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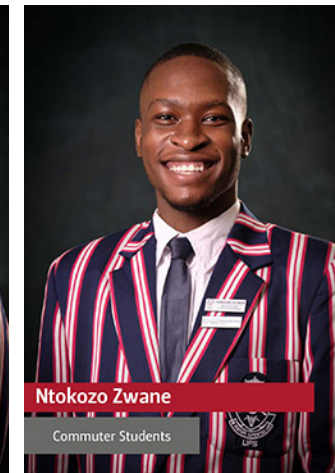
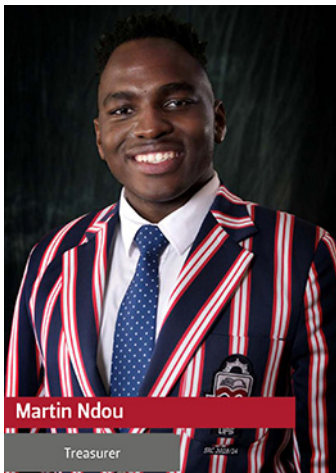
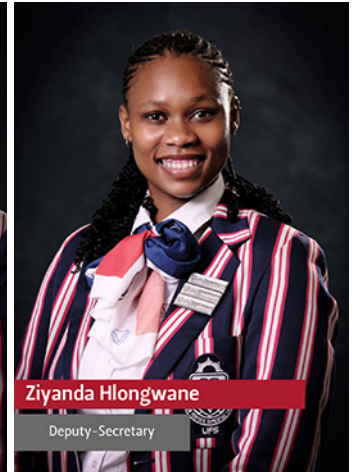
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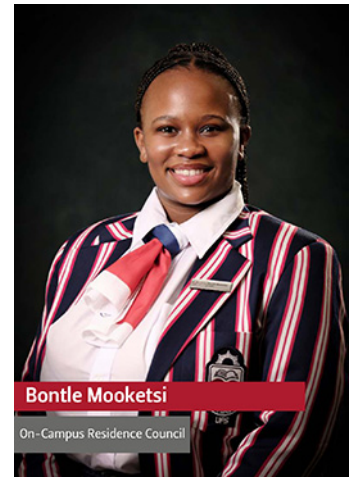


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2024/2025 SOUTH CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL





MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as the Student Representative Council (SRC) is to champion the interests of all students by fostering inclusivity, innovation, and excellence. We are committed to advancing the academic, social, and personal development of students through impactful programmes, effective advocacy, and collaborative partnerships. Rooted in the concept of 'unity in diversity', we aim to create an inclusive, multicultural environment that celebrates and integrates various perspectives, backgrounds, and cultures. Guided by the principles of transparency, accountability, and the values of the University of the Free State (UFS), we seek to make 'unity in diversity' more than a slogan – we strive to make it a lived reality that enriches the educational experience of every member of the UFS community. By empowering students to achieve their fullest potential and contributing meaningfully to the university community and beyond, we foster a supportive environment that actively values diversity and ensures that every voice is heard and respected.

INTRODUCTION: CSRC SOUTH CAMPUS REGISTRATION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

The Campus Student Representative Council (CSRC) South Campus Registration Report offers a detailed summary of the efforts made by the Academic, Financial, and Accommodation Task Teams during the 2025 student registration period. These teams played a key role in addressing various challenges, ranging from registration issues and funding difficulties to accommodation shortages. Each team tackled unique obstacles faced by students and developed solutions to enhance their overall experience. Despite encountering setbacks such as inadequate planning, communication breakdowns, financial limitations, and housing shortages, the teams demonstrated resilience and flexibility in providing crucial support, ultimately contributing to a more streamlined registration process for students.

REGISTRATION PERIOD REPORT: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

ACADEMIC TASK TEAM

The registration period is a critical phase in the academic calendar, marking the beginning of a new academic year. However, registration is also usually characterised by several challenges, such as inadequate planning, communication breakdowns, and technical difficulties.

General challenges

- **Lack of proper planning:** The university faced challenges in rearranging Madiba Arena, leading to delays and confusion among students, parents, and faculty advisors.
- **Communication breakdown:** Faculty advisors and Student Administration Services (SAS) were unprepared, leading to a lack of clear communication among students, parents, and faculty members.
- **Technical difficulties:** Students encountered difficulties with online registration, including issues with holds and proceeding with registration.
- **Faculty resistance:** Some faculties resisted assisting the CSRC with registration and Housing and Residence Affairs (HRA)-related matters, leading to delays and frustration among students.

