



**UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

## **QUARTELY REPORT**

**PORTFOLIO** : **SRC President**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER** : **Njabulo Sibeko**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR** : **Quarter 3 2023**

Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
General Rules & Regulations Review	On-going. The faculty house representatives have made contributions in this regard. These will be tabled to Executive Management, Senate and Council at the next sitting in September.	Getting people to make their contributions in terms of the faculty's academic rules and general rules & regulations of the university.	Re-opening the process so that the incoming elected leaders can make their contributions.
Staff Donations Initiative	On-going. We have placed donation boxes in the administration building, and have ordered more to be placed in the various departments on all campuses. We are also in communication with the Black TuksAlumni to not only donate, but to also run a similar campaign.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The procurement of donation boxes.</li> <li>2. Logistical issues which led to huge delays for starting the initiative.</li> </ol>	Collaborating with both internal and external parties to make the project bigger.
Women's Day Flowers Hand Out	This was done a day after Women's day, and roses were handed out to the women on campus - both students and staff - with a note wishing them a "Revolutionary Woman's Month".	Flowers are very expensive so we could not buy enough to ensure that enough ground was covered.	Initiatives like this should be a collective efforts from all SRC members so that the monetary contribution is not so adverse.
Tenetech Allowances	Working with the people from the finance department to assist students who have been receiving the incorrect allowances. There has been a manual process taking place with students that have filled in the google form and they are being allocated the difference. Similarly, students who are unable to on-board have been the biggest challenge but there has been an effort to get the finance department to get Tenetech to come to the institution and assist students manually on-board. In addition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Getting responses from NSFAS and Tenetech.</li> <li>2. The universal list is not updated frequently.</li> </ol>	We have not been successful in our attempts to get attention and assistance from these parties, so we have resorted to reaching out to them through the university.

	to this, we are waiting for NSFAS to release an updated universal list in which these students' funding will be confirmed. The dates when Tenetech is to come again, as well as when the universal list will be updated will be communicated in due course.		
Defunded Students Temporary Accommodation	On-going. In lieu of all the challenges we have faced, we have worked with churches around Hatfield to provide students that have been evicted and are destitute with accommodation either in the churches or in rooms allocated. We are still in communication with churches to speed up the process of getting more rooms available for students who have not yet received accommodation. The new VP for Student Life has also been instrumental in assisting the SRC with placement in residences for very dire cases of students.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have been hindered by the university in that we are unable to provide mass accommodation to students in UPRes and unable to contract with private accommodations to provide students with residence at a subsidized rate. This is because of the constitution of student governance which allows for executive management and council to review SRC decisions.</li> <li>2. Monetary constraints.</li> </ol>	This section of the CSG is currently under review to allow for the SRC to have contractual powers.
SRC Forum March	The march took place on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of August, and we had an array of universities, social movements, societies, and political parties. A memorandum was delivered that called particularly for two things esp within UP's context. Firstly, we wanted the process of appeals to be fast tracked so defunded students' appeals are prioritized and secondly, we wanted a stop to direct payments. The process of	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Logistics of organizing are quite strenuous and dependant on a lot of parties.</li> <li>2. No response from the office of the Presidency.</li> <li>3. Corruption is the name of the game in the higher education sector which raises the stakes that much more for people.</li> <li>4. Lack of support from the university.</li> </ol>	-

	<p>appeals has concluded its first stage and many students have been reinstated by the bursary. There are quite a number of students who are still awaiting appeal responses and these names will be taken to NSFAS offices so we can get a verdict soon on funding statuses. In terms of the direct payment system, we have received a lot of resistance from many forces within the sector including political parties and student organizations. Our efforts have exposed the direct payment system as a feeding trough for corrupt leaders in the governing party. There have been several reports that have been released since our protest that confirm this and even NSFAS' investigation into its CEO is further proof that our claims are not unsubstantiated. The minister must call for an end to this system but due to political reasons there are fears that he would not want to close taps for comrades and perhaps even himself.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Lack of support from student body.</li> <li>6. NSFAS delays</li> </ol>	
Curriculum Transformation Task Team	<p>On- going. The SRC is represented in the task team appointed to review the curriculum in the University post senate conference. There have been ongoing meetings with the task team that have begun to gauge what kind of a vision we would want in the university pending the</p>	-	-

	senate conference where we are also represented.		
Women In Science 5 <sup>th</sup> Symposium	The SRC heeded a call to speak on Women as Agents of Change for a Sustainable and Equitable Future. The panel discussion involved women from many sectors and sought to discuss the impact and contribution of women in our society. This was also an opportunity used to have interactions with the men invited to the talk on ways in which we can stop the scourge of gender based violence cases.	-	-
Sports Day	On- going. The SRC to fundraise as well promote student life is finalizing the planning stages of its inaugural, We Got You Day. The events seek to fundraise through an array of activities as well provide students with good times just before the Jacaranda's fall for exams season.	Finding a date as well as the logistical plans associated with external sponsors and even internal departments.	-
Fundraising Committee	On- going. The committee is currently in the process of identifying companies within respective sectors and industries as well as parties associated with the University or established in Hatfield and surrounding areas. There will be sponsor packs sent to these potential donors which will outline the need that exists and provides the donor with a theoretical explanation of how the money will be used.	Getting involvement from members of the committee has been difficult but we have continued to work with the committed parties.	Working alongside the new leadership of faculty houses to continue the progress made by the committee.

