



ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR STUDENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL

ONLINE ELECTION ON 19 and 20 MARCH 2018

CHAIRPERSON



Cassidy Thomas

My name is Cassidy Thomas. I'm a fourth year education student and I believe that we, as educators, have the most important job on earth. I feel that it is extremely important that we as a faculty, and the academic council, foster the talents and the passions of future teachers as optimally as possible. Students are facing extreme struggles and they deserve to be heard. If elected I promise not to lend my own voice, but to amplify the voices of those that need to be heard. Teachers need to strive for excellence and I endeavour to inspire and ignite a passion in everyone that I meet. As a faculty, we – if unified – can start a fire that changes mind-sets across campus. I strive to be a catalyst of change; after all, if we change our campus, we can change the world.





Tatani Fokase

My vision as chairperson of the Student Academic Council in the Faculty of Education is to listen to the students (open door policy) and be their voice in the faculty management from the start. Lastly, I will focus on the needs of the students.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, in his SONA 2018 quoted the late Bra Hugh Masekela's song "*Thuma Mina*", which means "Send Me".

The TIME is now for students to talk, "Send Me"

The TIME is now for students to be heard, "Send Me"

The TIME is now for students' needs to be a priority "Send Me"

Be sure that when you send me, you become part of the ***moving team***, part of ***transformation*** and part of a ***successful term*** in office.

ONE TEAM – ONE HEARTBEAT





Teboho Mokoena

I am a mould-breaker. I live and breathe creativity. I find creative solutions to problems, bring new ideas to familiar programmes and celebrate the unique and colourful people with whom I work. These are just a few of the many reasons why I'm running to be your next Chair for Student Academic Council. I believe the Student Representatives Council is inherently a campaigning unit – here to fight for the best interests of its students. If you elect me, I'll strive to do just that all from a values-driven perspective. I'm experienced in negotiating with university management and in addition, I'm actively involved in the management and governance of the faculty. I will endeavour to understand the needs of the students from their perspective and bring these to the faculty's attention, using the new and existing structures.

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DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON



Masentle Tsoetsi

I would be greatly honoured to be elected as one of the executive members of the Student Academic Council. I have a friendly and welcoming attitude and I am an excellent communicator with supportive and understanding manners. I enjoy working with others from being exposed to a lot of teamwork from my years at the University of the Free State, not only in my academics but also in my residence involvements. I would like to serve my fellow students and be present to help, to pursue my love for working with others and learning from others.





Lehlohonolo Ried

My name is Lehlohonolo Ried. I am a third year student studying BEd majoring in English and History. Occupying this position is more than just being in leadership, it is about me ensuring that the students' needs are always put first. I'm a very selfless person and I believe in fairness. I'm a committed person and whatever I do, I give it my all. I live by the saying that "in whatever you, it's either you do it and give it your all; or you just don't do it".

You voting for me, you will be ensuring that your needs are always put first and that your voice is always heard. Thank you.



Moloi Kgatlane

My name is Moloi Kgatlane from the Faculty of Education. I am a third year education student currently serving as the faculty student representative. I have served as a student representative before and this is my second term of service. I am a reliable person who is considerate of the interests of students and believes in the *Batho pele* principle. I have acquired a lot of knowledge and leadership skills from the faculty especially after serving on the Faculty Board. If given a chance to serve on the Student Academic Council, I will use all the skills and knowledge acquired from FoE to ensure that the needs of students are met, students do not struggle academically and transformation takes place.

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SECRETARY



Thato Rafube

I have worked with students at the university using various platforms assisting them and being the voice for them from House Khayalami, the community and to the university at large. I believe that I am easily approachable and I am able to generate new ideas towards specific problems. Becoming a secretary would allow me to exercise my skills and ensuring that I ring a positive change for the students in the faculty for all the stakeholders. Also, I want to ascertain that students' needs are addressed well and given transparency as well as ensuring that the faculty is a safe environment for students. I will do this by posting all the minutes of the previous meetings on Blackboard so that there can be transparency concerning the happenings of the faculty.

I have passion, enthusiasm and a purpose to do what I am doing and to carry that with me in all I do. This allows me to be flexible to manage with all the given tasks. I am encouraged to be productive and produce fruitful outcomes in everything that I do as well as striving for perfection and excellence in what I do; therefore, this is what I would possibly bring in becoming a secretary.

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TREASURER



Teboho Moloi

As a Treasurer I shall be the custodian of the Student Representative funds. I shall keep all financial records, disburse funds, and present monthly and annual accounts of financial status of the Student Rep to the committee. I shall chair the Budget Committee and have the power to distribute otherwise unallocated amounts but must report any such allocations at the next meeting. I will be the signing officer of all Student Rep budgetary expenses and reimbursements also provides the Committee and Board of Management with a complete financial report at the end of the university year.

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MARKETING AND LIAISON



Relebogile Mosikili

If elected as marketing and liaison council member I will ensure that:

- I create and administer social media platforms to reach out to the students that I represent.
- I support the branding of our faculty by designing branded merchandise (hoodies, T-shirts, etc.)
- I act as a custodian and brand manager for the Faculty of Education student representatives.
- I act as a liaison for the student representatives by building a relationship with the SRC media and marketing office.

"I am a candidate because I choose to build the bridges that will connect students and the faculty management"

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Bandile Mahlaba

My name is Bandile Nokulunga Mahlaba and I am a candidate for Student Academic Council for Marketing and Liaison. I am currently part of the SRC Media Marketing and Liaison team as an Executive Committee member for 2018.

Having started at the university in 2016, I've always wondered how student enriching events were organised due to the value creation that indeed they created. The events really fostered my growth not only as a student, but also as a holistic individual in all spheres of my life and actually gave me confidence that indeed I can achieve whatever it is I set my mind to, which I believe is one of the many foundations to building a strong character as an individual.

I've also noticed a gap in communication for off-campus students and being an off-campus student myself, I've seen how we tend to lag behind in the happenings on-campus as a result of a lack of communication and awareness creation for events that can actually change their lives. I hope the skills I've acquired thus far will really help me in the advancements of the portfolio's cause should I be elected, of course bearing in mind that there's so much that I'm also expecting to learn.

Thank you.