Academic challenges

- **Application status confusion:** First-year students inquired about the status of their applications, which were initially unclear due to code differentiation.
- **Rejection queries:** An increase in students with offers withdrawn for administrative reasons, particularly from the Faculty of the Humanities, caused concerns.
- **Academic appeals:** Senior students experienced delays in appeal responses from faculties, leading to anxiety.

Faculty-specific challenges

- **Humanities:** High demand for academic advice and limited space led to registration difficulties.
- **Faculty resistance:** Substructures resisted assisting the CSRC with registration and HRA-related matters.

Solutions and initiatives

- **Clear communication:** Improved communication channels for students, parents, and faculty advisors.
- **Registration support:** Enhanced support for students struggling with online registration.
- **Academic advising:** Increased academic advising capacity to address student queries.
- **HRA accommodations:** On-campus accommodations provided for students in need.

Academic Task Team recommendations

- **Student Governance and/or Campus-level support**
 - *Improved planning:* Enhance planning and communication among faculty advisors, SAS, and the CSRC.
 - *Clear communication:* Establish clear communication channels for students, parents, and faculty advisors.
 - *Faculty collaboration:* Foster collaboration among faculties to address shared challenges.
- **Executive Director of Student Affairs support**
 - *Registration process review:* Streamline the registration process to reduce delays.
 - *Academic advising:* Increase academic advising capacity to address student queries.
- **Institutional Student Representative Council support**
 - *Faculty advisor training:* Provide training for faculty advisors to ensure they are equipped to support students.
 - *Student feedback:* Collect and analyse student feedback to improve future registration periods.

Humanities registration statistics

- Total students given offers: +/- 605 students.
- Total students able to register: +/- 490 students.
- Total students unable to register: +/-40 students.

Conclusion

Despite the challenges, CSRC demonstrated resilience and adaptability during the registration period. Addressing these challenges has improved student support services and the changes will help improve future registration periods.

FINANCIAL TASK TEAM

National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

NSFAS bursaries came with a multitude of difficulties that were not only unexpected but for which students were ill-prepared, such as:

- Student funding statuses changing from 'Bursary' to 'Loan'.
- Provisionally funded students did not receive any allocations from NSFAS.
- Plenty of students wanted to proceed with registrations but had a financial hold.
- Many students wanted to apply for provisional registrations but did not qualify, and CSRC members had to explain the process and how to sign the acknowledgement of debt (AOD) document.
- After the second financial concession the cap was increased to R35 000, but our constituents were unsatisfied.
- NSFAS appeal students had to appeal for several reasons, including academic and financial. The most common was for 'qualification obtained', and students were also wrongfully defunded.

N+RULE

- Several students who did the Higher Certificate (HC) twice were negatively affected by the N+ Rule, but the institution created a platform where students could apply for a prosperity letter.

Financial Task Team collaboration and challenges

The Financial Task Team worked closely with the Financial Committee to provide support to students facing financial constraints. Key challenges included:

- Students who are struggling to afford emergency accommodation while waiting for NSFAS funds.
- NSFAS allocation delays and inconsistencies that left some students unable to register.
- Financial holds preventing registration required intervention from CSRC members to explain debt acknowledgment processes.

Off-campus accommodation partners

The CSRC identified the following landlords willing to assist students during registration:

1. Mofuthung Moo Residence
2. Kutsa Properties
3. Tirisano Accommodation

Financial Task Team achievements

- Successfully assisted students with financial queries and guided them through the AOD process.
- Engaged with the university's Finance Department to resolve financial holds.
- Helped students apply for provisional registration and navigate NSFAS appeals.
- Proposed a Student Relief Fund to help students facing financial distress.

Financial Task Team recommendations

- **Student Governance and/or Campus-level support**
 - Official approval of the Student Relief Fund to assist financially disadvantaged students during registration.
 - Closer collaboration between the Financial Task Team, Financial Committee, and University Finance Office to ensure smoother financial support for students.

- **Institutional Student Representative Council support**
 - Early NSFAS transparency to prevent registration delays.
- **Executive Director of Student Affairs support**
 - Official approval of the Student Relief Fund to assist financially disadvantaged students during registration.

ACCOMMODATION TASK TEAM

Accommodation remained one of the biggest challenges during registration. Many students could not afford deposits, while on-campus residences filled up quickly. The CSRC negotiated directly with landlords to:

- Reduce deposit requirements for students struggling financially.
- Allow students to pay deposits in monthly instalments after receiving NSFAS funding Confirmation.
- Ensure students have a safe place to stay while waiting for funding.

