beperk tot sekere mates. Dit sal gedoen word deur vergaderings op n gereelde basis met Verkiesing Sameroepers en Studente Bestuur verteenwoordigers.

Ons moedig alle Maties aan wat fout gevind het met sekere prosedures om asseblief [studpar@sun.ac.za](https://webmail.sun.ac.za/owa/redir.aspx?C=_kk8DXvNSkCkir_wfObowXj2Prlhg9EIa1sFANdJXVwpHZ45kA4j8KI8rou0ro5c_3f_8yQPQR8.&URL=mailto%3astudpar%40sun.ac.za) te epos of om Verkiesing Sameroepers direk te kontak. Alle sake wat gerapporteer was sal met die Verkiesing Sameroepers bespreek word. Na die verkiesing sal daar ook evaluasie dokumente beskikbaar wees sodat beide kandidate sowel as studente ŉ standaard vir verbeterings kan voortsit.

Die Studente Parlement sitting is opsetlik geskeduleer (19 Augustus 2014) op die dag na die aankondiging van die nuwe Studente Raad sodat ŉ werksverhouding onmiddellik aangeknoop sal word tussen die Nuwe SR en Studente Parlement asook om terugvoer te gee oor die Verkiesing as ŉ geheel.

As jy die Xhosa weergawe van hierdie e-pos versoek, email studpar@sun.ac.za Subject:Xhosa

**Verslag van Tristan Jaftha (SR Verkiesing Sameroeper):**

SR VERKIESING BERMARKING

Dit is onder ons aandag gebring dat daar ongelukkigheid is oor die manier wat ons die nominasie periode vir die SR Verkiesing geadverteer het op kampus.

As die Sameroepers wil ons graag hiervoor omverskoning vra en u gerus stel dat ons aktief aan die regstelling van die saak werk.

Sodoende kan voornemende kandidate net hul name en student nommers ingee tot op die sperdatum, Donderdag 31 Julie om 13h00, op voorwaarde dat:

· die informasie sessie bywoon vir kandidate op Donderdag, 31 Julie om 17h00; en

· ŉ voltooide nominasie vorm inhandig op die oriëntasie dag van Sondag @ Augustus om 09h00.

Met ander woorde, die sperdatum vir nominasies is nog steeds Donderdag 31 Julie om 13h00, maar net die naam en studente nommer van voornemende kandidaat is nodig mits die kandidaat die inligting sessie bywoon en ŉ voltooide nominasie vorm inhandig op oriëntasie dag.

Ons herinner julle dat nominasie vorms beskikbaar is by die SR Kantoor en op die webtuiste

(http://www.sun.ac.za/english/management/src/documents).

Ons nooi alle studente uit om die SR Verkiesing Informasie Sessies bytewoon op Maandag 28 Julie om 20h00 en Woensdag 30 Julie om 19h00 in die SR Raadsaal waar Verkiesing Sameroepers enige vra sal antwoord wat op toepassing is op die komende verkiesing.

Vir enige verdure vra, kontak gerus die SR Verkiesing Sameroepers, Tristan Jaftha (079 776 7058) en Maxine Bezuidenhout (084 776 9001) of srcelection@sun.ac.za.