	We are also engaged in a drive to get sanitary material and have it available through a discreet collection system and in bathrooms as well. We are working on acquiring enough sanitary pads for the entirety of the university across all campuses, but it is quite difficult considering the number of students.		
Voter Registration	On- going. Tentatively scheduled for 12 September. This will be alongside IEC and will be done so that we can encourage young people to vote and have a contribution in their country come 2024 when we go to the polls.	-	-
Student Safety and Security Conference	The SRC has continuously raised the issue of safety within our UP Community and we have always made a noise about how executive management must do more for students. As such management is looking to host a conference into the security aspects around UP and how to better the systems in place. This process will be done parallel to a similar SRC project which will seek to acquire information on what the students want so that your voices are expressed	The conference ought to have taken place throughout the month of August but due to scheduling mishaps we were unable to have the conference yet.	-



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PORTFOLIO : DEPUTY PRESIDENT  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER : NEVILLE MUPITA  
QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR : 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2023

Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
Assisting Defunded Students with NSFAS	<p>As this matter is not a portfolio specific matter the SRC set to assist defunded students with the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS). The primary goal which is ongoing is to provide support to students who have lost their financial aid due to changes in eligibility criteria or funding constraints, ensuring that they do not fall behind in their studies due to financial difficulties. This included providing them with alternative accommodation through the SRC Residence Officers and Food from The SRC SNAPP program.</p> <p>Identification of Affected Students: We began with an extensive effort to identify students who were impacted by the defunding of their NSFAS support. University records and data were used to compile a comprehensive list of students in need.</p> <p>Needs Assessment: Once identified, each student's financial situation was assessed individually to understand their</p>	<p>Limited Resources: The availability of resources, both financial and personnel, has posed a challenge to providing comprehensive support to all defunded students. The high demand for assistance sometimes outstrips the available resources.</p> <p>Sustainability: The long-term sustainability of the initiative remains a concern. It is hard to find consistent funding sources for ongoing support is an ongoing challenge.</p>	



	<p>specific needs. This step was crucial in tailoring the assistance to address the unique challenges faced by each student.</p> <p>Scholarship and Bursary Opportunities: Collaboration the institution led to the identification of scholarship and bursary opportunities specifically for the affected students. This has helped mitigate the financial burden and allowed students to continue their education though there still is a long way to go and more students need this assistance.</p>		
<p>Constitutional Amendments for Faculty Houses and Key Structures</p>	<p>My office chaired the process of constitutional amendments for faculty houses and other key structures has made significant progress. This endeavour aimed to address and adapt to the evolving needs of the educational institution by revising its governing framework.</p> <p>Assessment and Analysis: A comprehensive assessment was conducted to identify areas within the current constitutions that required amendments. This</p>	<p>Resistance to Change: some members were reluctant in approving changes proposed.</p> <p>Legal and Procedural Hurdles- Adhering to legal requirements and procedural protocols in making constitutional amendments demanded meticulous attention.</p> <p>Balancing Stakeholder Interests: Striking a balance between the interests of different stakeholder groups, such as faculty,</p>	

	<p>involved consultation with faculty members through the office of SRC Academics.</p> <p>Review and Feedback: This included giving reviews and feedback to the structures that submitted their constitutions. This inclusive approach allowed for diverse perspectives to be considered, leading to revisions that better reflected the collective interests of the institution.</p>	<p>administrative staff, and students, proved challenging.</p> <p>Availability of Members: One of the primary challenges was coordinating the availability of council members involved in approval process of the constitutional amendments. These members, often busy due to academic commitments and had demanding schedules that made scheduling meetings and discussions a complex task. This challenge impacted the speed of the drafting process, occasionally leading to delays.</p>	
Deputizing the President	<p>Deputizing the President involves assigning the Vice President or another designated individual to perform the duties and responsibilities of the President in his absence or during periods of incapacitation. I maintained continuous functioning of the SRC and the execution of critical decision-making processes even when the President is unable to or is not available.</p>		
Assisting Students with Visa Renewal Issues and On-Campus Visa Application Centre Planning	<p>Over the past few months, in collaboration with ISD we have provided comprehensive</p>	<p>The challenge lies in managing the expected influx of students during peak renewal seasons. To prevent</p>	

	<p>assistance to students facing visa renewal issues. This initiative streamlines the visa renewal process for international students and enhance their overall experience while studying at UP. As part of this effort, we are also actively working towards inviting an on-campus Visa Application Centre (VFS) to further simplify the renewal process.</p>	<p>long waiting times and maintain the quality of service, we are developing an appointment scheduling system. This will require careful planning and implementation to ensure a seamless experience for all students.</p> <p>Additionally, there is the challenge of raising awareness among the student body about these services. Many students may not be aware of the assistance available to them, and promoting the benefits of utilizing the on-campus Visa Application Centre will be essential. However, we are working on improving the process from last year.</p>	
<p>Planning of International Students Day in Collaboration with DIA, ISD, and UPI</p>	<p>The initiative to plan and celebrate International Students Day in collaboration with the Department of Institutional Advancement (DIA), International Student Division (ISD), and UP International Student Society (UPI) has made significant progress. The aim of the initiative is to create a vibrant and inclusive event that honors the diverse cultural backgrounds of</p>	<p>Promotion and Participation: Garnering interest and participation from a wide range of students can be challenging. Effective promotional strategies are needed to reach all international students and encourage their involvement.</p>	

	<p>international students, fosters cross-cultural understanding, and provides a platform for sharing experiences.</p> <p>Collaborative Framework: The collaboration between DIA, ISD, and UPI has been well-established, ensuring a multidimensional approach to event planning. Regular meetings have been held to align goals, pool resources, and coordinate efforts effectively.</p> <p>Event Conceptualization: A comprehensive concept for the International Students Day event has been developed. It includes cultural performances, international cuisine stalls, panel discussions on global issues, and interactive sessions to promote cultural exchange.</p>		
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**PORTFOLIO** : **Secretary-General**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER** : **Phenyo Matabane**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR** : **3rd**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Challenges</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
1. Agenda and Minutes, Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convened Meetings and noted the agenda for all SRC Ordinary and Special Meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SRC struggled to hold quorum for meetings on numerous occasions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members' honorariums will be deducted. (Enforcement of the CSG)</li> </ul>
2. Networking with other SRC secretary-Generals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings and discussions with other SGs from various universities across the country on student-related issues, such as NSFAS and Accommodation Matters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was not able to travel or honor invites to events by these SRCs (NMU and Wits)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will enhance student issue engagement by building up to the South African Union General Council this November.</li> </ul>
3. Safe the Semester Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financially contributed to the programme and other logistics such as stock taking and distribution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not related</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for the next programme and a build-up "Study Hard" Programme towards Save the Semester.</li> </ul>
4. Transformation Safety and Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Went to visit a few Private accommodations including TMM Lofts and Hantra Student Accommodation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower student turnout on the selected days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in promotions towards future programmes</li> </ul>
5. Leasing with Various stakeholders including NSFAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reached out to NSFAS on behalf of students with regard to funding issues and also assisted students during consultation hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long waiting time for responses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will continue to foster reachable relations with these funding stakeholders including NSFAS</li> </ul>
6. Tenet On-Boarding overseeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the On-boarding process, meet with tenet management to discuss about the system's teething problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No training was held or hosted to equip the SRC Officially to understand the system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will always have to reach out to Tenet for inquiries, until further network is made.</li> </ul>
7. Meetings with Executive Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended meetings with the executive management where</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The challenges we are facing are very complex to solve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will continue to look for stakeholders that can be able to</li> </ul>