Student accommodation assistance

Through CSRC efforts, the following groups of students secured accommodation:

- Quattro Property: 45 students
- Equity Students Accommodation: 29 students
- Mam Dora Accommodation: 9 students
- Katlego Accommodation: 6 students
- Kamogelo Accommodation: 3 students
- 110 Fauna Accommodation: 3 students
- 197 Fauna Accommodation: 2 students

In total, **115 students** went to off-campus accommodation, including 15 independent students who couldn't come back to the office for assistance.

Achievements

- **Liaised with HRA for emergency accommodation:** Successfully coordinated with the HRA to secure emergency accommodation for students who needed temporary shelter during this period.
- **Early return and accommodation viewing:** Some Accommodation Task Team

members returned early ahead of the registration period to view accommodations and foster relationships with landlords.

- **Office support for commuter students:** The Accommodation Task Team and CSRC Commuter Students representative were stationed at the office, Madiba Arena, and hotspot areas on campus throughout the registration period, providing guidance and support to students.
- **Assistance with off-campus placement:** The team helped students secure off-campus housing by verifying accommodations and ensuring they met the required living standards.
- **Alternative emergency accommodation:** When students could not afford the R150 required for HRA's temporary accommodation, we engaged landlords to provide emergency housing. Many landlords agreed to charge a small to zero fee, ensuring that students were not left stranded.

Challenges

- **Lack of immediate funding for emergency accommodation:** Many students who needed emergency accommodation could not afford to pay, delaying their registration process.
- **Limited accommodation availability:** The demand for affordable and safe accommodation exceeded supply, leaving some students with limited off-campus housing options.
- **Late financial assistance from management:** While the SRC secured financial support from the Executive Director, this came only a few days before registration ended, limiting its impact.

Recommendations

- **Student Governance and/or Campus-level support**
 - *Early implementation of the Emergency Fund Plan:* The SRC should push for the emergency accommodation fund to be approved and allocated before registration begins, to minimise financial barriers for students.
 - *Better coordination with management:* The SRC should engage with management earlier to secure funding, accommodation, and logistical support well before the registration period.
 - *Develop SRC knowledge on Quattro:* Efforts should be made to enhance the SRC's capacity to guide students in applying for Quattro.
 - *Improve HRA accessibility:* The SRC should collaborate with the HRA to increase their visibility and availability on campus.
 - *Detailed video:* HRA should provide a detailed video outlining the full residence application process, to prevent confusion among students.
- **Executive Director of Student Affairs support**
 - *Early Implementation of the Emergency Fund Plan:* The EDSA's office should approve and allocate emergency funds before registration.
 - *Better coordination with management:* The EDSA should facilitate financial assistance to ensure timely support.

Achievements

- Established student representatives in five accommodations through House Unison.
- Collaborated with House Unison to assist students in applying for accommodation at Quattro, resulting in approximately 35 students securing accommodation.
- Utilised Unison's assistance to escort students to the HRA office.
- Successfully filled all three on-campus residences.

Challenges

- **Limited representation:** There are still accommodations without student representation.

- **Limited knowledge on Quattro:** We had limited knowledge on how to apply or to explain to students how to apply for Quattro, as the accommodation is applied for using an app, which is required before a student moves in.
- **Accessibility issues:** The limited visibility and occasional unavailability of HRA assistants on campus created challenges for students seeking assistance.
- **Miscommunication:** There was miscommunication between the two SRC Prime of Primes and the Residence Assistants (RA) regarding their duty stations, leading to the SRC calling the RAs to come fetch students going to their residence, which resulted in parents waiting for them to come to the Madiba Arena. The two SRC Prime of Primes also did not take the initiative to ask for standing schedules.
- **The limited timeframe for registration was a challenge for both on-campus and off-campus accommodation:** Students were not aware that they can apply for both on-campus and off-campus accommodations, and by the time they were made aware of this residences were already full, which forced the students to go to off-campus accommodations and pay a huge amount for their deposit.

Recommended solutions

- **Expand student representation:** Continue to recruit and establish student representatives in all accommodations to ensure comprehensive coverage and support.
- **Develop SRC knowledge on Quattro:** Enhance the SRC's capacity to apply or help instruct students to apply for Quattro, thereby reducing reliance on Unison and promoting self-sufficiency.
- **Improve HRA accessibility:** Collaborate with the HRA to increase their visibility and availability on campus, ensuring students have easy access to assistance.
- **Effective communication:** There must be effective communication between the two Prime of Primes and RAs to prevent miscommunication at the RA standing stations.
- HRA should provide a detailed video outlining the full residence application process. Many students receive offers and assume that's the final step, unaware that they must pay a deposit, submit proof of payment via email, and wait for confirmation.

