

STUDENT GOVERNANCE OFFICE



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BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the broader legislative and policy framework governing higher education in South Africa.

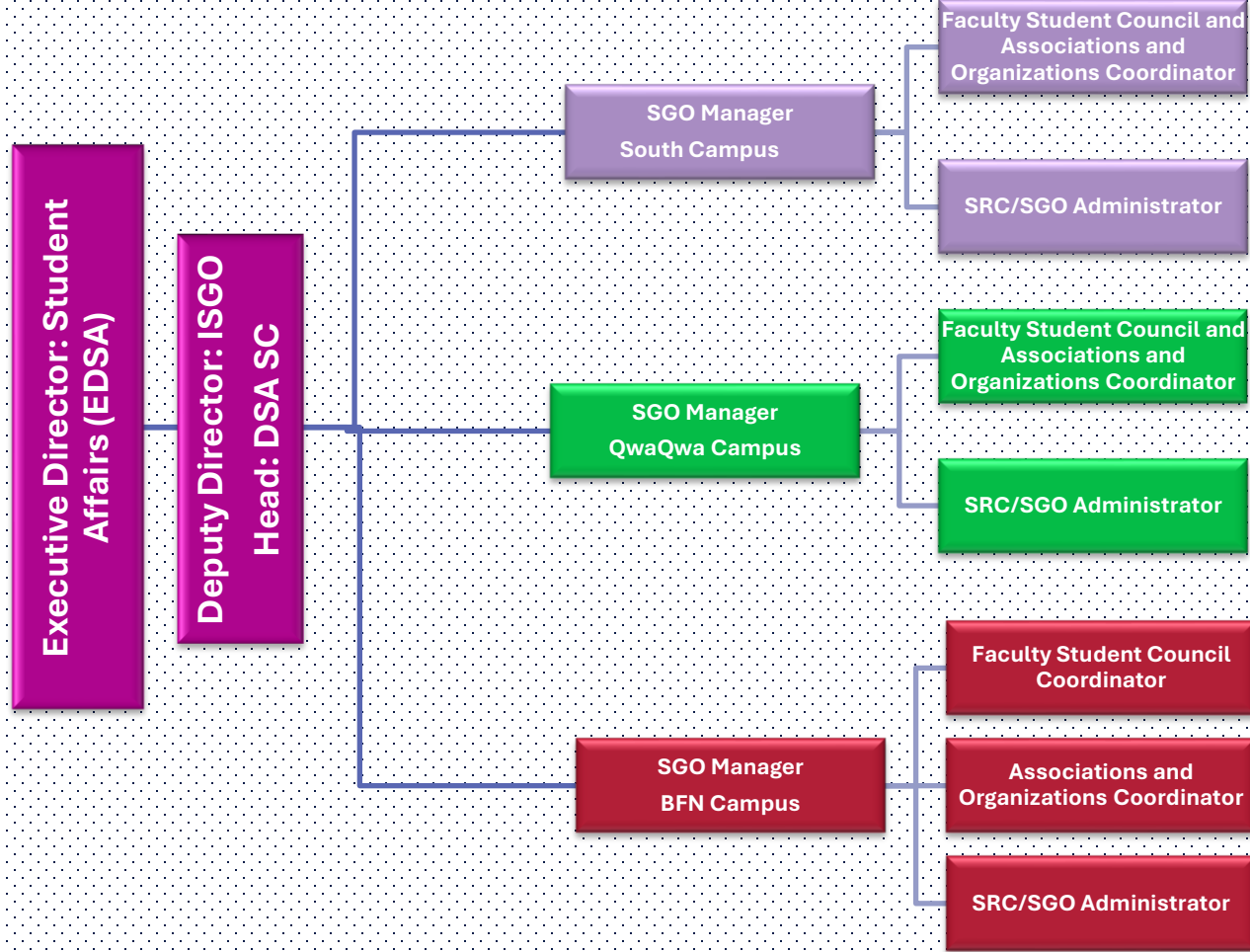
Central to this framework is the **Higher Education Act of 1997**, which provides the legal foundation for student governance in all higher education institutions.

The Act mandates the formation of governance structures such as institutional councils and the Council on Higher Education,

Section 35, emphasizes the inclusion of **student representation council (SRC)** in these governance bodies.

In line with this, universities — including UFS — have institutionalized **Student Governance Offices**

Unit located withing the Division of Student Affairs under a multi-campus model



WHAT DO YOU DO AND HOW DO IT?