	students' views were well represented.		financially assist students when coming to accommodation and funding.
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PORTFOLIO : Deputy Secretary

PORTFOLIO HOLDER : Christo Pretorius

QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR : Quarter 3 of 2023



<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Challenges</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Successful Quarter 2 Student Forum.	Organised the first successful Student Forum since 2019 (In 4 years).	There was the threat of Student Forum collapsing.	If the forum was due to collapse the possibility of an online forum was considered. The Chief Justice and the Constitutional Tribunal dealt with disruptions in adequately however, there must be more investigations into the racist incidents that occurred.
Confronting the Minister of Higher Education and Training.	The President, me the DSG, Study Finance, and Facilities, Safety and Security went to confront the Minister of Higher Education and Training at the end of June to encourage him to engage us on NSFAS defunded students and the shortfalls of Direct Payments.	We were escorted out by the Ministers bodyguards and the police, and the Minister left without any success.	The result was that SRC from across the country had to come together and organise a March in protest against DHET and the Minister.
March to Union Buildings	I attended the march where the memorandum was handed in at the Union Buildings, and also ensured that UP students were not in danger when rouge elements took over the protest. However, the main focus of the march did go ahead, and the march was done to the Union Buildings.	It was only after the march that students decided to get disruptive and got violent at the Department of Higher Education and Training, however, we ensured that our students got out and even ensured transportation for students back to UP.	None, however SRC's nationally are in deliberation regarding the next step.
Administrative duties	I have been tending to the duties of the Secretary in his absence. This includes minute taking, writing statements, and having presence in National SRC meetings and events because of the SRC Secretary's constant absence.	The challenges encountered is to have the Secretary release templates and documents required by the Executive mostly, and so far, the Secretary has refused to give us access to the necessary equipment required to do our duties efficiently. The reasons for this are still to be known.	None that has been effective enough.



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**PORTFOLIO** : **Treasurer**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER** : **Lauren Mbali Thabethe**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR** : **Quarter 3 2023**

Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
Allocation of money to societies	Complete	Societies that did not hand in management reports, changing of cost centre numbers, incompetency.	2024 Societies officer must be fair and neutral when it comes to registering societies and have a good work ethic. Societies must hand in their management reports on time and not make excuses the following year.
Pad Drive	In progress	Getting pad donations and the necessary resources needed to have a successful pad drive. University not having pad/tampon dispensers in all the bathrooms in every campus.	The university must invest in getting pad/tampon dispensers for in case of an emergency and be more involved in the pad drive.
Sending of letters to companies regarding potential sponsorship	In progress	Quite problematic to get contact details of specific people who work in companies that can directly assist when it comes to potential sponsorship on either food, sanitary products or funding.	DIA should assist more in this regard.

## SRC 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

### Facilities, Safety and Security

Captain Shongwe

The office successfully secured an extension of library hours during the first semester's exam periods, demonstrating a proactive response to the evolving needs of our student body. Our efforts were driven by a comprehensive analysis of student requirements, particularly focusing on those lacking essential study resources such as laptops and adequate lighting.

To address this issue comprehensively, we initiated alterations to the bus schedules to accommodate students studying late into the night. This adjustment was made to facilitate easy access to neighbouring campuses or locations, ensuring that students have the necessary transportation support when needed. Notably, Guardian buses were introduced, operating until 4 am during study times and covering the Hatfield vicinity.

Moreover, we allocated additional security from the security services budget to enhance safety in the Hatfield and Hillcrest areas for the year. Specific details about the streets and corners benefiting from this increased security will be shared during the upcoming forum.

In line with my commitment to transparency, I will provide an update on the security measures implemented across other campuses. Additionally, I will share information about the recent transition from motorbikes to bicycles in the Hatfield area, demonstrating our dedication to sustainable and efficient safety solutions.



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## **QUARTELY REPORT**

**PORTFOLIO** : **Marketing, Media and Communications**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER** : **Thokozane Zwane**

**PROGRESS REPORT FOR MMC QUARTER**  
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<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Challenges</b>
Tuks FM interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I coordinated and organised an interview with TuksFm on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 for the LGBTQIA+ visibility committee which was launched this year by the SRC where the committee was given platform to highlight their purpose and give a brief plan of action while also raising awareness.</li> </ul>	N/A
Save the Semester initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted in the save the semester initiative with food preparations as well as distribution to the students.</li> </ul>	N/A
Mass meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helped with the planning of the mass meeting about NSFAS issues that was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 and created posters to alert students of the mass meeting.</li> </ul>	Communicating with students on time.
March to Union building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helped by being involved in the planning of the march and by communicating to the student body all relevant information about the march.</li> </ul>	N/A
CLICK UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click UP has been the platform that provides direct communication to students, I have been actively communicating to the student body via click up.</li> <li>The SRC click UP tab has been updated with SRC minutes and the latest report.</li> </ul>	N/A
SRC website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taking off from the last quarter, the website has now been updated with photos of SRC members and further to that it has been updated with SRC minutes, progress reports for this quarter and relevant IEC information pertaining to SRC elections.</li> </ul>	Updating the website in time with all the information.
Posters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I created posters for various offices, this includes posters for save the semester, posters for campus rotations, project pool, academic appeals, and internal applications etc.</li> </ul>	Time given to create a poster.
Social Media engagement and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The social media platforms continue to be the best platform for students to seek information, as a result I</li> </ul>	Responding to all the inboxes. (Sometimes student do not provide all details).