CONCLUSION OF THE REGISTRATION REPORT

In conclusion, although the South Campus CSRC registration period faced numerous challenges, the Academic, Financial, and Accommodation Task Teams took a proactive approach to finding solutions to support students and improve the overall registration experience. By improving communication, offering clearer financial guidance, and securing emergency accommodations, the task teams played a vital role in alleviating some of the difficulties students encountered. Looking ahead, it is essential to implement the recommended improvements, such as better planning, increased collaboration among faculties, earlier allocation of funding, and improved accessibility to support services, to ensure a smoother and more efficient registration process in future. Through these efforts, the CSRC can continue to enhance its support for students and address the ever-changing needs of the campus community.

PRESIDENT

The President's office involves overseeing the day-to-day operations of the CSRC, chairing all council meetings, and ensuring that the initiatives of the council are executed efficiently. The office also serves as a vital communication channel between the CSRC and the higher levels of university governance, such as the Institutional Student Representative Council (ISRC), thereby strengthening collaboration and ensuring that the concerns of our students are communicated effectively on an institutional level. If issues arise that cannot be resolved at campus level, I escalate them to appropriate committees within the ISRC, such as the Management and ISRC Forums.

I also act as the council's spokesperson. I have the responsibility of drafting and sending out proposals on behalf of the CSRC, addressing student concerns, and contributing to initiatives that aim to improve the overall student experience. In this role, I represent the CSRC during mass meetings, media interviews, and on various other platforms. It is my duty to ensure that the voice of the student body is heard, and that their interests are effectively communicated.

Objectives

- Strengthen student representation through structured committees and governance processes.
- Provide financial, academic, and accommodation support to students in need.
- Improve CSRC policy frameworks to align with student concerns.
- Foster campus engagement by increasing participation in events and leadership.
- Ensure CSRC accountability through effective disciplinary measures.

Achievements

- **Formation and delegation of task teams** to address key student challenges.
- **The Financial Task Team (chaired by the CSRC Treasurer):**
 - Assisted students with NSFAS applications and renewals.
 - Worked with the Financial Aid Office to resolve funding delays and exclusions.
 - Advocated for better NSFAS disbursement systems.
- **The Academic Task Team (chaired by the CSRC Academic Officer):**
 - Organised academic orientation for first-year students.
 - Assisted students with academic appeals and registrations.
 - Helped students access tutors and mentors for core subjects.
- **The Accommodation Task Team (chaired by the CSRC Commuter Students portfolio):**
 - Partnered with landlords to secure safe and affordable housing.
 - Educated students on tenants' rights and rental agreements.
 - Worked with campus security to improve off-campus accommodation safety.
 - Assisted displaced students in finding emergency housing.

The Secretary and Deputy Secretary together form the Secretary's Office, which plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of the council. The Secretary and Deputy Secretary split duties, with the Deputy Secretary helping with managing administrative tasks, keeping accurate records, and facilitating communication between students, the council, and the administration. The Office ensures that every detail is accounted for and that CSRC members remain responsive and adhere to their working schedules/hours.

Objectives:

- **Administrative support:**
 - Assisting the Secretary in managing records.
 - Keeping minutes of meetings, organising CSRC events, and handling the necessary paperwork involved in student council activities.
- **Facilitating communication:**
 - Ensuring efficient communication between the CSRC, students, faculty, and administration.
 - The Deputy Secretary often acts as a liaison, addressing student concerns and disseminating important information.
- **Ensuring transparency and accountability:**
 - Assisting in ensuring that the CSRC operates with transparency, keeping students informed about the council's activities, and maintaining accountability for any decisions made.
- **Event coordination:**
 - The Secretary may assist with the planning and execution of CSRC-sponsored events, ensuring that they align with the council's goals and represent the interests of the student body.

THE CSRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The CSRC Executive Committee (EC) serves as a sub-structure and fulfils the following functions:

- Provides administrative support for CSRC programmes.
- Supports the operations of the Student Governance Office.
- Acts as a liaison between the CSRC and the South Campus student community.
- Participates in student affairs programmes.

Objectives

The objectives were to secure one Executive Committee member for each CSRC portfolio by means of interviews, update the council on the interview processes and deadlines, and advertise the EC post to students residing on and off campus.

