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Foreword

Fellow Maties

Welcome back to the commencement of the new term. I trust that each of you has had a restorative break and is now rejuvenated for the challenges that lie ahead. As we embark on another term, anticipated to be rigorous and demanding. I am confident that together we will endure and maintain unwavering dedication in our quest for academic excellence.

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Constitutional Responsibilities

According to the student constitution by constitutional responsibilities are the following:

- 1) The portfolio has a responsibility to students who fall within the women and queer communities to create a safe environment in which they can express themselves.
- 2) The portfolio has the responsibility to liaise with the university to ensure that their protocols and structures comply with the expectations and needs of the WAQE communities.
- 3) WAQE has a responsibility to hold the university and its underlying departments and structures to represent and advocate for the safety and inclusion of the WAQE communities.
- 4) Attend regular SRC meetings.
- 5) Attend office duty as requested by the SRC Vice-Chairperson.
- 6) Fulfil the mandate promised by the mission statement.

Portfolio Overview

- 1) The Womxn and Queer Empowerment (“WAQE”) portfolios main aim is to actively diminish institutional patriarchy, end rape culture, queer phobia, and gender-based violence. To initiate and develop projects to: encourage the upliftment of womxn, empower queer persons and provide safe and equitable spaces for womxn and queer communities.
- 2) The role of the Institutional Project Liaison portfolio head is to coordinate with the relevant institutional structures to organize the Rectors Award, SRC Inauguration and other Related projects.

Committees/Task Teams

I serve on the following Committees and or Task Teams:

- **Bursaries and Loans Committee:**
- Due to numerous cancellations, our scheduled meetings have yet to take place.

- **Anti-GBV Committee:**
- We have yet to convene.

- **Institutional Transformation Committee:**

- The ITC initiated its third seating, wherein the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Learning and Teaching was extended to an invitation to deliberate on the transformative plan for academic reformation. During this meeting, policies and recommendations were presented to cultivate an environment conducive to academic excellence.
- **Due to Confidentiality, the entire detailing of the meeting cannot be disclosed.**
- **Student Funding Co-ordination/Integration Working Group:**
- Due to Confidentiality, the details of the meeting cannot be disclosed.

Term I Overview

During my Second term in office, two significant events were formalized:

- The Annual Pride Picnic, held in collaboration with QueerUs, aimed to foster inclusivity and celebrate diversity within our community.
- The annual SRC photoshoot, featuring members of Student Representative Council alongside representatives from the Rectorate, served to symbolize unity and collaboration in our shared goals and initiatives.
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Plans for Next Term

- Providing safe spaces for Queer Bodies in collaboration with the equality unit, Queerus and the Chancellor
- Organisation of The Rectors Award
- Anti -GBV event with the Safety and security Officer as a possible collaborator and Riley Cook
- Critical Engagement Summit consisting of all HCs within a residence space and CSO's that deal with issues of transformation, Empowerment, Critical Engagement.