	<p>have been working tirelessly to ensure that relevant information is relayed on time and that the concerns that come through the inbox are responded to in time typically within 24 hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various content was posted on the social media platforms this includes SRC statements, posters which were made in collaboration with different offices.</li> <li>• I have been managing the social media accounts and responding to DM's that students send to ensure that the students are assisted as quickly as possible.</li> <li>• I am pleased to let you know that the SRC now has a tiktok page, this will serve as an additional platform of communicating to students. Please do follow us on tiktok our handle is @UP_SRC</li> </ul>	
SRC sports day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working on the marketing aspect of the SRC sports day. More information to follow so be sure to check out our socials for updates about this.</li> </ul>	None at this moment.



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## **QUARTELY REPORT**

**PORTFOLIO** : **Study Finance**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER** : **Khanyi Mahlangu**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR** : **Quarter 3, 2023**



Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
National SRC meetings	Conversations are still ongoing pertaining to the next steps pertaining to issues surrounding NSFAS that impact students.	Contributions that are submitted to SAUS aren't sent through as they are to NSFAS and DHET. For that reason, SAUS submits recommendations that aren't a true reflection of what the students need.	A march was organised to march to the Union buildings by institutions across the country to hand in a Memorandum to the Office of the Presidency given that the Minister has notet us, as SRC's, halfway
Confrontation at DHET & Confrontation of the Minister of Higher Education And Training		When we, SRC's across the nation, went to DHET, we were met with animosity to a point where the police were called on us. As expected, unfortunately, our requests fell on deaf ears and the solutions that were brought about were not what the students needed. Similarly with confronting the Minister, SRC's were taken out of the venue by the police where intimidation tactics and threats were used to subdue us.	
Meetings with NSFAS and Tenetech	Students' funding is being reinstated including the answering of appeals of students who were wrongfully defunded. Also, students are given better clarity as to what needs to be done if their applications are either rejected or still in progress. In regards to Tenetech, clarity is provided about the allowances of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Majority of the NSFAS personnel that I get in touch with hardly have information on the matters at hand.</li> <li>- Secondly, NSFAS officials that are meant to be responsible for information pertaining to appeals are clueless. This causes students to be stuck in limbo and no one answering our questions.</li> <li>- The back and forth between NSFAS and Tenetech in regards to Student allowances is draining. Students are unable to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have resorted to using not so diplomatic ways to get information from NSFAS that sometimes yields some results.</li> <li>- Instead of arguing with NSFAS, I get in touch with Tenetech directly to sort out issues relating to allowances</li> </ul>

		onboard because NSFAS doesn't send their files through to NSFAS.	
March to the Union buildings		Unfortunately, even our own council members and students did not see the need to participate in the march. It was embarrassing to compare our own institutions turn out with that of institutions that traveled throughout the night bringing multiple busses with them. It's disheartening to see that the same students that we are fighting for aren't even willing to come to support an initiative brought about solely to bring they issues to the attention of the Presidency given that as SRC's we have been ignored.	We worked with the number of students that we had to make our impact regardless. I also sent messages to the various groups I'm on with defunded students making them aware of the importance that their participation has in these initiatives.
SRC's Got you Day!	The planning for the event is still ongoing.	We have been struggling with securing the venue that we as the task team would like to utilize.	We're having frequent engagements with TUKS sport through the head of the Task team, the Sports officer, Katlego Modise, to secure a venue.

North West University meeting		The inability of most SRC members to engage in the conversation post the Union buildings march to find a way forward. Also, majority of the SRC members' terms end by August creating a difficulty with liaising with the incoming SRC's who aren't as well versed with the issues as yet.	
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North West University Benchmarking event			
Office duties & Committee meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I am still aiding in issues pertaining to Financial matters that students are faced with.</li> <li>- I ensure that I attend the meetings of the Committees that I have been elected to sit on such as Senate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most students aren't aware of the resources available to them to assist with issues pertaining to finances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I ensure that I present members of Senate about the realities that students are faced with due to being defunded. Unfortunately, I believe that the members are aware of the negative impacts but I don't believe that they are aware of how deep the issues run because they go beyond a lack of funds.</li> <li>- With the help of the Media Marketing and Communications officer, Thokozane Zwane, we manage to send out communication to students to ensure that they are informed always.</li> <li>- In collaboration with the above mentioned council member and President, Njabulo Sibeko, we have created a WhatsApp group to ensure that all students get information as soon as it's made available on clickUP and Social media for those who missed it.</li> </ul>



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PORTFOLIO : Day students and external campus affairs

PORTFOLIO HOLDER : Karabo Lefete

QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR : 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report 2023

Initiative	Progress	Challenges
Save the semester at external campuses	Hosted save the semester at external campuses in collaboration with the Office of Rag and Transformation and Student Success. Study resources, snacks and energy drinks were handed out to students studying on campus or in their residences.	There was low student participation at certain external campuses, that resulted in food left over. We were able to hand out the left-over snacks to students on Hatfield campus.
NSFAS evicted students	Assisted the Office of Residences with calling students who were getting evicted from their accommodations due to being defunded by NSFAS. Students filled in google forms and were called and assisted with financial options and temporary accommodation until the end of their exam season.	We could not reach all the students through telephone calls as they did not answer for various reasons. However assistance was provided.
Peaceful March to union	The SRC organized a peaceful march to Union Buildings to raise awareness of student concerns regarding defunded students, in which I participated in.	
External campus rotations	Held 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter external campus activations at all external campuses, where SRC members were present and engaged with students regarding problems faced at their respective campuses	There was low participation from students as some were in class or absent from campus.
Day house subcouncil	Apart from the challenges, my office facilitated the creation of a Day Students Sub council to represent the unique needs and concerns of our	Due to day house elections, this process was paused to allow the new chairpersons to form part of this sub council

	day student population. This sub council aims to enhance the overall campus experience for day students.	
Day house constitutions	I have been evaluating day house constitutions and proposed amendments will be sent to the newly elected EC.	n/a
Groenkloof parking	I have worked closely with a few students at Groenkloof campus dealing with arranging more parking space as the allocated areas are not sufficient.	There is miscommunication between departments at Hatfield campus and Groenkloof campus but it is manageable.