Challenges

- Applicants did not submit all the required documents.
- The first marketing strategy used wasn't effective enough for receiving applications on time.
- Lack of communication posed a challenge regarding scheduling interview time slots.
- The first strategy was the poster and EC information sent out to the SRC group, and other posters were posted around the campus.

Achievements

- Applications were sent on time.
- Interviews were conducted within the communicated period.
- Successful candidates were informed and added to the committee's WhatsApp group.
- The office ensured that every student was informed about applications, including the students who were not in the SRC WhatsApp group.

CSRC Executive Committee Members

Name and surname	Student number
Lwandisenkosi Mkandla	2027288840
Bontlebalefatshe Mofokeng	2025628005
Nonkazimulo Ngcane	2028318935
Mduduzi Viliwe	2027162094
Thabo Khumalo	2027057308
Karabo Mokoena	2027737606
Emilio Mmako	2021568494
Champion Zavala	2024561322
Amogelang Makololo	2027656426
Reabetsoe Tsoanya	2028608988
Trevor Nonyane	2025850062
Lindokuhle Sidu	2027063623

TREASURER

The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the CSRC and is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the council's finances; this office is executed in collaboration with the Finance Committee.

Objectives

- Ensuring that the financial resources of the CSRC are used in a transparent, responsible, and sustainable manner.
- Proper recordkeeping and reporting of the CSRC's financial activities.
- Ensuring accessibility of work opportunities on campus.
- Educating CSRC members on funding matters and processes (Institutional Advancement Office).
- Improving financial accessibility in the institution.

Budget report

SRC opening balance, 21 November 2024	R207 251.50
Donations and sponsorship	R0
Total income	R207 251.50
Spirit Cup (R1 732 + R849 + R330 + R4 717.93)	R10 081.93
Stationery	R6 531.03
Transport	R38 784.04
Internal Catering	R25 025.16
SRC meal vouchers (registration period)	R31 000
Photography and Filming	R9 323.00
Groceries	R14 633.43
Overalls and uniforms	R18 361.69
Total expenses	R153 740.28
Closing balance	R53 511.22

Uniform compliance

- **General response:**
 - Observed an improvement in professionalism and demeanour among CSRC members while wearing uniforms.
 - It was very easy for first-time entering students to spot and recognise us in our uniforms.
 - Noted a boost in morale and team spirit among CSRC members, attributed to the sense of unity and identity provided by the uniforms.
 - Increased visibility and recognition of CSRC members on campus, facilitating easier identification and approachability.
- **Challenges:**
 - Encountered resistance from some CSRC members to the uniform schedule.

Transformation activation

- **Objectives:**
 - Collect complaints, compliments, and suggestions from students to understand their experiences and expectations regarding service delivery on campus.
 - Identify areas for improvement and implement changes to enhance student satisfaction with campus services
 - Encourage student participation and engagement in shaping the campus experience.
- **Achievements:**
 - Collected over 50 feedback forms from students, providing valuable insights into their experiences and expectations.
 - Identified key areas for improvement, including dining services (cafeteria), library resources, health care resources, and campus safety.
 - Established a student feedback mechanism, ensuring ongoing student engagement and participation in shaping the campus experience.
- **Challenges:**
 - Student participation was lower than expected.
 - Received negative feedback from some students, which required sensitive and constructive engagement to address concerns.
 - Encountered resistance from some staff to the changes proposed by students.



The Commuter Students portfolio aims to enhance the student experience by improving the quality of student life. This is done by providing comfortable and suitable accommodation options, and facilitating access to these options by ensuring students are referred to accommodation that meets their needs and requirements. The portfolio also promotes student well-being by prioritising student welfare through the recommending of conducive living spaces that support their academic and personal growth.

Off-campus safety measure: Zigsta Bloemanda Patrol Team initiative

- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance student safety in off-campus residences.
- **Achievements:**
 - Partnered with the Zigsta Bloemanda Patrol Team to improve security for commuter students.
 - Got approval from the protection service Deputy Director, Cobus Van Jaarsveld, with assistance from Stephen Matthews, who said that the team can operate with guidance/monitoring from the protection service.
 - The team had a meeting on 30 November, which Mr Matthews was invited to, about crime awareness near Motheo TVET College. The topic discussed was 'Crime prevention and safety'.

Private accommodation applications

- **Objectives:**
 - Support students in securing private accommodation by streamlining the application process.
- **Achievements:**
 - Assisted students with applications for approved private accommodations.
 - Negotiated better lease terms for students in financial distress.
 - Made sure students didn't sign faulty/fraudulent contract agreements.
 - Provided a list of recommended, safe, and affordable residences.
 - Encouraged landlords to visit the Housing and Residence Affairs office (HRA) for assistance if their accommodation does not appear on the accredited housing list.

