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Dear UWC Community

The University of the Western Cape Student Representative Council (SRC) wishes to extend its warm welcome to all students and UWC community at large. As an incumbent student governance representative, we categorically wish to extend our zealous welcome to all first year students to the University of the Western Cape. As the SRC, we believe that you will perform best of your abilities to the opportunity granted to you by the University of the Western Cape progress academically and otherwise.

As the SRC, we would like to encourage the class of 2018 to work hard against all odds, which are a product of transition period from Basic Education to the Institution of Higher Learning. Our monumental existence remain across the country a representation of the apartheid spatial planning hence a gap in between the basic education and higher education remain a threat to progress to many of our prospective and current students. However, as the SRC, we remain committed to the course of redress and transformation of the higher education sector. We have ensured that faculties put together the required material and support mechanisms to ensure that there is sufficient academic support and that our campus is a conducive learning environment.

In ensuring of access and success, in the past weeks, the SRC has been tackling numerous challenges facing our students including clearance, registration and academic exclusions. As the student representative, we are proud to announce that the clearance and registration process is moving smoothly irrespective of setbacks that we phased with to this juncture. As the SRC, that is accountable and deriving its mandate from the students, it is our responsibility to continue updating our constituency on the office ascending matters.

On Clearance and Registration

The SRC has been in ongoing deliberations with Student Credit Management (SCM) concerning the issue of clearance of students. The historically account of SCM is known as of being reluctant and arrogant in clearing our students. In previous years, SCM has brutally dealt with many students including international students, refusing them an opportunity to study and using financial constrains as an excuse to the victimisation of our students. However, as this SRC, we are proud to announce that after altercations inspired by robust and honest engagements we reached consensus and agreed with SCM that no

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academically deserving student will be financial excused due to outstanding balance. As SRC, we are tirelessly working hard ensuring that all Post-graduate students are cleared and registered in no time from now. Our understanding is that Post Graduate students are likely to get their funding for their academic enrolment and therefore the university has no means to hesitate their registration.

Clearance Statistics

With all setbacks facing the SRC we are proud to announce that the SASCO led SRC has managed to clear 83%. We note that a pile 2500 of the 83% cleared students is yet to register. While the SRC continues with engagements with stakeholders in ensuring that all students are financial cleared, we encourage the already cleared students to register immediately and commence with their classes.

Extension of Registration Process

As part to our engagements with the University office bearers, we are happy to announce that the registration process will remain open until the month end. As the SRC, we will continue working hard to ensure that a target overall enrolment of 23 000 students is registered for the academic year 2018.

On International Students

One of our main priority as this incumbent SRC is championing of international students interests to create a friendly accommodating UWC to all foreign nationals attending this university. As part to tackling grievances of international students, the SRC has compiled a list of all international students both in undergraduate and postgraduate is in process of ensuring that all are financially cleared and ready to register.

Accommodation

The SRC wish to pledge its assurance to all residential placed students yet with no room allocation that post the renovations happening in Disa Hof residences they will be allocated room numbers. The SRC has compelled the University to issue a Memorandum of Understanding to all these students as a pledge assurance that they will get their rooms back for the year.

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The SRC note with dismay the immoral behaviour displayed by the private accommodation proprietors. Their thirsty for student money must be condemned and us as the SRC we register our disbelief of their actions. Our understanding is that a big portion of OPPIDAN students depends on NSFAS as source of funding; therefore, they do not have cash deposit to pay for upfront payments. As the SRC, we are on ongoing engagements with the office of DVC Prof Pamela Dube about all housing related challenges.

Ikamva Lethu Trust Fund

As the SRC we have been in continuous engagements with the donors both in public and private sector about the possible contributions to Ikamva Lethu Fund. As the SRC, we are proud to announce that through the Ikamva Lethu Fund, on **9th February 2018** the SRC contributed **R435 000** to assist students with financial clearance. Amongst many obstacles to access to success, the SRC has identified the pillars that the Ikamva Lethu Fund must focus on namely, Registration and Clearance, Course Material and Food Security Programme. The SRC will continue to engage all the potential donors to make sure that more funds are fundraised

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