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SRC 2024 TERM I REPORT

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Foreword

Hello fellow Maties,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who was a part of the election period. It took a lot of hard work from many parties, and I am very grateful for this.

I believe that we have a very robust election system that enjoys a lot of trust by the electorate.

Yet we should never forget that democracy is in the hands of the people, but yet democracy can only function if people take part by voting etc.

This year will definitely bring and has already brought a lot of challenges for the Matie community. However I fully believe that if we all stand together and work together there is no challenge we will not be able to overcome.

Your representative,

Richard Visagie

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Responsibilities

According to the student constitution the SRC Innovation Officer has the following constitutional responsibilities: The Innovation portfolio thus far has no constitutionally prescribed responsibilities. However, I am obliged to comply with the duties allocated to me by the general SRC which are: As the portfolio officer for Innovation:

- a) Supporting student entrepreneurship
- b) Facilitating innovation in SRC projects
- c) Liaising with SU LaunchLab/Innovus
- d) Providing student input to SU structures planning entrepreneurship projects

As an elected SRC member, my constitutional responsibilities can be divided between the duties imposed on me as an SRC member, duties directly assigned to me by the Executive committee and my portfolio specific duties. As an SRC Member, sections 27 and 32 impose the prevalent duties. Accordingly, I must always act in the best interest of students and actively promote their constitutionally provided rights. Section 32 further obligates me to submit a termly report of all my activities during the academic term. Finally, according to section 44 I must attend an SRC meeting every week during the academic term.

Portfolio Overview

SRC Innovation Officer:

1) The Innovation portfolio of the SRC focusses on actively supporting student entrepreneurship on campus. The portfolio facilitates innovation in SRC projects. It also liaises with SU LaunchLab/Innovus. It ensures that student input to SU structures planning entrepreneurship projects is heard.

2) For 2023 my mission is working towards achieving sustainable projects and helping students produce at their premium best. In depth, the innovation portfolio broadens, promotes, and supports a culture of innovation & entrepreneurship as it drives creative thinking and advances efforts to extra economic and social value from knowledge. As a proponent for student innovation, it seeks to work with the Launch Lab to promote and facilitate entrepreneurial ideas from students which are aimed at socio-ecological challenges in their respective contexts.

3) The Innovation portfolio's 2024 mission is to focus on sustainable student founded businesses.

Committees/Task Teams

I ran for very many institutions committees, but sadly I have been elected to none.

Term 3 Overview

Term 3 was a very busy term for the SRC!

We also had our second SRC camp late in the second term. This camp was intended to reflect on how far we have come in our term and what should still be done. It was also ended to act as a review session for our financials.

During this term I also had the honour to off attending a special student dialogue at parliament. I included a picture of this in the next page.



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I also represented the SRC at several events such as meeting a diplomatic events. I furthermore undertook in several campus activities.

Plans for Next Term

I am planning on fulling on representing the SRC at all possible events and activities in addition to fulfilling all of my constitutional duties.

I will host an event with Golden Key at the start of the third calendar term. Shortly thereafter my term will come to an end with the commencement of the elections.