Advocacy for bus schedule adjustments

- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure that commuter students have access to reliable and convenient transportation that aligns with their academic schedules.

- **Achievements:**

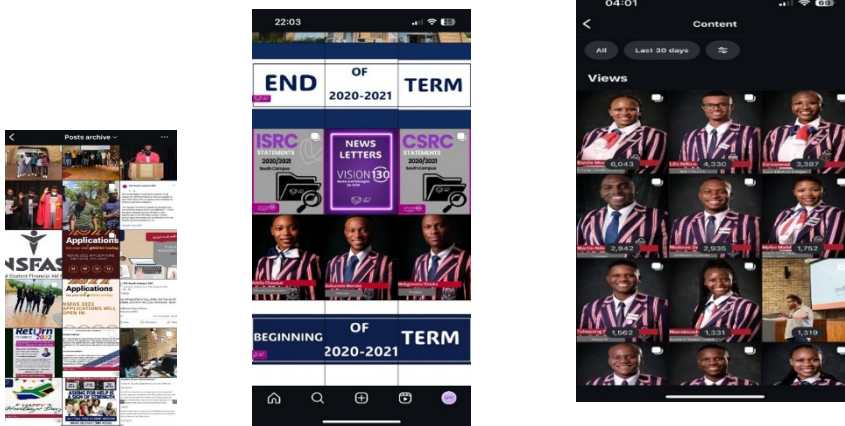
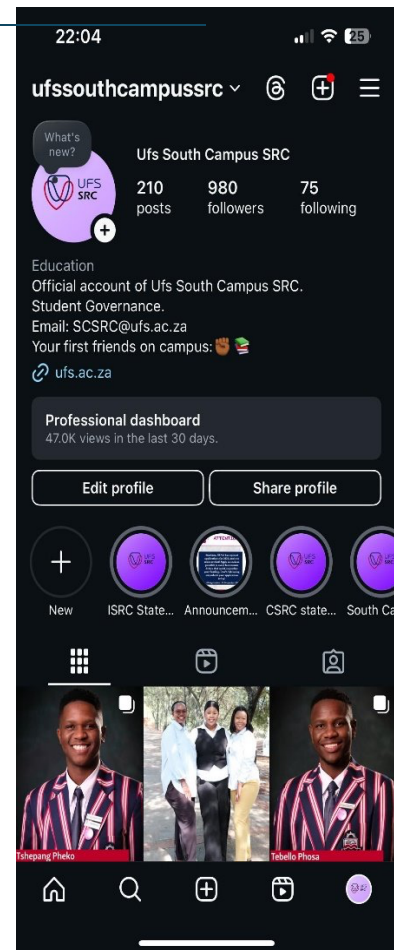
- Engaged with the Student Governance Office to review bus schedules. With SGO's assistance, the afternoon bus time was changed to better suit commuters.
- Successfully advocated for changes to bus times to better accommodate students' class schedules.
- Created a poster that ensured students are aware of the changing times so they can plan their commute accordingly.

- **Challenges:**

- Limited space at approved residences.
- Many students face financial constraints.
- Some landlords delay deposit refunds.
- Limited resources or donors for expanding patrol services.

Rebranding the South Campus Instagram page

- **Objectives:**
 - Increase student engagement.
 - Promote transparency and accountability.
 - Create a platform for interaction.
- **Challenges:**
 - Low initial visibility.
 - Content creation and consistency.
 - Reaching a broad audience.



SRC uniform and name tags

- **Objectives:**
 - Uniform development.
 - Name tags.
 - Winter jackets.
- **Challenges:**
 - Size-selection issues.
 - Delayed delivery.
 - Lack of name tags.
 - Incorrect sizes and cuts.

This portfolio aims to assist students with registration for associations and organisations. It provides financial guidance and support where needed, to increase awareness of opportunities for students to form organisations, enhance leadership development through training and capacity-building programmes, and strengthen student governance through participation in the Student Parliament.

Associations and Organisations registration (Jan–Feb)

The Associations and Organisations Student Council portfolio officially invited student associations and organisations to register with the Student Governance Office (SGO) for the 2025 term. Online registration took place from January to February on the UFS Indico platform.

A total of 13 associations plus one organisation completed the online application for registration. A provisional confirmation letter was provided to each association and organisation, which permits them to be a recognised student structure at South Campus.

