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SOCIAL IMPACT

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Foreword



Greetings Maties

I warmly welcome you back to the second semester and have no doubt that you are ready to blaze through uncharted territory and weather any storms ahead.

With us being in the midst of student election season I would like to encourage each of us to embrace the spirit of leadership and continue to faithfully and actively occupy the spaces we find ourselves and challenge ourselves to enter those we were previously afraid to explore.

As we approach the second-half of the year I would like I to remind you of the following:

The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.

- Steve Jobs -

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Constitutional Responsibilities

According to the student constitution as the Social Impact Officer it is my duty and obligation to:

- 1) Represent students on the Social Impact Committee (SIC) at Senate
- 2) Work in close collaboration with the university's Division of Social Impact (DSI)
- 3) Connect and engage with social impact leaders within residences and CSCs (Commuter Student Community)
- 4) Encourage engaged citizenship through student volunteerism
- 5) Organise SRC (Students Representative Council) specific outreach and community events and projects as well facilitate registration of initiatives with DSI.
- 6) Promote social impact projects and improve student attendance at these events

Portfolio Overview

The SRC Social Impact Portfolio is centred on pioneering change through student participation to create more equitable communities outside Stellenbosch University.

The 2024 SRC Social Impact Vision is to establish a legacy of student collaboration and volunteerism through engaged citizenship in the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

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- Zero Hunger
- No Poverty
- Quality education
- Reduced Inequalities

As a portfolio, it is our mandate to ensure every student graduates with an understanding of social justice and responsibility and is better equipped to address societal issues.

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Committees/Task Teams

I serve on the following Committees and or Task Teams:

Division of Social Impact:

The Division for Social Impact (DSI) serves as SU's first point of reference for staff, students and partners wanting to engage in Social Impact. The DSI does not run initiatives; it provides advice, guidance, and support and facilitates engagement.

The DSI offers support in the following ways:

- Engaged Learning & Teaching support
- Engaged Citizenship
- Engaged Research Support & Engaged Partnerships
- Volunteerism
- Social Impact Knowledge Platform

Social Impact committee: Senate

As an SRC member on the Social Impact Committee (SIC), it is my responsibility to provide a student perspective to ensure effective governing and the provision of strategic direction to the implementation of the university's Social Impact Strategic Plan (SISP)

Food security programme and emergency relief:

No student should be burdened with the stress of food insecurity and for this reason the University has implemented long-term and sustainable food security programmes that can be accessed by all students. Students who are facing food insecurity can apply for assessment for eligibility for food assistance via the appropriate University channels. To streamline the application process, the guidelines are set according to the following categories:

- Students who receive a bursary or financial assistance
- Students who do not receive financial support.
- Food emergencies for students who need immediate relief.

Request for an emergency food allowance can be directed to **supportUS@sun.ac.za**. A holistic assessment of the student's financial needs will be undertaken.

Term 3 Overview

During my third term in office, I was involved in the following:

- SU student food drive
- Homeless Shelter Collaboration
- Literature day

SU Student food drive

This term the social impact team managed to create a total of 50 packages consisting of basic food and toiletry items that were donated to the CSCD to help combat the food insecurity within our student community.

We are grateful to all the generous donors that contributed to making the new NSFAS meal option available this semester.

A notable mention to the steps that the CSCD has been taking to also help fight food insecurity.

Literature Day

A children's book handover took place in collaboration with the ESC (Education Student Council) where students from a children's home in Stellenbosch were invited to our campus to take part in a literature day that involved games, music and a brief word of encouragement from the SRC Communications Officer.

Members of the SRC spent the afternoon reminiscing about childhood reading experiences which contributed to the vibrant atmosphere of the day.

The SDG goal of quality education is part of the social impact team 2024 vision and we hope to bring this more into light in the following term.

Homeless Shelter

We collaborated with a fellow student who has previously served on the social impact subcommittee to purchase 130 homeless shelter vouchers which will be donated to the Stellenbosch Night Shelter on the 9th of August to allow the shelter to be occupied for 3 full nights.

Looking back, we also successfully filled up a large clothing bin in collaboration with U-turn Clothing this term and will continue this initiative until the end of August. This will contribute towards changing the lives of those affected by the extreme reality of homelessness.

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In light of the sometimes-harsh winter weather conditions within the Western, we strive to be active participants to assist in reducing challenges experienced by underprivileged communities.

Plans for Next Term

The new term brings exciting opportunities to make lasting impact within the Stellenbosch community.

The projects we plan to undertake are:

Menstrual Education Workshop

We are collaborating with **The CORA Project** to offer a menstrual workshop for young high school girls that will include education on the biology of menstruation, the severity of period poverty, and period management and more in the month of August. This will also include a pad drive.

Menstrual and Environmental Sustainability Talk

Lady Talk Matters is a re-usable sanitary pad producing global charity with a factory based in Kayamandi.

In partnership with their team and Co-create hub, we hope to showcase and promote the charity's work in creating a solution to period poverty, creating employment by locally manufacturing these durable pads.

Through a fruitful partnership with Lady Talk Matters, Co-create Hub and SU LaunchLab, we will be able to create a fundraising campaign to help manufacture packs that will be distributed to women and girls who cannot afford them.

Knit For Change Campaign

We would like to get members of the Stellenbosch community who are beginners, intermediates and even pros to partner with our campaign starting on the 9th of August to take part in knitting blankets, beanies, hats and gloves for adults, babies and children. We hope this can be highly community driven event. All the items will be donated to the charities, homes and shelters and schools that partner with us.



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Term Budget

This is a provisional budget with projected spends for the upcoming term.

Project/Event	Amount
Menstrual Education Workshop (buying a few pads to be donated)	R 2 500
Menstrual and Environmental Sustainability Talk (social impact donation to fundraiser and refreshments for event)	R 5 600
Knitting Campaign (Posters, printing and advertising, purchasing of a few needles and wool to advertise)	R 2 400

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