

UCT SRC ELECTIONS

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1. Your student number
2. Your date of birth
3. Up to ten votes
4. Ticking “abstain” if you are not voting for any of the candidates listed.

This information is confidential and will be used for vote-counting purposes only. We use this information to verify that you are a registered student.

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GROUP 1

Thulasizwe Clements
Simone Cornelius
Zuko Fekisi
Thebeitsile Longwe
Seabreeze Madadasi
Fezile Maphuthi
Lethabo Maunye
Naledi Mbaba
Masixole Mlandu
Phakamani Ntentema
Siyabonga Ntombela
Nsovo Shandlale
Seipati Tshabalala

GROUP 2

Tabile Dlamini
Sibonise Gcilitshana
Awonke Goso
Mosidi Kekana
Modiegi Kgowa
Sihle Lonzi
Naledi Maponopono
Thandani Mlambo
Minenhle Mngadi
Khululwa Mthi
Olwethu Mzayifani
Lukhanyiso Mzimela
Lindokuhle Patiwe
Sinawo Thambo

Q & A Calendar

MERIDIAN

18th April

Election Launch
12.45pm – 1.45

Molly Blackburn, Upper Campus

19th April

Health Sciences

Question and Answer Session
12.45 – 1.45pm

School of Health Sciences, Francis
Ames Room

20th April

Question and Answer Session
12.45 – 1.45pm

Jammie Plaza

21st April

Question and Answer Session
12.45 – 1.45pm

School of Music

25th April

Question and Answer Session
12.45 – 1.45pm

Kramer Law School Lecture Venue
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GROUP 1

18th April

Baxter Hall Residence

19th April

Clarinus Hall

20th April

Forest Hill

21st April

Liesbeek Gardens

GROUP 2

18th April

Clarinus Hall

19th April

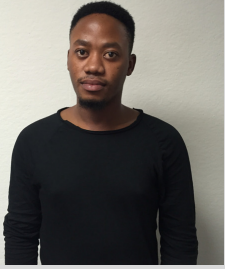
Forest Hill

20th April

Liesbeek Gardens

21st April

Baxter Hall Residence



THULASIZWE CLEMENTS

Candidate 1

University is supposed to be a space where we learn and gain knowledge to better our lives but when that space is violent and disadvantage us; qualifying becomes impossible to achieve. I am running for SRC because I have fallen victim and know many others who have suffered in this space due to being marginalised, oppressed and excluded in many levels. I am running under these

core issues:

Decolonisation

The call for a decolonised curriculum has been in discussion for long and now is the time to see it in action. When elected into office I plan to engage with management on ways to achieve this until we realize a decolonised curriculum.

Accommodation

Having fallen victim to the housing crisis, I am passionate and strong about dealing with the housing system. In my term in office I intend to engage with Student Housing to find ways to ensure students especially first years coming from disadvantaged backgrounds get allocated in residences.

Gender Violence

The rate of gender violence on campus, especially in residences seems to be on a rise and structures put into place to deal with these issues are not achieving their mandate; there transparency to students in ensuring our safety. Being a young black homosexual male I have a lived experience of this violence.

“Vote for Thulasizwe candidate no. 1 because serving you is my no. 1 priority.”

Leadership Experience:

Class Representative 2015-UCT
Residence Mentor 2014- Leo Marquard Hall UCT
SASCO Project and Campaign Office 2016/2017
SASCO Campaign Manager 2016



SIMONE CORNELIUS

Candidate 2

“You can't change a regime on the basis of compassion. There's got to be something harder.”

— Nadine Gordimer

If you asked me a month ago who the SRC was and what they do, I wouldn't have been able to answer you. For too long has the SRC been a group of students merely in theoretical existence, who represented a student opinion which had no accountability.

I'm Simone Cornelius and I want to serve you pragmatically!

Financial & Academic exclusions

Bursaries, corporate/ alumni funding and event fundraising for student fees. No student will be allowed to be financially excluded.

Student appeals for academic exclusions must be reviewed holistically- Student's circumstances, background, mental/emotional fitness and unforeseeable events, which could deter student performance.

Financial concessions

If students repeat a course, they shouldn't have to again pay full price for the course, instead repeat courses at a decreased price.

Support to students living far from campus

UCT should provide resources to disadvantaged students living far from campus – Setting up agreements with internet café's in disadvantaged areas for UCT students to make use of computers and internet free.

Accurate student representation

Creating a large platform via an SRC mobile app, website and SRC boxes placed all over campus and residences in which the student body can express opinions, suggestions and concerns directly to the SRC. Restructuring communication between student body and SRC. Empowering students to have inclusive and direct communication with the SRC, thus ensuring SRC addresses most relevant concerns.