The following associations and organisations were successfully registered:

- Economic Freedom Fighters Student Command (EFFSC)
- Christian Reconciliation Church (CRC)
- I am Black and on Track (IBT)
- Verse & Verdict (VV)
- Social Impact Art Movement (SIAM)
- Tsonga Cultural Association (TSA)
- Evolve Empowers Her (EEH)
- South Campus Sports Association (SCSA)
- Izimbali Ezinhle Zase UFS (IEZ)
- Beyond Boundaries Association (BBA)
- Xhosa Students Association (XSA)
- Vhavenda Student Association (VSA)
- Ubambano LukaZulu Association (ULA)
- Global Reconciliation Church (GRC)

- **Challenges:**

- Some students still found the registration process challenging.
- Limited awareness of the benefits of forming associations.



Academic Student Council

- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure a smooth registration process for students on the South Campus.
- **Achievements:**
 - Successfully facilitated the registration process alongside the CSRC team.
- **Challenges:**
 - High intake in the Faculty of the Humanities led to chaotic registration dates.

Faculty Feud event

This event was aimed at fostering a sense of community and competition among faculties on the South Campus.

- **Achievements:**
 - Successfully organised and hosted the Faculty Feud event.
- **Challenges:**
 - Coordinating with multiple faculties and ensuring fair competition.

Campus tours

Campus tours were conducted in February to introduce first-years to the campus, showing them what it offers and explaining what is expected of them. The Day Residence Council and the On-Campus Residence Council facilitated the campus tour in collaboration with South Campus peer mentors.

Spirit Cup

This portfolio was responsible for planning and coordinating the Spirit Cup in collaboration with the On-Campus Residence Council.



Spirit Cup

The Spirit Cup is an annual celebration that fosters community engagement, unity, and school spirit among residence students. This year's theme was 'Decades Party', which gave each residence the opportunity to showcase its favourite era through music, fashion, and dance. The event was a fun and dynamic way for on-campus residences to immerse themselves in different decades of the past, from the 80s to the 2000s. It brought together students of various backgrounds and interests, offering a night of nostalgia.

The event was held on 7 March 2025 from 16:30 at the Ukubizana Centre, South Campus. The target market for the projects was all residents of Toka, Legae, Liberty, and Unison (Day Residence).

- **Achievements:**

- Managed to get all four residences to participate in the event.
- Managed to stay within the allocated budget for the event.

- **Challenges:**

- There was a bit of a delay on the day of the event in terms of preparations and getting the decorations.
- The event started 90 minutes late because of this delay.
- We had to move the event to a day earlier than planned because some students had a test during the original event time.
- A delay in getting approval for the event led to late communication to the Prime Council in terms of the criteria and other factors.



UNIVERSAL ACCESS STUDENT COUNCIL

The Universal Access Student Council exists to promote inclusivity, accessibility, and equality for all students, particularly those with disabilities. It strives to create a barrier-free environment, fostering a culture of diversity, empathy, and understanding.

- **Objectives:**

- Advocate for disability rights and the interests of students with disabilities.
- Foster a culture of diversity, empathy, and understanding within the university community.
- Raise awareness about disability issues and challenges at the university.
- Build communities through creating opportunities for students with disabilities and providing opportunities for socialisation and leadership development.

The Sports Council portfolio addresses the issue of a lack of transport for high-performing elite athletes based at the South Campus. It aims to activate participation in sports and recreation on the South Campus, encouraged by the official registration of teams in Netball Res League, Basketball Res League, Football Res League, Volleyball Res League, Chess League, and the introduction of tennis and aerobics.

Gateway Athletics

This event on 19 February 2025 at Pelliespark Stadium provided first-year students with an opportunity to compete in athletics as a sporting code. We also had five supporters from each of the residences who spoke and encouraged the first-years. This initiative also fostered a sporting identity for South Campus students. Notable individual performances were from Seleogo Monyaki, who claimed the first position in the 800-metre race, as well as Nikilita Mboniswa, who came first in the 200-metre dash. The highlight of the day was House Legae making it into the top 10 residences in terms of participation and performance points scored.

Gateway Swimming Gala

This event took place on 27 February 2025 at the Kopsie Swimming pools. Three South Campus students participated. There were outstanding performances from Lesego Mokai, who claimed second position in the men's 50-metre freestyle. He was rewarded with a call-up for assessments for the first team, which capped a productive day of first-year experience.

