



SRC 2020/2021 Term I Report

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Constitutional Responsibilities

I have been attending SRC meetings (except for one which was due to connectivity issues on 3 February 2021)

I have attended meetings with the Mr Jerry Laka (Head of Maties Sport), and the RALU team (Headed by Andiswa Zwelibanzi. In these various meetings we have discussed the following:

- Introduction to Maties Sports system
- Possible improvements
- Dealing with COVID-19 restrictions
- Brainstorming for 2021

Additionally, meetings have been held which include Cluster co-ordinators and other university personnel to plan the main new initiative for 2021.

No meetings have been held with regards to USSA (will be held when the academic year commences)

Portfolio Overview

To be a conduit between Maties Sport and the Student Community as well as represent Stellenbosch University at a national level such as University Sports South Africa (USSA). This helps the students to have a voice at Maties Sport and Maties Sport to have a direct link to the students. Success includes students having full access to Maties Sport events and activities and the resolution of any sporting disputes on a greater student community level as well as the promotion of physical wellness and





recreational activities. It is also imperative to give all Maties students (even non-high-performance athletes) an opportunity to represent the university in any form.

Committees / Task Teams

I am still liaising with Sports managers whether a Maties Sports committee is necessary (to address the issues/requests of high-performance athletes)

Institutional

Sport

Other Committees / Task Teams

Maties Sport RALU

Budget Overview

A large portion of the previous budget was set out to support non-HP Maties Sport Clubs (as they do not get funding from Maties Sport High performance), through an application process and in accordance with SAF -Annexure A. Due to the uncertainty of this expenditure it has been left out of the 2021 budget but will be review again after consulting the Maties Sports Managers/Directors (for more details of how this part of the budget will operate if utilized please view Sports Report of 2020).

An amount will be set out to the RALU games initiative (in budget it is labelled Olympic initiative – it was renamed in brainstorming period). This is a serious of actions sports which will take place throughout the year (including sports such as soccer, touch rugby, netball, action Frisbee, cricket, and chess). These games will be competitive but will encourage all students on campus to participate. It has been decided that the winners of the various teams will be chosen to represent Maties Sport in intervarsity competitions which will also be organized. Money has been allocated to obtain prizes for the various sports, but this will be supplemented by the RALU budget.

A discretionary portion has also been allocated for any expenditure that needs to be incurred. Additionally, an exam period initiative is being planned and is included in the budget.

Term Overview

Due to the uncertainties of COVID the communication from the Maties Sports Director is that the university will only be continuing with high performance sports until further notice. I am still waiting confirmation of this decision. Non the less planning for 2021 has continued with the RALU team and addressing of queries from Sports HK's has been taking place throughout the holidays. The Excel live sheet (created last year) is being update with contact details of Sports HK's details and when the university releases fixtures, communication and correspondence will be constantly uploaded. A FAQ section will be added as well to also give Sports HK's a point of reference in the case that no university representative is available to answer their question. Additionally, collaborations are being planned to include things like (Action4Inclusion) as requested in the latest SRC meeting and will be elaborated in the next report.

Plans for next term.

Plan for the next term will be severely influenced by COVID-19. This plan will have to include solutions to scenarios where high-performance sports remains the only sport that is conducted by the





university. This will have to include innovative ways of still interacting with the student body without breaking COVID-19 restrictions set by the university.

Additionally, the attending of the pending USSA AGM will be done (most likely online). I will be accompanying Mr. Laka to conduct discussion at such meeting and give input as to what would be the best interests of student-athletes on a national level.

Recommendations to improve portfolio

To improve the branding of Sports throughout the university on all levels so all students are aware of the sporting events that take place in the university. Additionally, to investigate the possibility of recording games (a possible solution to combat the issue of no spectators due to COVID-19).

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