

SRC Quarterly report

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YEARLY REPORT

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Project:	Timeframe	Action/Activities	Outcome/Achieved Results	Recommendations/Implications for Policy/Practice)
SRC Meetings	Continuous	The SRC held weekly meetings to discuss pressing issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decisions were taken at every meeting• Updates were given regarding the various decisions at next meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings went smoothly but were unnecessarily long• Suggestions were brought by the office of the secretary by allocating a timeframe for each agenda point• I made a suggestion that faculties be worn at meetings as that has an positive impact

on the manner in which a person carries themselves.

SRC food drive	October 2017	<p>The SRC conducted a food drive to assist students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We held a door-door campaign • We also held a Faculty house campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of food was collected • A lot of students were fed • Awareness was made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More marketing needs to be conducted for future food drives • More information needs to be given regarding when students can collect the food • More information needs to be given regarding how many students were assisted, and how much food was collected. Therefore, there needs to be improvement with regards to record keeping for this initiative.
SRC helpdesk	9 January-26 February 2018	<p>The SRC helped students at the helpdesk with registration issues, financial assistance and application matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of students were placed in res (number unknown) • A lot of students were enrolled at the University (number unknown) • A lot of students were assisted with registration money (number unknown) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to know the exact number of students we were able to assist by going back to the database, so to ensure more accountability and also for bookkeeping purposes.
Facilities meetings and phone calls	Continuous	<p>In November 2017 a meeting was held with facilities department to discuss some of plans the University has</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facilities department said they would address the issue • WIFI: Prof Anderdoff called the person who is responsible for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is constant follow up being done regarding the matters that were brought to the attention of the Facilities department

regarding facilities. Issues brought forward:

- There is only one water fountain on Groenkloof campus
- Some of the water fountains on main campus malfunction

I held a meeting with Prof Anderdoff, along with Obakeng (SRC member for societies) and Stanford (SRC member for day students and external campuses to discuss:

- WIFI extension on Mamelodi campus
- Extra buses for Mamelodi campus
- ATM on Mamelodi campus
- Offices for societies
- Offices for SRC members on external campuses

the University's WIFI who said the WIFI will be extended on the campus, they are in the process of looking into the areas that are usually congested.

- Prof Anderdoff said she would speak to transport services to look into the matter.
- A suggestion was made that maybe the restaurant on the campus could apply for a cash back system
- The Executive of the university made a decision not to give societies office space, as a result it was suggested that more shared spaces to be built on the various campuses
- At least one office will be given to SRC members to share on external campuses but this will be based primarily on need.

- Constant meetings are being conducted with the Facilities department on a regular basis

Bus services

1 January-08 March

A number of concerns were to my attention regarding the bus services. The issues were:

- The new bus service provider was not operating according to the schedule

- I sent the transport services an email to make them aware of the fact that the buses were not operating according to the schedule. The matter got resolved in less than 24 hours.

- A suggestions was made to the transport services that student cards get scanned before the students get on the bus, to avoid the buses from stopping outside the

- Students were not aware of the bus schedule
- The Groenkloof buses stop in a position that obstructs the incoming traffic for motorists and pedestrians leaving the Groenkloof campus
- Flowers edge residence on the Prinshoff campus does not have a bus service so the students have to walk a long distance to the Prinshoff campus to catch the bus to Hatfield campus

- I asked the SRC member for marketing to publish the schedule on as many platforms as possible to make students aware of the schedule
- The transport services is still looking into the matter of Groenkloof buses obstructing the view of motorists and pedestrians leaving the campus
- The facilities department said they would contact Tuksres regarding the issue as it falls within their jurisdiction

university campus, still waiting for a response.

- Tuksres says they are still busy looking into the logistics in order to provide a bus service for Flowers edge residence

External campus visit	28 February	Visited the Onderstepoort campus with the Academics and Societies representative to see how students are coping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport is needed for students who do not have cars to the mall at least once a month to buy groceries and other necessities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be more societies on the campus aimed at assisting students with such a need
SRC library collection	26 April	The library department requested for a meeting to discuss the SRC library collection. Currently students and employees of the university can use the SRC library collection. Issues raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The resolutions reached were as follows: • The books should only be taken out for a maximum of 4 nights so to allow more students the opportunity to use the books. • The penalty for returning a book late should be similar to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SRC needs to encourage the Faculty Houses to conduct book drives to increase the SRC library collection

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The books can be taken out for a period of one month • The penalty for returning a book late is R1 per day • It is difficult to get people to return the books on time 	<p>the other books in the library for consistency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only students will be allowed to take the books 	
Campus access	September 2017-present	Liaised all access issues with the security department as the cases come	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cases have been resolved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to campus is too restricted
SRC library collection	April	<p>After communication with the library to try resolve the inconsistency of the SRC library collection as compared to other books in the GV section the SRC and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>The library came to the following resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SRC books will be taken out for 2 hours similar to other books in the GV section • The penalties for the SRC books will be similar to the other books • The books will only be used by students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRC must maintain good working relations with the library department
Office space for people removed from the piazza	13 April	The facilities department was contacted to find out when there would be a solution for the people who were removed from the piazza as they were promised social learning spaces instead of actual offices	Facilities department said they will provide timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social learning spaces need to be implemented as soon as possible as many people have been affected by the removal of societies from offices.

The gardens around Roosmaryn	13 April	The facilities department was notified about the abandoned gardens around Roosmaryn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities said they would look into the matter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shot-cut routes to Prospect gate should be paved so that we do not have damaged grass problems
Meeting wit Facilities department	21 June	There was a meeting which was held regarding the progress of the social learning spaces and issues raised concerning external campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social learning spaces will be built to replace the offices that were taken away from societies • Hatfield campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gender neutral bathrooms will be built ▪ Kloostersaal will be renovated ▪ Javett project soon to be completed • Groenkloof: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 year tender for the SACTE Building • Prinshoff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vending machines for medicine to be built-in (this will go to other campuses depending on how it works out on Prinshoff) • Hillcrest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daan Swiegers has been closed but will be opened again • Onderstepoort; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kiosk is operating well with a liquor licence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Kloostersaal gets renovated there needs to be arrangements made for the day students who buy food from there who might not have access to residences • Banks need to be approached so that students on external campuses can have access to cash withdrawals, especially Mamelodi campus which is far from such facilities • Mobile food provides need to be allowed on campus for cheaper food options • There needs to be more food services for halaal foods

- Mamelodi:
 - Adler's is operating a small market

Pad drive

17 August

Law house faculty festival initiative

- Pads were donated to law house for their pad drive and were paid for via the facilities cost centre
- The pad drive should be replicated to other faculty houses as well as it is a good initiative