Gateway Chess

This event took place on 1 March 2025, at the Callie Human Centre. Five students from House Liberty, three from House Legae, and seven from House Toka took part. The coordinator combined these students into one South Campus Chess Team, which took the fourth position in the institutional Gateway Chess tournament.

Gateway Football & Gateway Netball

The men's football match took place at the Kopsie Football fields on 8 March 2025. South Campus had two men's teams consisting of first-years, each of which made it to the Round of 16. There was also a Gateway Netball event for women taking place, with House Legae and House Liberty making the semi-finals.

Women's Football Gateway

This event took place on 9 March 2025. The women drew one game and lost one, so they could not make it to the knockout stages. Overall, the South Campus women's football team did well and savoured the experience.

Gateway Basketball & Gateway Volleyball

The men, regardless of adversity, made it to the semi-final, while the women's volleyball team made it to the Round of 16 as well. These strong performances heartened the council regarding our teams' performances in the inaugural institutional Basketball Res League.

Sports Trials

A series of competitive trials took place, namely the Kopsie Football trials on 8 February 2025, which saw Dumisani Ntlonze selected for assessment by the first team; the Male Res Rugby trials on 15 February 2025, which saw six of seven trialists make the Karee Rugby team; the Male Netball Kopsie trials, which saw Thapelo pass the assessments and get selected to play for the Kopsie Male Netball team; the Kopsie Hockey trials, which saw Avumile Chonco selected for assessments for the final squad for the men's institutional hockey team; and the Kopsie Netball trials, which saw South Campus trialist Siginiseko, from House Liberty, inducted into the first team after passing all assessments.

Challenges

- Limited transport for South Campus students to attend Varsity Cup games.
- Lack of support when it comes to food, water, or refreshments for South Campus students when travelling and competing against teams at the Bloemfontein Campus in the res leagues.
- KopsieSport does not sponsor the transport and logistics of players at the South Campus who have been selected for the Rugby Res League at the Bloemfontein Campus.



ANNEXURES:

Annexure A: Spirit Cup Criteria

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SPIRIT CUP- CRITERIA
DATE: 07 March 2024
VENUE: UKUBIZANA

	LEGAE	LIBERTY	TOKA	UNISON
WAR CRIES				
CHOREOGRAPHY	10	9	6	10
OVERALL SPIRIT	10	10	7	10
DRESS CODE & VISIBILITY	7	8	8	10
CREATIVITY	10	8	0	10
UNIQUENESS	9	8	2	10
UNITY & DIVERSITY	10	10	5	9
OVERALL SCORE	74/100	58/60	23/60	59/60
	4	4	3.5	5

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Annexure B: Spirit Cup Programme

SPIRIT CUP PROGRAMME
DATE: 07 MARCH 2025
TIME: 16:30

- 1. OPENING REMARKS (16:30-16:40)**
 - WELCOMING BY MC
 - INTRODUCTION OF ALL PARTICIPANTS: TOKA, LEGAE, LIBERTY, AND UNISON
 - OVERVIEW OF THE EVENT SCHEDULE AND RULES
- 2. FIRST PERFORMANCE (WAR CRIES 16:40-17:00)**
 - LIBERTY (5 MIN)
 - UNISON (5 MIN)
 - TOKA (5 MIN)
 - LEGAE (5 MIN)
- 3. SHORT BREAK (17:00-17:10)**
- 4. SECOND PERFORMANCE (DECADE ERA: 17:10-17:50)**
 - TOKA (10 MIN)
 - LEGAE (10 MIN)
 - UNISON (10 MIN)
 - LIBERTY (10 MIN)
- 5. SHORT BREAK (17:50-18:00)**
- 6. POP TRIVIA QUIZ (18:00-18:20)**
 - UNISON
 - TOKA
 - LIBERTY
 - LEGAE
- 7. GROUP PERFORMANCE: OVERALL, SPIRIT (18:25-18:40)**
 - ALL RESIDENCES SING TOGETHER, SHOWCASING THEIR COLLECTIVE SPIRIT, JUDGES SCORE TO DETERMINE THE BEST RESIDENCE WITH COLLECTIVE SPIRIT
- 8. SHORT BREAK (18:40-18:55)**
- 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS AND JUDGES COMMENTARY (18:55-19:05)**
- 10. CLOSING REMARKS**

MAY 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Disability Awareness	14	15 LGBTQI+ Awareness	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



JUNE 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1
2 Exam Drive	3	4	5	6 Exam Drive	7	8
9	10 Exam Drive	11	12 Exam Drive	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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JULY 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Cultural Event	30	31			

AUGUST 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Fun Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31