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Constitutional Responsibilities

Constitutional responsibilities this term included attending the weekly SRC meetings where mandatory for managers to attend and the internal SRC meetings that occurred after the main meeting. Meetings were held with the Head of Maties Sports, Mr Jerry Laka, the RALU Head and Mrs Andiswa Zwelibanzi. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the well-being of student athletes as well as planning of sporting events with Maties Sports and the Stellenbosch Municipality.

I also attended the USSA General Meeting (GM) held in Pretoria at the University of Pretoria on the 8th and 9th of April 2022. The USSA GM was held in two parts, the first was a student forum where the student leaders discussed the events of the previous year as well as the critical planning of the USSA games scheduled to occur in July 2022. From this meeting I was nominated to serve on a USSA transformation and development task team which is a legacy initiative that all student leaders found necessary to have. The second part of the USSA GM was attended by both staff members and student leaders, in which I was in attendance with the Chief director for Maties Sports Mrs Ilhaam Groenewald as well as other key staff members like Mr Laka, Sean Surmon (Deputy Director High Performance), Reggie Smith (Sport Manager), Andiswa Zwelibanzi, and Kimara Singh (Manager Media and Communications). The important points to note from the USSA GM were:

- *The election of a new female leader at CUCSA (Confederation of University and Colleges Sports Association)*
- *The announcement of the proposed delegation for the World University Games to be held in Beijing China*
- *The requirement of NQF 5+ and 120 credits for the participation in CUCSA Games*
- *The proposal to have USSA appreciation awards in 2023 for outstanding student athletes' achievements*
- *The formation of a USSA transformation and development task team*
- *The conscious inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community in the new amended USSA constitution*
- *Nominations of a 2023 USSA Student President*
- *Proposed date for the Leadership Development Summit 2022 is in September and the proposed hosts are either Stellenbosch University or Free State University*

In addition, as the SRC Sports Manager I played a vital role in the facilitation of the FNB Varsity Cup Rugby games as I served as a credo reader as well as organising and also being a part of the South African Flag bearers. I also was mandated to carry out office duty at the SRC office to address and assist students that needed assistance.



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Portfolio Overview

The overview is to be conduit between Maties Sports and the student communities at the Stellenbosch, Tygerberg and Saldana campuses, as well as being a cognisant representative of the university at national level on the University Sports South Africa (USSA) student forum. This enables students to have continuous representation at Maties Sports and continuously informing Maties Sports of the student needs. A successful portfolio plan will entail equal opportunities and full and easier access to sporting facilities and Maties Sports services to the students on all campuses, as well as promoting holistic mental and physical health.

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Committees/Task Teams

As the SRC Sports Manager I adopted a sub-committee constituting of House Committee (HC) members who hold the sports portfolio. This sub-committee has three HC from Stellenbosch, one from Tygerberg and one from Saldana, these HC serve as fair representation of the varying student communities at Stellenbosch University. These main duties of the sub-committee are to assist in planning of SRC Sports portfolio projects and events, as well as increasing communication links between the Maties Sports Managers and the rest of the HCs and students. To account for transparency and networking, each of the HC are requested to send in a very brief sports report on the sporting activities they embark on as well any challenges they face in their community. This report is only required every second Monday during the academic year. The sub-committee has increased the liaison between the students and Maties Sports.

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Term Overview

The term started with the kick off of the FNB Varsity Cup. I played the vital role of helping the HCs acquire and distribute ticket sales and rugby merchandise. A lot of time was spent this term in meeting with Maties Sports and the Stellenbosch Municipality in the approval of the SRC Sport Portfolio events and projects. As the SRC Sports manager I played a vital role in assisting Maties Sports and RALU in their activities like the Societies Walkthrough Fair, Flag Bearing at Varsity Cup games as well as serving as a credo reader at Varsity Cup.

This term, we started with Self Defence classes that were held every Friday at 5pm until 6pm, and they were conducted by Vector MMA. The classes catered for up to 25 students who are meant to receive pepper sprays but due to unforeseen circumstances, they will only receive them next semester. The main motive for these classes is to empower students to defend themselves in the face of an attacker, this project will continue until the rest of the 2021/2022 SRC term. In collaboration with RALU, we also started an Outdoor Bootcamp facilitated by an instructor from the Maties Gym. The bootcamp occurred weekly on a Wednesday for an hour and its main purpose was to encourage students and staff members to exercise and build physical stamina and resilience. This project is meant to occur until the end of the year.

The initiative to have a Sports Persons Feature worked really well and it raised morale among student athletes who were encouraged to go beyond their academic duties to also excel in sport. As the SRC Sports Manager, I attended to issues brought to my attention by student committees serving as facilitators of Maties Squash – these issues were dealt with timeously and in an appropriate manner.



Budget Usage

The reason why only half of the budgeted amount for the self-defence classes was spent is because the acquisition of pepper sprays has not yet been successful. The rest of the money from the allocated R17 700 will be utilised next term in the remaining planned events as well as transport costs for transporting students from the Tygerberg campus and the Saldana campus. The budgeted amount for the Outdoor Bootcamp has not been utilised yet because it is meant to be used to make t-shirts from the Maties Shop but due to design issues these have not been made yet.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount budgeted</i>	<i>Amount utilised</i>	<i>Amount available</i>
<i>Self-defence Classes</i>	<i>R5000</i>	<i>R2500</i>	<i>R15200</i>
<i>Outdoor Bootcamp</i>	<i>R2000</i>	<i>R 0</i>	<i>R15200</i>



Plans for next term

The plans for next term are as follows:

- Inter-faculty Tournament (29 July 2022)
- Le Tour de Campus (9 August 2022)
- Sponsored walk/Colour run (tba)
- Closing function

Please note the exact dates for the Sponsored Walk/Colour Run and Closing function are still under debate due to the availability of facilities.