



SRC 2021/22 TERMREPORT 2 PRIM COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON

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Constitutional Responsibilities

Section 25 of the Student Constitution sets out the responsibility of the Prim Committee Chairperson as serving as a liaison between the Prim Committee and the SRC. This year the Chairperson is the Private Student Organisation (PSO) representative. As such the responsibilities of the Chairperson extend to working for the PSO office. Furthermore, the Chairperson functions in an advisory role to all communities when needed.





Portfolio Overview

The Prim Committee aims to facilitate discussions and provides a platform for problem-solving concerning all student communities on both Stellenbosch Main Campus and Tygerberg Medical Campus. As per section 99 of the Student Constitution, the Prim Committee has a responsibility to raise these issues with the SRC as well as the relevant University Structures to ensure holistic and collaborative solutions.

The Prim Committee has the power to make decisions that will be binding on all House Committees and Communities through votes. All decisions made must fall in line with the mandate of the Committee, to promote student rights and success through both their personal and academic life.



Committees/Task Teams

• Institutional Forum

Institutional Forum is a statutory body that advises the Council on policy issues and conduct.

The last Institutional Forum was focused on providing feedback to Branding about the new ceremonial crest for the University logo.

SITC

The SITC is the Student Institutional Transformation Committee. The committee serves as an advisory committee focusing on transformation within the student body.

The meeting held this term was based around electing the executive as well as understanding the mandate and the role of the structure.

Review of Protest Protocol

The nature of this task team is to review the universities protest protocol concerning students and staff.

The focus of the first meeting was on the outdated nature as well as the focus of the protocol being in line with section 17 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

MAC Committee

The Monitor Advisory Committee is a body headed by the Senior Director of Student Affairs, the Senior Director of the Centre for Student Communities.

The nature of the committee is to monitor the Welcoming of the student communities and resolve any issues as they arise.

The latest meeting was concerning the 2022 Monitor Report which has now been released.

• Residence Rules Review Advisory Committee

The mandate of this committee is to review the Residence Rules and is the overarching committee for the 15 task teams underneath it. Each task team is aimed at addressing a specific topic within the Residence Rules. This Committee will rule from March until June.

The last meeting was a feedback session in which we were informed of which task teams have already met and what their focus will be moving forward.





Term Overview

The Student Communities were focused on the drafting of their community-specific alcohol policies. These policies must be in line with the new alcohol rule as prescribed by the Deputy Vice-Rector for Teaching and Learning. Each community must follow the procedure of consulting with their community on what their community would like and need in their policy. The policy is then drafted and taken to the Centre for Student Communities for approval by the Resident Head and is either approved or denied. Once the policy is approved, it is in operation.

The last StratCon for the PSO Prims was held on Saturday the 12th of March. StratCon is the Strategic Conference for the PSO Prims. The aim of this final StratCon was on addressing uncertainty that was faced after Welcoming as most communities lost House Committee members due to not making the HEMIS requirements. Adaptability and well as team dynamics was addressed at this StratCon through different exercises and activities.

The review of the residence rules began this term with appointing various student leaders to make up the 15 task teams. Each task team has a convenor appointed through the Centre for Student Communities guiding the task team.

The Monitor Report for 2022 has been released and as such, the Prims and the Prim Committee will be providing feedback on the Monitor system this year to aid in the improvement of the system.





Budget Usage

The Prim Committee makes use of funds provided for by the Centre of Student Communities.





Plans for next term

Meetings will be held with each Prim to evaluate the Monitor Report that they have received. This will aid in analyzing whether the community is evolving on not and how we can help them improve. The release of the Monitor Report also means the chance for the Prims to review their monitor experience this year.

The Prims will be finalizing their alcohol policies and implementing them.

The Prims will be forming subcommittees to deal with issues faced within their communities.

The Prims will begin the process of amending their Constitutions in line with the Student Constitution.