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## **QUARTELY REPORT**

**PORTFOLIO : SRC SOCIETIES**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER : KARABO MOGALE**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR : 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2023**

Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
<b>Working with ClubFunds (Toonbank) on Cost- Centre Allocations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted society list to ClubFunds (Toonbank) for cost centre allocation.</li> <li>• Cost Centre were generated for new societies.</li> <li>• On 3rd July, cost centres were allocated, enabling us to move forward with granting system access to Society Treasurers and Chairpersons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The registration process at ClubFunds (Toonbank) took longer than expected and there was lack of communication from their end. Constant updates were required.</li> <li>• Some societies still do not have access to the system despite applying for it a considerable time ago</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain communication with ClubFunds (Toonbank) to ensure timely allocation.</li> <li>• Investigate the reasons behind the delay in granting system access and worked towards resolving them.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Allocations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds were allocated to societies on 7th July.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified and corrected mistakes in fund allocation due to confusion between Categories (A and B).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This matter was addressed and resolved within a week.</li> </ul>
<b>Issuing of Letter of Registration and Registration Certificates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together with my team we issued registration certificates and letters of registration to all societies between 17th and 21st July.</li> </ul>		
<b>Code of Conduct Submission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When societies received letters of registration, they also received code of conducts to sign and submit via a google form with a deadline of the 31st of July.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some societies failed to submit the code of conduct on time.</li> <li>• Some societies still have not submitted despite my efforts of sending them reminders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue sending reminders to non-compliant societies.</li> <li>• Consider potential consequences for continued non-compliance.</li> </ul>



<b>Submission of Aligned Constitutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New societies were required to submit aligned constitutions based on Constitutional Tribunal recommendations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some societies did not receive recommendations amendments from the Constitutional Tribunal on time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with the Constitutional Tribunal to ensure recommendations are provided to affected societies</li> </ul>
<b>Societies Website Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the beginning of the year, I collaborated with PeopleSoft developers to create a societies registration website linked with the UP Portal</li> <li>• Currently undergoing training of this and adding necessary features that will make navigating it easier and more efficient.</li> <li>• We are aiming to start using this website this year, starting with the submission of management reports due on 31st October.</li> </ul>		
<b>Training of Chairs and Treasurers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ClubFunds (Toonbank) facilitated training sessions for Society Chairpersons and Treasurers from 26th to 28th July.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduling conflicts for some students due to classes</li> <li>• Inability of external campus societies to attend in person.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed an online presentation to accommodate all those who missed the training.</li> </ul>
<b>Amending of Society Sub-council Constitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared a Google form for societies to suggest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited engagement from societies considering this</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently trying to coordinate finalization of amendments</li> </ul>

	amendments to the sub-council constitution by 31st July.	document was last amended in 2014 and a lot has changed since then. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalization of amendments pending website development.</li> </ul>	with website development so that the sub-council can meet and approve necessary amendments
<b>Secretary and Transformation Officer Training</b>	<p><u>Secretary Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted training on General Secretary Duties, events planning, venue booking, and safety awareness, this training was conducted by members from these relevant departments.</li> </ul> <p><u>Transformation Officers Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training cancelled and to be rescheduled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsatisfactory attendance due to class schedules.</li> <li>University of Pretoria officials that were responsible for presenting were only available during class hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared presentations with absent members.</li> <li>Rescheduled Transformation Officers Training.</li> </ul>
<b>Societies Sub-council Games Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosted a games day for sub-council members to meet in person.</li> <li>Provided refreshments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Late payment issues which made the planning of the event very stressful.</li> </ul>	
<b>General Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responded to general queries.</li> <li>Made requested changes on society data.</li> <li>Resolved conflicts within societies.</li> <li>Currently working with various external organisations to</li> </ul>		

	improve student life and bring positive change to students through the societies office.		
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## **QUARTELY REPORT**

**PORTFOLIO** : **Transformation and Student Success**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER** : **Sphesihle Makhanya**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR** : **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
Save The Semester	Executed Successfully	The late arrival of donated food items.	The office of TSS allocated a greater portion of the budget towards ensuring the success of the initiative. The office further reached out to other SRC offices for donations towards the initiative. The initiative was able to cater for approximately 240 students per evening and visited numerous external campuses. For the first time ever, the initiative was further extended to some private accommodations mainly those further away who could not make it to campus due to the change in exam time bus schedules.
Transformation, Safety and Wellness Campaign	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No responses from some of the accredited private accommodations.</li> <li>• Limited operational funds.</li> </ul>	The TSS office has resorted to proceed with the campaign facilitating to those accommodations which have responded. Whilst still engaging and attempting to get a hold of those that remain. The TSS office has been able to visit the following accommodations thus far: AOW, TMM, Hantra, Rise @UOP, Villa Rosendal.
Campus Wellness Campaign	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the dates proposed for the wellness campaign are the dates where some SRC members are not available to attend.</li> </ul>	The office of TSS has ensured that any issues recorded by students within
Task team on UP Language policy review	On-going	Meetings times sometimes clash with academic times.	The TSS Office is part of the UP Language Policy Review task team and assists in providing a students' perspective on the issues discussed.

