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STUDENT GOVERNANCE OFFICE VISION

“ To be the reservoir of excellence in governance, capacity building in promoting professionalization of student governance through creating a complete humanizing experience ”

Hello, we are...

STUDENT GOVERNANCE OFFICE

The Student Governance Office (SGO) is responsible for supporting, providing guidance and to facilitate training and development of the Student Governance Structures. In addition, it facilitates activities such as Strategic Planning, Elections, Policy Workshop, Seminars, Webinars, Events to mention a few. These activities promote the active participation of student leadership in institutional governance. This is done to ensure that the objectives of section 35 of the Higher Education Act 101 of 1997 as amended are achieved.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE OFFICE MISSION

- Instrumental in supporting the Strategic Vision of Student Affairs through actively advocating and setting a standard for the professionalization of Student Governance.
- Align Student Governance Programs with the Centre for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS Standards) in order to ultimately professionalize Student Affairs (Governance).
- Be a preferred platform for producing leaders through capacity building programs founded on established models and theories.
- Pioneering and creating governance centric themed programs aimed for social justice, social cohesion and transformation.
- Position Student Governance as a sound board, for standards of all student activities in the UFS.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE OFFICE GOALS

- Increase student participation and engagement in co-curricular programs.
- Initiate departmental activities/programs.
- Create a strong governance culture that is fundamental for the advancement of transformation policies.



THIS OFFICE FOCUSES ON THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Ensuring that the Institutional SRC and Student Parliament are duly constituted.
- 2 Development of a structured Student Governance Training Programme.
- 3 Development of a registration systems and processes to ensure the effective functioning of Student Organisations and Associations. The registration process culminates into a continuous capacity building programmes.
- 4 Development of functional and effective Student Governance Structures, namely:
 - Class Representatives, School Representatives through which the Faculty Councils are constituted;
 - First-Year Committees, Residence Subcommittees and Residence Committees-Residence Council;
 - Student Association and Organisation-Student Councils;
 - Campus SRCs, Campus Student Parliaments;
 - Active Student Engagement across the University
 - Active participation in University Faculty Governance and Management Structures
 - Active participation in the Institutional Governance and Management Structures (such as, University Management Committee, Integrated Transformation Plan workstreams Senate, Council etc)

The SGO is supported by: the Student Governance Administrator & Front Desk in BFN. The Offices provide administrative support and guidance to all Student Governance Structures in the planning, organising and implementation of their programmes and activities.

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STUDENT GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR

The focus of the Student Governance Coordinator's office is to increase Student Participation and Engagement in co-curricular programs. This also include creating a strong good and cooperative governance culture amongst Student Governance Structures and sub-structures. The office strongly believes in the concept of "Professionalising Student Governance and Operations". Therefore, the aim of the office's activities and training programmes rendered is to create a reservoir of principles of good cooperative governance through a complete humanising experience.

THE OFFICE EXISTS TO MAINLY FULFIL THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Provide holistic support to the annually elected Student Representative Council and sub-structures;
- 2 Enhance the active participation of Student Associations and Organisations within UFS Student Governance activities;
- 3 Create platforms of expression for Student Associations and Organisations;
- 4 Empower Student Governance structures in implementing efficient operational procedures;



- 5 Facilitate the establishment of Campus Student Parliament on the Bloemfontein Campus;
- 6 Monitor and evaluate the active participation of Student Associations and Organisations;
- 7 Train and develop executive committees of Associations and Organisations;
- 8 Liaise with Student Councils on their programs of action;
- 9 Facilitate attendance by Associations and Organisations at Institutional public and private activities such as Public Lectures, Rector's Engagements, and Critical Engagement.



In summation, the mandate of the office is to place student leaders at the center of all institutional developmental processes.



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FACULTY COORDINATOR: STUDENT GOVERNANCE

Faculty Coordinator: Student Governance is responsible for providing strategic and administration support to various Student Governance Structures, with particular reference to Faculties. These include but not limited to Faculty Student Council (FSC), Campus Student Representative Council (CSRC), Institutional Student Representatives Council (ISRC), Class Representative structures and so on.



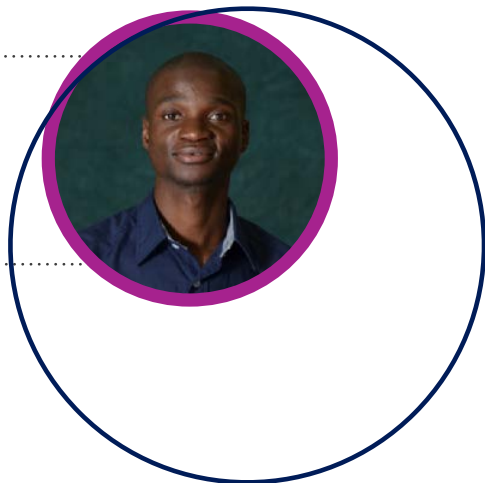
THE CORE FUNCTIONS OF THIS OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 To increase Student Participation and Engagement in Student Governance programmes and activities.
- 2 To establish and provide administration support for Faculty Student Councils.
- 3 To facilitate democratic elections for Student Governance Structures.
- 4 To facilitate Student Engagement at Faculty Governance Structures and Institutional Governance and Management Structures.
- 5 To ensure active Student Participations and Engagement at the Rector's Student Engagements.
- 6 To oversee (monitor and evaluate) programs and projects of Student Governance Structures.
- 7 To create Training and Development opportunities for Student Governance Structures: Faculty Student Councils, ISRC, CSRC and Class Representatives

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