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**UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

**Guidelines for the use of the Graffiti Wall**

**August 2014**

PREAMBLE:

All students have the right to freedom of expression but this expression must be regulated in the public space of the University of Pretoria. The Graffiti Wall (the South wall of the Old-Chemistry Building) forms part of a historical building. The aim of this policy is to assist the SRC and the Departments of Facilities Management and Security Services on the content of what can be painted on the Graffiti Wall.

1. DEFINITIONS:

DSA Means the Department of Student Affairs.

SRC means the Student Representative Council, deriving its functioning and powers from the Constitution for Student Governance, 2013.

University/UP means the University of Pretoria

1. GRAFFITI WALL: CONTENT

The Graffiti wall is a wall for the exercising of the right to freedom of expression for students, but as the wall forms part of the facilities of the University of Pretoria, and it is part of a historical building, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

2.1. The SRC will affix a notice to the wall to state that the Graffiti wall will be used by students, and the content of the paintings, does not represent the views of the University.

2.2. The University reserves the right to use the wall for official purposes, including but not limited to:

* Open days
* Welcoming Day for First year students, and
* Other events on the University Calendar.

2.3. The University Management, in the interest of the corporate image of the University, as well as aesthetical considerations, may repaint the wall with a colour of its choice as and when it deems necessary.

2.4. The Graffiti wall is for the benefit and can be used by the entire student body.

2.5. A single group or person cannot use more than 25% of the wall.

1. PROHIBITED CONTENT:

The following content is strictly prohibited: Any content that is:

* Language that is offensive in any form
* Racist
* Sexist
* Pornographic
* Hate speech with regard to religious beliefs, or
* In any other way to be discriminating or detrimental to the image and stature of the University of Pretoria.
1. MORATORIUM:

4.1. The painting is limited to the wall on the South side of the Old Chemistry building.

4.2. Any encroachment on the walls on either side of the building, or any painting on any other building will be deemed to be malicious damage to property, and the perpetrators will be held criminally and personally liable.

4.3. Any act as stated in Section 4.2. will further have the person/persons liable for the cleaning and restoration of the walls.

1. GENERAL CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS:

5.1. When a person or an organization paints on the wall, with a date centred on it, do not paint over it.

5.2. Use only the space that you need on the wall

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