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Top management and student representatives are two distinct systems of action. The University of the Free State's (UFS) management roles are generally understood to involve overseeing day-to-day operations, accomplishing goals that have been set for the institution and achieving tasks. Both management and Student Representative Council (SRC) play a significant role in leading and governing the student community.

The structure of UFS is divided into three structures; the Chancellors, the council and rectorate as well as the executive committee of the Senate Representative council. Directly from the top is Chancellor Dr Khotso Mokhele who was appointed on 4 June 2010. The Council of the University of the Free State governs the higher education institution, subject to the Higher Education Act and the Institutional Statute. The full function and composition of the Council is contained in the Statute of the University of the Free State as amended. According to the Rules and regulations of the Rectorate of the UFS document, the Rectorate is required to meet on a weekly basis and meetings are only considered valid if half of the members are present. The document implies that matters that are of a sensitive nature require urgent attention and that conversion within Rectorate meetings are of a purely operational and strategic manner. Members of the council are Chairperson: Judge CHG van der Merwe, Vice-Chancellor and Rector Professor Jonathan Jansen. Student Representative Council (SRC) also play a significant role in the governing of the student community. According to the SRC document, the role of the SRC is to be representative of student interests at all times. "The SRC in co-operation with the UFS structures, the CSRC,

Associations and its Governance Structures and Committees, as the elected representatives of the Student Community must serve the interests of the UFS and Student Community without partiality, bias, prejudice, discrimination or preference of any form. “ The SRC portfolio holders are responsible for acting out their obligations in accordance to the University’s Constitution and the objectives of the SRC. The SRC is also the highest student representative body of the UFS in respect of student matters of common interest across all campuses of the UFS. The SRC has full autonomy over all student affairs which relate exclusively to the Bloemfontein Campus. Executive members of the SRC includes President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Student Representative Council (SRC) President Lindokuhle Ntuli said that his duties include being the chairperson of the entire council, chairs the executive committee, finance committee, and that all other SRC portfolios report to him. He also highlighted that his role and that the Vice-President are not the same but when he is not available she takes over. Above and beyond the Vice-chairperson oversees the disciplinary and the policy committee whereas the President’s role is far more ceremonial. , involving press releases with the media and adopting the role of official spokesperson of the SRC. Amongst the SRC body, SRC Sport Kabelo Noosi, defined his role as being one that unifies sport on campus. His office acts as an intermediary between different sporting codes, ensuring that sport facilities are in optimal condition and making sure that there is equity and equality within the various sporting fields. SRC Student Media Council member, Hatsu Mphatsoe is responsible for growing student media on campus and ensuring that student media acts as a barometer of the conditions on campus in order to regulate managements control and to enlighten and educate students about the inner workings of the Institution through various media.