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Foreword

Greetings Maties,

I trust this message finds you well as you navigate the joys and challenges of returning to campus life. It's been a pleasure serving the student community at Stellenbosch University, a role I hold close to my heart. I am committed to supporting and advocating for you, our students, with sincerity and dedication.

As you embark on this academic term, please remember that the SRC team stands beside you, ready to assist whenever needed. Feel free to reach out to us at any time—we are here to support you in your journey.

Wishing you a successful and fulfilling second term of the academic year, Maties!

Warm regards,

Mx Abongile Quthu

SRC Vice Chairperson

Constitutional Responsibilities

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

- 1) Responsible for supporting the Chairperson in all administrative roles and fulfilling any or all of the duties of the Chairperson should the Chairperson be incapacitated or unavailable.
- 2) Responsible for the internal monitoring and evaluation of the SRC.
- 3) Responsible for the internal monitoring of internal relations and discipline of the SRC.
- 4) Appoints the SRC Managers, with the consent of the SRC.

My responsibilities are however not limited to what is outlined in our student constitution. 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 functionalities

to the best possible standards.

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As a member of the Executive Committee of the SRC I also have other constitutional duties imposed on me as per sections 41 and 42 of the Student Constitution. The Executive Committee of the SRC runs the day-to-day business of the house and is ultimately responsible for setting the agenda for SRC Meetings. This committee also decides on the budget of the SRC and must ensure that the SRC executes its functionalities accordingly.

Finally, the Vice-Chairperson's (VC) main responsibility is to ensure that the house is in order. The VC takes care of all the Internal Matters of the SRC such as monitoring and evaluating the performance of SRC Members and SRC Managers. The VC is also in charge of Internal Discipline.

Portfolio Overview

The Vice-chairperson shares the role of overseeing the SRC with the Chairperson. Key responsibilities of this portfolio include:

- Maintaining the internal relations in the team
- Overseeing and enforcing discipline in the team
- Coordinating the SRC's representation on institutional committees
- Ensuring there are teambuilding
- Promoting leadership development within the team
- Monitoring and evaluating the team's performance

Committees/Task Teams

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 abovementioned, 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.

4. Central Disciplinary Committee

Central Disciplinary Committee ('CDC') means one of the disciplinary committees established by this disciplinary code of Stellenbosch University. It has jurisdiction to deal with all Disciplinary matters. As the Vice Chairperson of the SRC, my role is to serve as a panel member within the CDC.

Term 2 Overview

During my second term in the SRC Office, much of the work that I did was around attending meetings and institutional events as part of my constitutional duties. I ensured that I represent the SRC to the best of my ability to every platform I was present in as a SRC Member, this includes events where I was invited to facilitate or be a programme director.

I ensured that the office is always in order at all times, and all the team members adhere to the rules of the office as stipulated to the SRC Code of Conduct.

I ensured that I oversee the process of signing the code of conduct of the SRC and that each member has signed the code of conduct of the SRC.

I ensured that the team is well managed and that no team member is mistreated in the office, and I ensured to make it clear to the team that, should they have any issues, my office and email are always open for all the members of the team.

I also oversaw the door duty schedule process to ensure that there is always an SRC member to assist the students who come to the office for support and guidance, or when they have queries.

I attended all my committee meetings and ensured to represent the best interest of students at all the times.

As the CDC we dealt with several cases, and I was present in those that were assigned to me, and I would like to attest that they were fair and followed due process.

In the USKOF discussions I have been involved in, they have also been direct and clear, where the students who needed support from the committee, were provided with such.

I ensured that the Boardroom Booking Management is in order, and that it is managed well at all times, with no clashes of events or untidiness in the space. The boardroom has thus far been managed very well.

I continued to support the SRC Chairperson in her campuses oversight duties when I was available, and we continued to engage with the students of SU in the various campuses.

I compile the signed door duty schedules in a file, to ensure that the monitoring and evaluation component of our team is kept in to order.

I also hosted an SRC Debrief Dinner, where we reflected on the SRC journey thus far, and how we as a team may continue to hold the space for each other moving forward and ensure that we deliver services to the best of our ability at all times, The dinner was held at De Warenmarkt, and members of the team were present, and we had fruitful engagements as a team.

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I also ensured to attend the events hosted by SRC at all times where I could.

Plans for Next Term

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

- Ensure that there are regular checks in with the SRC Members, these checks in will be an opportunity to understand the plans of the team members and how we can best support them.
- Ensure that SRC Members receive psychosocial support – student leadership may cause some distress, therefore it is important to look after my team.
- Support the SRC Chairperson in her pursuits of SU Campuses Oversight – this is to ensure that the SRC has visibility across its campuses and that we are able to understand the various issues they deal with as our students. ‘
- Ensure that we as an SRC team align with our set values, vision and mission.
- Plan a Mid-Term strategic planning – where the team will evaluate where it started – and how far it can grow.
- Ensure that the Monitoring and Evaluation component within our team.

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