

SRC 2021/22 TERM REPORT 2 SU INTERNATIONAL

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Constitutional Responsibilities

The International portfolio (as of 2022) will be responsible for looking out for the wellbeing of international students.

Portfolio Overview

*The International portfolio (as of 2022) will be responsible for looking out for the **wellbeing** of international students, replacing the term “enjoyment”. International students face unique issues in need of specific assistance. With there being over 2000 full time undergraduate international students on Stellenbosch campus alone, the way international students are viewed institutionally can be developed.*

Committees/Task Teams

For each institutional and SRC committee or task team that you served on, set out the following:

- Senate
- IACI
- Bursary and Loans
- Student Debt Working Group (SDWG)
- Umoja Africa

Term Overview

Term 2 was dominated by registration issues. This included physically helping students with registration and housing issues. In 2023, there needs to be a separate body that assists international students during registration.

The different work streams that were available were exclusive of international students. The holder of SUI should in the future, not have a part in work streams that exclude international students, and rather be placed in a new one that is inclusive or specific to international Students.

This term the SUI portfolio formed SUI Organisation, replacing the term “Subcommittee”. This will include different bodies that aim towards creating societies for international students and making the international portfolio better advertised and with wider impact. The portfolio’s first event is scheduled for the first week of recess, this will be a meeting with international SU students to discuss future strategies for the portfolio for International Student welfare.

The portfolio has been in constant communication with the international office, and has set up meetings with staff member including, The Director, Admissions Manager, Head of Short-Term Study Students and the manager of Internal Internationalisation. The meetings formed to gain approval for initiatives and for requesting assistance.

The International portfolio holder within the SRC will now have a seat at the Umoja summit. The Umoja summit is a series of events aimed at innovation within Africa. This seat and other international seats originally excluded the portfolio. There should be an intentional approach to have the portfolio holder invited to the said meetings.



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Plans for next term

Term 2 of 2022 will see the beginning of the formation of international student societies. The aim of which will be to collude with other leaders to find solutions viable for international students. There are events planned that will be organised by the portfolio to allow for breathers for international students. The priority however is centred around longevity. Solutions need to be found and bodies need to be created for international students to better collaborate and to find comfort within a family of students who can relate to the challenges they face.

International Society and international portfolio aims to create collaboration of all students, International and South African. Internationalisation in a global economy is more important now than it has been ever. Stellenbosch and the Western Cape present a unique opportunity for (in-person) cross-national dialogue. This opportunity cannot be taken for granted. Collaboration is a priority.

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