Ensure that student governance structures are duly constituted & supported



Institutional Student Representative Council
(ISRC)

Co-governance structures

Institutional Student Parliament (ISP)
Institutional Student Court (ISC)



Campus Student Representative Council
(CSRC)

Co-governance structures

- Campus Student Parliament (CSP)
- Campus Student Court (CSC)

Substructures

- Faculty Student Councils (FSC)
- Residence Committees (RCs)
- Associations & Organizations



CO-DEVELOP
LEADERSHIP AND
CAPACITY
PROGRAMMES WITH
STUDENT LIFE



ENSURE STUDENT
PARTICIPATION IN
INSTITUTIONAL
COMMITTEES/FORUMS



POLICY DEVELOPMENT
AND STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORKS



PROTEST MANAGEMENT
AND ENGAGEMENT

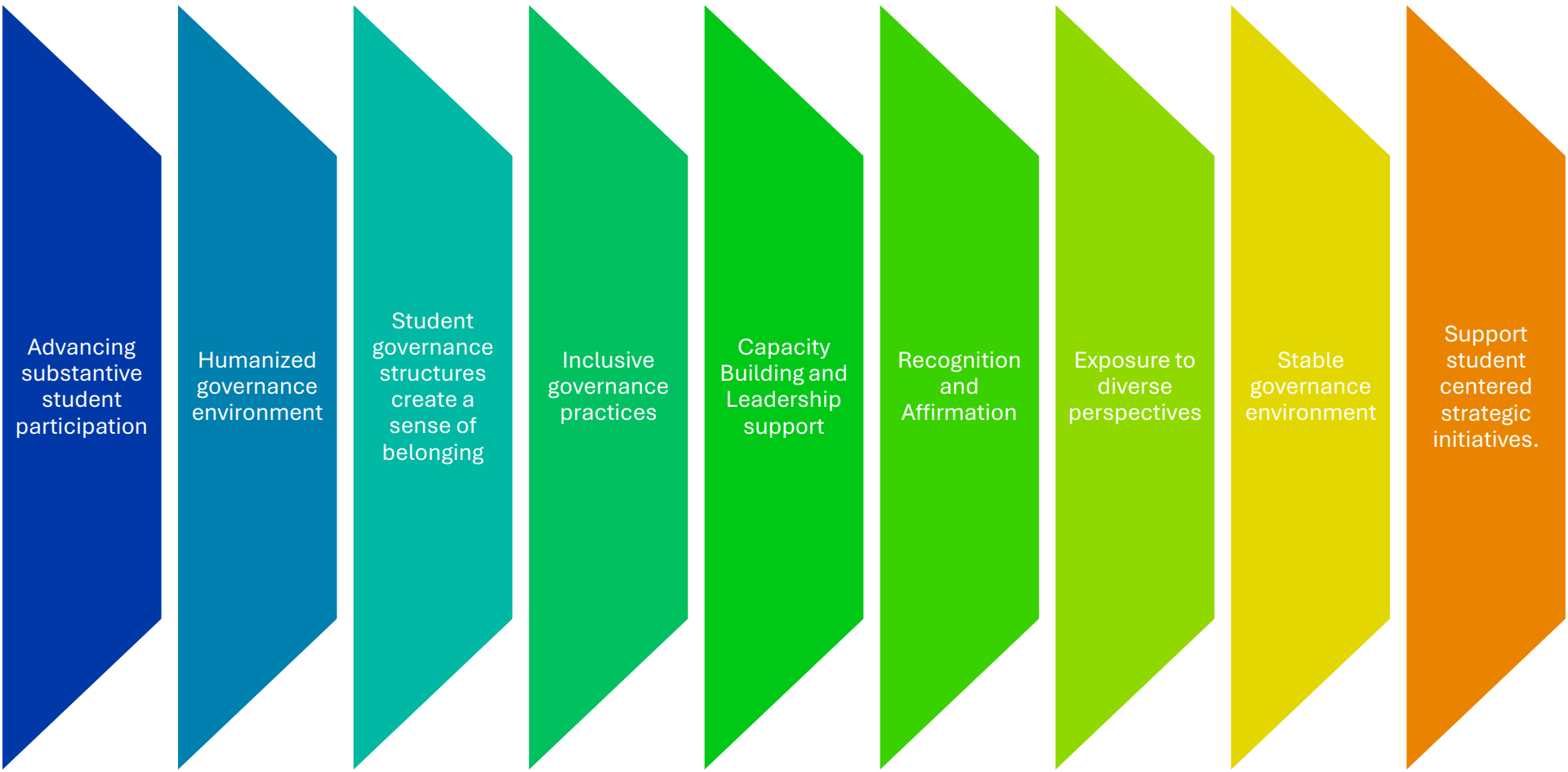


BRIDGE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY
MANAGEMENT, STUDENT
LEADERS AND EXTERNAL
STAKEHOLDERS.



ADVISE EXECUTIVE
MANAGEMENT, THROUGH THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
STUDENT AFFAIRS

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