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## **SRC 2024 TERM 3 REPORT**

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**The 2024 SRC slogan is “Availed In Unity”**

*saam vorentoe · masiye phambili · forward together*

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### Foreword

Dear Maties Postgraduate,

I hope this message finds you well as you continue to navigate your postgraduate studies at Stellenbosch University, an institution that truly cares about your postgraduate studies and research.

We are grateful to have you in our institution, and I am humbled to be trusted with the role to represent the postgraduate students of the institution.

Thank you,

Mx Abongile Quthu, MA Candidate

SRC Postgraduate Officer

## Constitutional Responsibilities

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

As the Postgraduate Students portfolio holder, I have the following constitutional responsibilities:

- Promoting the rights of postgraduate students as referred to under CHAPTER 2
- Representing the interests of postgraduate students at various committees, structures, and functionaries of the University
- Evaluating the University policies which impact on postgraduate students and give input in the formulation thereof.
- Facilitating projects and initiatives to benefit postgraduate students.

The role of the Postgraduate Students Officer is to inform SRC projects on the impact on Postgraduate students. They initiate projects to allow for Postgraduate students' involvement on campuses and ensure acclimatisation and orientation for Postgraduate students. This portfolio liaises with the Postgraduate Office, Senior Prim Committee, Academic Affairs Council and many other bodies that involve postgraduate matters.

My responsibilities are however not limited. As an SRC Member I'm binding to all other additional duties such as what is outlined in sections 27 and 32, and that

is to always:

- act in the best interests of all Stellenbosch University Students firmly
- uphold the Student Constitution and to protect the rights and freedoms of all Stellenbosch

University Students,

- and to act transparent in everything I do on behalf of the SRC.
- represent students on various institutional committees.
- evaluate and give input on institutional policies.
- to plan and facilitate projects that will advance a transformative student experience for all.
- to formulate internal policies to help support and guide the SRC to execute their functionaries to the best possible standards.

## Portfolio Overview

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- 1) The primary function of the Postgraduate Students Portfolio is to provide comprehensive insights into the effects of SRC projects on the Postgraduate student body. This entails instigating initiatives aimed at facilitating the engagement of Postgraduate students in campus activities, as well as overseeing their assimilation and orientation processes. Moreover, this portfolio maintains communication and collaboration with key entities such as the Postgraduate Office, Senior Prim Committee, and Academic Affairs Council.

## Committees/Task Teams

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I serve on the following Committees and or Task Teams:

### 1. DSAF Transformation Forum

the DSAf Transformation Forum, represents various centres and campuses within the Division Student Affairs (DSAf) and includes representatives from the Student Representative Council (SRC), where transformation related matters are discussed, and further possible ways to inform Transformation at Stellenbosch University are discussed.

## 2. Student Fees Committee

This committee focuses and discusses student fees within our various campuses, and it also oversees if there might be a need or decrease of such fees, by looking at the context of the institutional financial climate. This committee advises as to why such adjustments are necessary, and advises the university's decision makers why they see such adjustments fit or rather necessary.

## 3. Stellenbosch University Co-curricular Support Fund (SUCSF) Committee

This committee is widely known as USKOF, and it is administered by the Division Student Affairs and is a student bursary fund for national, international, and online co-curricular events and courses.

several departments, divisions, and centres of Stellenbosch University (SU) make funds available for supporting the co-curricular development of students. Mostly, these funds are made available and utilised for the following reasons:

Students' attendance of and participation in national and international conferences falling outside the formal academic offering.

Support for student initiatives on campus additional to the day-to-day activities of student structures for which there are existing budgets; and

Support for Students' Representative Council's (SRC) initiatives linked to the above-mentioned, but also initiatives related to national and international co-curricular activities that are preferably not annual or repetitive events.

Funds are limited and available money must be managed, utilised, and allocated responsibly so that it can have a greater and better effect on the student community of SU.

Therefore, it has been decided to establish a central fund in which existing SU funds can be pooled. The outcome of this fund will be that: more students are supported and a greater and better effect is ensured;

criteria are set according to which applications are assessed; and

the application and utilisation of the funds by students are assessed by reporting and similar ways of feedback.

The committee administers those who apply for the support.

## Term 3 Overview

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This is what my Term 2 as the SRC Postgraduate Students' Officer entailed:

I continued to liaise with the postgraduate office to assist students who had funding and accommodation issues, and at every time, the students were assisted to the best Level and the postgraduate office continues to support the students.

I continued to meet with the Deputy Director of the Postgraduate Funding to discuss funding models and possibilities for the year 2024. The meetings always end on very positive grounds of ensuring all postgraduate students receive support.

Furthermore, I did campus support for the first-time Stellenbosch University postgraduate students. Every student who came to my office looking for assistance in postgraduate related queries were supported at all times.

### BUDGET:

Within the portfolio, there has been NO Financial expenditure.

## Plans for Next Term

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In the following term, these are the plans I wish to execute:

- Host an event as to why Stellenbosch University should be a university of choice for your postgraduate studies.



