

First Quarter Report:

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During the first quarter of term, the office of study finances has administered the SRC financial aid initiative. The office received paper based and electronic applications from students in need of financial assistance. A policy decision was taken to offer maximum assistance of R10000.00 per student to maximize on the number of students that would be assisted. This amount was only increased when Student Accounts requested more money to register a student. NSFAS, NRF and students with potential bursaries also received funding so as to allow them to register until such a time as their respective sponsors confirm funding whereby the confirmed funding will be reversed to further assist students without sponsors.

The study finances office further administered the SRC study aid scheme which administers textbooks to students that can currently not afford them. The textbooks are out-dated but students have offered to donate their books to the office. A campaign to administer a book drive is currently being planned to increase the quantity and improve the editions of the books in the reserve section of the Merensky library.

I was also deployed to Senate Review where I aimed to inquire that students that are academically excluded by faculties are allowed to return. I consulted with a few students about the process who were facing academic exclusions. Working together with the academics officials of faculty houses, more needs to be done to better prepare applications for the process.