Task team for Language Development Workshop	On-going	Meetings times sometimes clash with academic times.	The TSS office forms part of the Language Development workshop planning committee where we contribute towards shaping the upcoming language policy workshop.
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## **QUARTERLY REPORT**

**PORTFOLIO**

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**Academics**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

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**Zeenat Patel and Sandile Manoni**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR**

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**Quarter 3 2023**

Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
Appeals, readmission and academic success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Statement released explaining mid year appeals process and warning letters in full.</li> <li>● Posters created with summarised information from mid-year appeals statements and other relevant information e.g. EBIT specific submissions.</li> <li>● Answered queries from students regarding academic appeals e.g. reviewing of appeals, consultation after dismissal, information on escalation etc.</li> <li>● Communicating with the academic sub-council regarding faculty specific matters e.g. due date for appeals per faculty, when outcomes would be released etc.</li> <li>● Communicating with the relevant faculty administration regarding issues arising in the appeals process.</li> <li>● Reports from each faculty house and a summary report from the SRC academic officers regarding the appeals was submitted to the Vice-Principal: Academics. The reports highlighted the challenges, positive aspects and recommendations regarding the appeals process. It has been noted that these reports have been distributed to the deputy deans of each faculty and the office of the Vice-Principal: Academics has indicated feedback will be provided on what recommendations have been implemented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Late appeals, particularly in the NAS faculty.</li> <li>● Issuing of discontinuation letters prior to the release of final outcomes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On raising the matter of late appeals by Academics 1, select students in the NAS faculty (generally finalists) were permitted to appeal after the deadline. Other students who missed the appeal deadline were permitted to submit applications for readmission for 2024.</li> <li>● The matter regarding premature discontinuation letters is currently in progress at the time of this report.</li> </ul>
Pathways project (Academic Toolkit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Project aims to put together a “toolkit” of information and resources to assist students with finding alternative directions after exclusions and/or when they are not content within their current degree program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This initiative has progressed more slowly than initially planned.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The idea has been discussed with the FLY committee and Vice-Principal: Academics.</li> <li>• Communication to relevant parties to begin gathering information for the toolkit is being drafted.</li> </ul>		
Exam toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A set of posters with exam tips and information on supplementary exams was released in collaboration with the MMC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The posters were released fairly late in the exam period and several planned poster sets were not released.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam information for the November exams will be planned more well in advance to ensure a more comprehensive toolkit is released.</li> </ul>
Academics rules and regulations review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty houses were requested to provide input on any aspects of their faculty academic regulations and the University's general regulations that they believed should be revised to be more student friendly.</li> <li>• The SRC academic officers and president are currently conducting a similar review of the general academic regulations.</li> <li>• It is planned that the suggestions from this review would be discussed with the relevant deputy deans and the Office of the Registrar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This initiative has progressed more slowly than initially planned.</li> </ul>	
Answering academic queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding to queries via email, whatsapp, phone call and in person.</li> <li>• Queries are largely related to academic appeals, discontinuation of studies, graduations, internal transfers and the quality of teaching and learning. This included following up and discussing matters on students' behalf.</li> <li>• Given the high number of queries on varied platforms, information on the exact number of queries attended to is not available.</li> </ul>		

<p>Quarterly meetings with vice-principals and deans/deputy deans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly meetings with the Vice-Principal of Academics have been secured.</li> <li>• At the second meeting on the 27th of July, the challenges in regards to the application due date were raised with particular focus on internal applications. Subsequent to this, internal applications were permitted until the 31st of August. Additionally advise was sought from the Vice-Principal regarding the regulation review initiative.</li> <li>• A meeting between the Vice-Principal: Academics, the Faculty House academic officers and SRC academic officers was attended by Academics 1 on the 15th of August. A major point of the discussion focused on student success initiatives.</li> </ul>		
<p>Academic Awareness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information was released regarding appeals (previously explained), supplementary exams (previously explained) and the due date for applications and the due date for internal applications.</li> <li>• This is being performed through the aid of the secretariat and MMC office with the release of statements and posters on all the communication platforms (Clickup, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook).</li> </ul>		
<p>Academic sub-council meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the last report, academic sub-council meetings have been held on the 22nd of May, 8th of June, 10th of August and 21st of August.</li> <li>• The 8th June meeting was conducted in collaboration with SDAP to provide faculty house chairpersons and academic officers with information regarding disciplinary processes in the University.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 10th August meeting was initially planned to be held on an external campus, however, an overlapping SRC meeting resulted in challenges which prevented this from occurring.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The 22nd May meeting was held on Groenkloof to ensure better inclusion of external campuses.</li> </ul>		
Academic sub-council constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After several attempts at obtaining the constitution for the academic sub-council, it was discovered that there was no such constitution on record.</li> <li>● A constitution was, therefore, drafted and discussed within the academic sub-council.</li> <li>● This constitution was accepted by the academic sub-council on the 21st of August.</li> <li>● The necessary further steps for the adoption of the constitution are currently in progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The discovery that no constitution for sub-council existed was made fairly late in the term resulting in a rushed constitutional process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A good handover between the outgoing and incoming chairpersons will allow for any issues that arise to be resolved by the incoming academic sub-council.</li> </ul>
Faculty House query reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Google Form where faculty houses provide an overview of the academic queries their structure has received continues to be utilized.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The submission of reports has not been consistent since the beginning of the first semester exam period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The reports will be reintroduced to the new academic sub-council and</li> </ul>
Assist faculty houses with academic queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Individual queries escalated by faculty house members were addressed by the SRC academic officers.</li> <li>● Advice was sought from the faculty houses for several queries, particularly regarding faculty specific academic matters, by the SRC academic officers.</li> <li>● EQM 400: Major concerns regarding EQM 400, a module that forms a part of the BVSc program were raised with academic officers by the OPVSC academic officer. Academics 1 and the OPVSC academic officer discussed the matter and a formal document of concerns and requests was drafted by the OPVSC academic officer with some assistance from Academics 1. Several of the requested changes were implemented and progress is being monitored.</li> </ul>		

