

University of Pretoria Student Representative Council 2017/18

YEARLY REPORT

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Portfolio: Rag UP Ex-officio



RAG Annual Report

<i>Name of Structure</i>	RAG- University of Pretoria	<i>Portfolio</i>	Chairperson and Ex-officio
<i>Name of EC-member</i>	Phindile Makhomboti	<i>Student Number</i>	13369522

1) *Term Goals:*

- the aim for the year is to re-focus RAG and insure that it follows its mandate. With every event we aimed to take it a step further by involving the RAG HK, faculty houses, societies the SRC and the beneficiaries (chosen charities) brought them together to help raise funds for the identified areas of concern. “for the community by the community”
- The objective was to implement events, which will contribute to community engagement. This was facilitated through the projects during the term. These activities all served a broader cause of fulfilling RAG’s objective as well as celebrating the legacy of Madiba through our initiatives (RAG of Hope Day, Rag ambassadors, Transformation seminar, #she is doing campaign and Mandela Day).
- RAG 2017/2018 had the responsibility to include all the students and accommodate the day student who might not be able to attend evening events that takes place at night. To achieve this Rag worked with Faculty houses and Societies to reach the larger student body. Events such as the Transformation seminar and RAG Ambassadors were held on the external campuses which was also an attempt to reach the larger student body and to insure that all campuses are included in the Rag Projects.
- Rag 2017/2018 was able to fulfil up 90% of the projects that were set for the year, the few that were not achieved were due to time constraints or University regulations in instances like the Soup drive, issues of hygiene and facilities were brought to our attention as a result we could not have these projects.

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- Rag took a turn this year, from being previously known as a party structure RAG 2017/2018 changed that narrative and insure that every project and event it had raised funds for community engagement project. Rag 2017/2018 also focused on marketing and promoting local talent, through allowing students to perform in our event and also getting local designers to showcase their work in our Rag ambassadors' events.
- We created relationships with Rag executive committees such as the University of Johannesburg from other universities, this helped us shared ideas and contacts of potential sponsors.
- We had a close relationship with the SRC sub structures, i.e. STUKU and SSC, every project we had we alerted our Sister bodies and allow them to participate. SSC played a major role in the Sporting event that took place on Rag for hope day and STUKU worked closely with RAG to insure that the events that their facilitated in residences had a positive impact on both the community and the environment.

2) Plan of Action: Report back

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Event/Project</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Recommendations/Implications for Policy/Practice)</i>
19/09/17 till 23/10/2017	GC applications open	Successful	Open applications for the General committee as early as possible, insure that they are allocated portfolios and that they know the Executive committee that they will be working with. Insure that as you do this, you mentor, tech and groom the GC to be able to run for the executive committee and at end of the term. Respect and consider their inputs.
10/02/2018	RAG Fiesta/RAG of Hope Day	Successful	We managed to execute this event and programme with the help and participation of RAG partnerships, faculty houses and the SRC through our various activities: i.e. include all structures of students in the planning to insure an effective partnership and large scale of participation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A craft market, ▪ box cart race, ▪ sports and cultural programmes ▪ fun run Suggestions:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diversify the type of crafts that are made. ▪ Try to make activities more cost friendly to participants
19-FEB till 18 July 2018	STATIONERY DRIVE	successful	Run a stationary drive at the beginning of each semester to assist students who cannot afford stationary. Try find sponsorship and work faculty houses to insure that you raise enough stationary and so that you can cover as many students as possible
26th of Februar y till 18 July 2018	Kagiso project	successful	Train students on how to conduct community engagement projects this helps them when they go out to do the projects, with how to deal with the pressure and stress that comes with these project and also how to respect the people they are working with and insure that their projects are sustainable. Try to secure venues in external campuses so that u can include more students in this project.
1-15 March till 27 July 2018	Rag Ambassadors	successful	Advice: Open entries a week after RAG of Hope Day as the structure is still in people thoughts, making it a bit easier for you to get students' attention. Host a meeting with all the entrants a day/week before round 1 commences so that all queries can be cleared. Keep in touch with the participants, check on their progress, on crowning the person that did the most difference in the community, insure that the event itself is uplifting and raises funds.
19 April 2018	Transformation seminar	successful	Plan everything in advance have backup plan. Market the event well and if you hold it on the external campuses, work closely with the faculty house and the res HKs in that campus.
18/07/2 018	Mandela Day	successful	The target of reaching a minimum of 67 hours was achieved. Overall, a total of 75 hours was accumulated for this project. In this respect, the event was a success. However, it did not come without its difficulties. Misunderstandings, ensuring participation and commitment from various structures and contending with last minute pull-outs made things difficult. In the future, more funds would be required to implement a project like this, especially if you want to bring on board more structures to contribute to such as initiative. Do not limit this to only to Mandela Day, so explore other options and alternatives i.e. spreading it over a number of days or doing it as a long-term project.
09-11	#she is doing it	Successful	Online Campaign that celebrated female student

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August 2018	online campaign		leaders and those that were making a difference in the community.
14 August 2018	New executive elections	Successful	The election process has moved to an online bases insure that you plan everything on time, contact all the voters and insure that you have their details on time so that the whole voting process goes smoothly.

Signed:

_____ P.M Makhombothi _____

EC Member

29/09/2018

Date