Help me achieve this

Leadership Experience:

First Year Commerce Mentor 2017
EDU induction leader 2017
Baxter residence green campus initiative sub-com2017
Captain of First Team Debating Team (2013-2015)
Delegate for the Fairbairn College United Nations Team



**TABILE
DLAMINI**

Candidate 3

I am running under the proud banner of SASCO. I understand the system in this institution, I've seen the gaps and I want change. I am someone who has experienced some of the inequalities brought about by the structure and exclusionary system. I pledge to be the voice of the students and to bring pragmatic, feasible, radical and committed change. Transformation starts with the eradication of the financial and academic insecurity of the black child at UCT.

Safety and security: I'm one of the students who didn't have access to a computer in my 1st year; I relied on computer labs and forced to leave campus late. The shuttles did not stop at other residences that are far from the shuttle stop. This compromised our safety and needs to be addressed. This current system needs to be changed to accommodate off campus students and prioritize their safety.

Pad Drive campaign: If the government and the institution can provide free condoms in every bathroom and residences, I am certain they can do the same with sanitary towels. Our dignity should be prioritized as condoms are in our institutions.

ACCOMODATION: When I'm in office I will ensure student housing creates an environment that will take care of underprivileged students who can't afford exorbitant off campus accommodation.

Vote for transparency, dedication and progress. Vote candidate # 3

Leadership Experience:

Secretary of SASCO UCT
Humanities mentor 2017
Head student 2015, and RCL grade 10 & 11 Little Flower School
IEC Party Agent 2016
Thethani debating league and Teachout 2016/17



**ZUKO
FEKISI**

Candidate 4

MANIFESTO:

DECOLONIZATION IS POSSIBLE

As part of an ongoing decolonization process, it is very important that various policies of the university are reviewed and rectified for the virtue of all students. This directly connects to various policies within the university. Such policies include the policy on admission to the undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

UCT, as one of the proclaimed top universities in the world, must ensure that its graduate students remain competitive in the market.

Therefore the university must ensure that each student get a driver's license at an undergraduate level, just before graduating.

We all know the advantages of having a driver's license in our modern time. So the university must work with its traffic department and Driving Academy in order to help students in this regard.

We need progressive forces who will influence the university management to commit to its decisions, given the undisputable verity that the Vice Chancellor made in previous years with regards to how no student will be excluded on financial basis. We cannot allow the culture of any form of exclusion, whether in residences or academics, be based on the principle of affordability.

We also need to establish an inclusive non-patriarchal environment in order to ensure that we all coexist, regardless of our differences in gender and sexuality. This is possible, we can overcome it because it is socially constructed.

Vote Zuko Fekisi

Serve, Suffer, Sacrifice

Leadership Experience:

Mentor at Kopano Residence (2015-2017)
Tutor at Kopano Residence (2015/2016)
Humanities Students Council: Transformation Chairperson (2016)
Humanities EDU Representative Council: Transformation Chairperson (2016)



SIBONISE GCILITSHANA

Candidate 5

I am against the fact that this university is a fortune 500 company – a factory to create a labour force to pursue capitalist and violent ideals that do not speak to the lived realities/ nor seeks to address the pertinent plagues of South Africa. This place and all universities at large are supposed to be a hosting of festivals of ideas, creating academics (critical thinkers) who after graduation can be able to resolve societal problems.

I am also against the commodification of knowledge in this institution, where knowledge is only realisable as a commodity that allows you to consume other commodities. The very founding philosophy of knowledge is to assist society first. In the same light where the curriculum of this university is concerned, I seek to pursue an implementation of a curriculum which critically centres Africa and the subaltern. By this I mean treating African discourses and methodologies of education and learning with its respective significance to us and our continent and only examining western traditions in so far as they are relevant to our own experiences. We simply reject this notion of having to study some thoughts of dead European men as gospel which doesn't speak to Africans.

Leadership Experience:

Dining Hall Monitor at Leo Marquard Hall 2017
A Faculty of Humanities Mentor 2017
Deputy President of the Learner's Representative Council 2015



AWONKE GOSO

Candidate 6

To believe is not enough, you must act on that belief. The role of SRC is to champion the needs of the students and fight against all forms of exclusion. The university is a place of academic and personal development and one's financial standing should not be a hinderence. The university made a commitment that no academically eligible student would be financially excluded. Ours is to hold the institution accountable in our continued struggle for free decolonised education.

In an attempt to address exclusions we must:

- * · Take a proactive approach to financial exclusions and ensuring mechanisms are in place throughout the year that work towards early identification of those most vulnerable and who will need assistance.
- * · Make the financial appeals process and selection criteria for applicants and selection committee transparent, accessible and student inclusive.
- * · Review the universities financial aid policy to include all black students including those who fall beyond our colonial borders and better address the missing middle bracket of students
- * · Investigate the financing of postgraduate students from poorly funded disciplines and those previously dependent of financial aid.
- * · Fundraise through collaboration with different stakeholders of the university, from societies to alumni, for the current bailout fund so as to maximize its impact.
- * · Work with residences in addressing the exclusionary pricing of events, membership fees of sporting codes and societies. The role of money or lack thereof as a buffer to student participation, is totally unacceptable as it reinforces the ostracisation of black students.