Faculty house constitutional amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support and advice was provided to faculty houses regarding constitutional amendments where requested.</li> <li>● Follow ups were conducted with the Constitutional Tribunal and relevant SRC members with regards to advisory opinion applications and the approval of faculty house constitutional amendments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Some faculty houses experienced lengthy delays in receiving the outcome of their amendments due to the SRC being unable to meet quorum for meetings.</li> </ul>	
Sub-house training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SRC academic office and EBIT House chairperson and treasurer facilitated part of the sub-house training that took place on the 27th of July.</li> <li>● The training covered their role as sub-houses and how they fit in with other student leadership structures, venue bookings, operational plans and finances.</li> </ul>		
Assisting faculty houses with student life events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SRC academic officers provided advice where requested on student life events.</li> <li>● Academics 1 submitted a proposal to relevant DSA staff members regarding the allocation of permanent venues to faculty and day houses. This is in an effort to make student life participation easier and more accessible for structures without venues consistently available for their use.</li> <li>● Academics 1 attended a feedback meeting on UP Acapella with the Manager: Key Committees, STUKU and the residence ex-officios where feedback was provided on the event in an effort to make student life more accessible to faculty houses.</li> </ul>		
Quarterly academic and faculty house activations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An activation aimed at increasing engagement and voter turnout during faculty house elections was held on the 25th of August. Approximately 100 students were engaged.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● At the time of this report, another activation for faculty house elections is planned for one of the election days.</li> </ul>		
Meeting attendance and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senate Review Committee on Readmission: A debrief meeting held on the 30th of June was attended by Academics 1. At this meeting, the issue of timing of the Senate Review meetings and the effect on students and transfers between faculties after exclusions was raised. Additionally, at the time of this report, Academics 1 attended the Senate Review Committee meeting on the 21st of August for mid-year appeals.</li> <li>● FLY Committee: Academics 1 attended a FLY Committee meeting on the 7th of August and presented a report on activities of the SRC.</li> <li>● Senate Teaching and Learning Committee: Academics 1 attended a Senate Teaching and Learning Committee meeting on the 10th of August and presented a report on teaching and learnings.</li> <li>● ClickUP Ultra Steering Committee: Academics 1 attended a meeting of this Committee on the 6th of June to provide student input on the change to clickUP Ultra.</li> <li>● Tshebi Teaching and Learning Data Analytics Committee: Academics 1 attended meetings of this Committee on the 22nd of May and 19th of June.</li> <li>● Advisory Group on Generative AI: Academics 1 attended meetings of this Committee on the 13th of June, 11th of July and the 15th of August.</li> <li>● Language Development Work Team: Academics 1 attended meetings of this work team on the 22nd of June, 26th of July and 11th of August.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senate: Academics 1 attended meetings of Senate on the 14th of June.</li></ul>		
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# 3rd Quarter report

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Initiative	Progress	Challenges	Mitigation
NSFAS Direct Payment System protest	The SRC along with the support of students and other institutions and their SRC led a protest on the 2 August 2023 to the Union Buildings. The purpose of the protest was to hand in a collectively drafted memorandum to a representative sent from the Office of the Presidency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mass control once we integrated with other institutions</li> <li>2. Miscommunication between the student leaders and SRC of the different institutions on where we were marching to and the</li> </ol>	

		<p>purpose of the march</p> <p>3. Receiving full support from the UP student populous and the DSA building</p>	
<p>Private accommodation facility and maintenance issues</p>	<p>Students from a few accredited private accommodations such as TMM and Campus Key Gleynn complained about not having water or electricity for a couple of days. The SRC met up with the management of these respective accommodations to find a solution and a way forward</p>	<p>1. Getting ahold of and reaching the management team of certain private accommodations as majority of them work remotely or from a different province</p>	
<p>TuksRes Placement for defunded students or students still awaiting their appeal outcome</p>	<p>The Residences Office continues to assist students with TuksRes placement when they are facing evictions from private accommodations due to being defunded by NSFAS or still awaiting their appeal outcome</p>	<p>1. Students being unable to apply for TuksRes accommodation through their student portal due to having a hold on their portal</p>	<p>1. The Residences Office personally goes to Duxbury with the student or emails the Placement Management team to assist the student on a case by case basis</p>
<p>Annual SRC Got You Day</p>	<p>The SRC (collaboration between</p>	<p>1. Confirming a date where we can book</p>	



	Residences, DESA, Student Culture, Study Finance, Sports, MMC, Deputy President and President) plans on hosting a Sports Day for the students which will take place on the 7th of October	the necessary facilities from the Sports Campus 2. Sponsorship	



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### QUARTELY REPORT

PORTFOLIO : SRC SPORT

PORTFOLIO HOLDER : KATLEGO MODISE

QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR : 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER , 2023

**Student Sports Committee**

Initiative	Progress	Challenges
<p>Campus league</p>	<p>The campus leagues teams are made up of TUKS residences, Day Student Residence (accredited and recognized accommodations), faculty houses and Day Houses.</p> <p>All the necessary information was communicated with the Difference HC's and EC's through emails and (Student Sports sub-council group)</p> <p>Currently we have about 10 sporting clubs that will be offering the internal leagues namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball</li> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Football</li> <li>• Volleyball</li> <li>• Rugby</li> <li>• Cricket</li> <li>• Tennis</li> <li>• Squash</li> <li>• Badminton</li> <li>• Hockey</li> </ul> <p>Currently we have completed quite few leagues , which are the likes of Basketball and netball which started to take place from early first semester. The leagues that are still up and running are the soccer( football) , Rugby, hockey, volleyball and Tennis. Furthermore, The sporting codes which their leagues will start later on is Cricket.</p> <p>The 2023 Campus leagues will continue until the end mid- October.</p>	<p><b>Student Engagement:</b> Getting students interested and engaged in the league can be a challenge, especially if they have busy academic schedules or other commitments</p> <p><b>Communication:</b> Keeping all participants updated about match schedules, rule changes, and league updates</p>

Adidas Day	This event took place on the 19th of August 2023 the Student Sports Committee collaborated with Adidas and run-away sport. The event went well and students participated and won some giveaways and vouchers.	NONE.

<b>SRC SPORTS</b>		
SRC Annual Got You DAY	<p>The SRC through the office of Sports is planning to host a sports day event that is proposed to happen this semester, the planning team is composed of different portfolios like SRC Culture, DESA, Marketing , Residences 1 &amp; 2, and study finance.</p> <p>The <b>SRC ANNUAL GOT YOU DAY</b> is an exciting and vibrant event that brings together students, faculty, and staff to participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities. It's a day filled with energy, competition, camaraderie, and celebration of physical fitness and teamwork.</p>	Finalizing Facilities and venue , resulting in change of date we cannot start implementing an event without the approval of the venue and have the event its self-approved.

### Roles Outside Student Sports

Member of Institutional Forum

I took part in Protest that about Six Different SRC members from different universities took part on the implementation of NSFAS Direct payments system .



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## **QUARTELY REPORT**

**PORTFOLIO** : **Student Culture**

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER** : **Jay Grobler**

**QUARTER FOR REPORT & YEAR** : **Quarter 3; 2023**

Initiative	Progress	Challenges
The Archives Project: UP SRC Archive	<p>The expanded project is something that is unlikely to happen this year, simply due to the time left in the year, and the fact that new student leaders are beginning to takeover structures in the coming weeks. The expanded project can be introduced to them, but it will then be up to the 2024 SRC Culture Ex-Officio to continue to project if so they desire, and as such I will need to discuss this with my successor.</p> <p>The SRC Archive will be based on information that is in UP's centennial document. My office will also attempt to reach out to previous DSA Staff and SRC Leaders to assist with providing information on the SRC's of the last 13 years.</p> <p>A timeline is aimed to be launched in Quarter 4.</p>	N/A
Student Life Tips	So far, I have collected a set of exam tips that have been archived. Another set of Student Life Tips will be conducted post-election season, due to the flooding of SRC Social Media pages with election material.	During most of quarter 3, the SRC pages have been flooded with election material, so it is not an ideal time to make use of this programme.
Student Life Survey	My Office will have reached out to the head of the SCU by the time of Student Forum and engaged with interested stakeholders in this project.	N/A

	Feedback will be delivered in quarter 4.	
Indigenous Games Day	This event has been integrated as part of the SRC's Got You Day event, which is anticipated to take place in Quarter 4. This will be through the form of indigenous games that are optional activities during the course of the day.	This event is collaborative, and date is determined by the date of another event.
Heritage Day Culture Showcase	Project is a Quarter 4 event and has not yet been initiated.	N/A
Visibility+ Committee	<p>The Committee's work has been shifted due to the focus of the previous Chairperson on NSFAS related issues.</p> <p>My Office has since been transferred Chairpersonship on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August and will begin to re-engage stakeholders in the committee by resending invites to previous stakeholders who had not gotten back to the committee, and working to draft a committee constitution, code of conduct and events that will take place in quarter 4.</p>	NSFAS issues took major priority this quarter which effectively stalled the Committee's progress.
STUKU Events	<p>STUKU has conducted the following events during quarter 3:</p> <p><b><u>Sing It Acapella:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The event took place during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September, and was ultimately very successful, achieving a great number of participating students</li> </ul>	An issue took place with the participating categories, whereby a structure did extremely well, but were placed in a category where every structure did exceptionally well and did not place in said category.

	<p>and structures. Additionally, ticket sales seemingly improved since the event last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was primarily conducted through STUKU’s Office of External Culture and Chairperson, though greatly assisted by the STUKU EC and GC.</li> <li>- As Acapella Nationals are returning this year, the top two Structures, Erica and Madelief will be participating there. Congratulations to them, and their Culture Externals!</li> <li>- The event complied with the CSG.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Public Speaking</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the time of this report, the event is to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> of August and September respectively.</li> <li>- This event is the new STUKU event, and the intention is to do this as a practice run. Should it be successful, it will be continued in future years.</li> <li>- This event will be funded by the Office of Student Culture, and is being held through my office, as well as through the Student Culture External Culture Officer.</li> <li>- Feedback will be delivered in Quarter 4.</li> </ul>	<p>This resulted in them scoring very well, but due to the category system, the structures in other categories got through, even though they did not score higher due to them placing higher in their respective categories.</p> <p>This matter was escalated to the relevant offices, and a solution has been drafted for the event in future exceptional cases, which would allow an 11<sup>th</sup> structure to make it through to finals in rare scenarios like this.</p>
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	<p><b><u>Culture Internal:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Culture Internal aspect of STUKU is run through our Internal Culture Officer, who attends events or sends a STUKU representative to attend events on her behalf and judges them based on a standardised rubric.</li> <li>- Student Life has been vibrant through the internal culture aspect, and my office has been pleased to see the number of Residences, Faculty Houses and Day Houses hosting major events, and keeping student life thriving.</li> </ul> <p>This concludes the STUKU Calendar. Thanks to the Culture Sub-Council for a fulfilling term!</p>	
General SRC Duties	<p>The Office of Culture was unfortunately not in Pretoria for a major part of the third quarter, and only returned on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August.</p> <p>This had made it difficult to handle some duties, but I have made attempts to ensure I was able to attend meetings remotely and contribute to aiding the SRC online despite not being physically present.</p>	<p>I was doing my teaching practical in Durban from the 14<sup>th</sup> of July to the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, and was only able to work remotely in that time period.</p>

However, despite this, I still managed to assist the SRC with general administration in a few cases, and my office has committed to serving additional office hours for the remainder of the quarter to account for the hours I missed at the start of the quarter.

Additionally, my office has played a major role in assisting with the roll-out of the SRC's Got You Day Initiative, liaising with security services, sound vendors, and acting as the task team's secretariat which includes organizing and minuting task team meetings and creating checklists for duties to help keep accountability within the task team.