Leadership Experience:

UCT EFF Student Command: Media and Communications Chair 2017
UCT Kopano Residence: Student Front Desk Receptionist 2017
Kopano Residence House SubCommittee 2017
CG Staffing Recruitment Consultant Jun 2016 – July 2016
Golden Future Project Tutor 2016



**MOSIDI
KEKANA**

Candidate 7

My name is Mosidi Kekana and I am a proud member of SASCO UCT. In my short time at UCT I have seen an enormous amount of positive change, with students voicing their grievances about fees, decolonising education, rape culture, and many more. However, I must acknowledge that UCT still has a long way to go when talking about transformation. The fact that accommodation is still an issue for first year and returning students, this makes students vulnerable to landlords who do not have students best interest at heart, while paying a high amount of rent for an accommodation that might not even have wi-fi. Students are still being financially and academically excluded, because of a system that has been against them all their lives. Students do not feel safe while walking on campus at night because UCT is not a gated campus with no way of ensuring their safety. All of this shows that there is still a need for conversation with all stake holders of this institution. These are reasons I saw a need to run for SRC.

In my term of office, I will tackle.

Accommodation

First year students should not experience not being a part of residence culture, or the fear of not knowing where they will live.

Safety and Security

Because UCT is not a gated campus, security should be at north and south stop at night so that students could feel safe. There must be a proper follow up of crimes on our campus.



**MODIEGI
KGOWA**

Candidate 8

As a person who has lived the dilemma of a mental illness myself, going through tremendous pain of sleepless nights, I found it very hard to explain to my lectures why I had to skip my practical so I can fetch my medication, at times it was difficult to concentrate in class or perform to the best of my ability in my studies. Thus it was in this gap and lack of immediate help from supporting structures that I felt the need to serve.

Should I be elected in the SRC I intend to focus on:

1. Creating an environmentally friendly institution for students who are suffering from both physical and mental illness by improving the efficiency of the available supporting structures.
2. Galvanizing a cultural society in the UCT residence system that adheres and quickly responds to the needs of death and suicidal cases with immediate effect throughout the course of the year
3. Promoting a disability welcoming environment that will allow physically disadvantaged student to feel at home within the UCT residence system and around campus.
4. Formulating informative measures that will encourage first year students to easily adapt to the multicultural society of UCT and new modes of learning.

There's nothing new in this mandate the only thing that's been lacking is power to implement these policies and PASMA promises to reclaim that power back to the students.

VOTE MODIEGI KGOWA

Serve, Suffer, Sacrifice

Leadership Experience:

- Active member of PASMA and sub committee
- Former Tugwell hall senior mentor
- Currently secretary general of Eureka mentorship programme
- Active senior mentor of the Eureka mentorship programme
- Extended degree programme mentor for science faculty



THEBE TSILE LONGWE

Candidate 9

Last year, my SRC manifesto focused on bringing back the suspended and interdicted students, financial exclusions; and a focus on the efficiency and accessibility of Student Wellness. My running mates in the EFFSC are committed to championing the challenges in the Student Wellness services, whilst the other two were successful through the #ShackvilleTRC/#BringBackOurCadres protest campaigns we led last year. From the protests last year, it became apparent to me as a black body in the Fees Must Fall movement, that we would not be successful without the involvement of the community; where these issues directly affect the people around us in forgotten towns and townships as a result of the injustices of the past.

My goal is to get the university to engage critically and honestly with the community, in a manner that addresses the inconsistencies and exclusive culture in higher education and training. Here, I plan to work with different stakeholders to provide meaningful academic support and social justice programmes in the communities around us by implementing programmes within the community and schools; including access to application forms in an attempt to obliterate the distance between university and society at large, particularly disadvantaged communities. I hope to embark on this journey with the assistance and rigorous engagements with students. I also plan on working with different structures like the RTT to tackle the inconsistencies of the insourcing agreement so that we can foster a strong relationship with workers to form a life devoid of constant disillusionment.

Leadership Experience:

EFFSC Organiser 2016
EFFSC Secretary 2017



SIHLE LONZI

Candidate 10

For many the 1994 'Rainbow Nation' project was one which would be entrusted with the aspirations of the oppressed majority, leaving some despondent by the move. Nevertheless, the moment became the fountainhead to a good 20 years of political degeneration, particularly among the youth.

Over two decades later, the student voice is resurrected. This came at a time where standing up to and challenging power was not fashionable. Across the country, students in university spaces, disillusioned by the deceleration of progress particularly with matters pertaining to institutional culture, worker exploitation, structural and all forms of exclusion, began the process of scrutinising policies and colonial codes of conduct.

UCT accessibility, academic inclusion and support become very important. Understanding the socio-economic challenges that black students face, and the inequality gap between former Model C/private schools and government-township schools, a review of the weight of NBTs, in the admission process, becomes urgent.

With respect to academic appeals, the entire RAC process needs intensive scrutiny. Though students are required to provide accounts of socio-economic experiences, which too becomes problematic as it almost asks the students to relive their traumatic experiences, this year, particularly in the Science Faculty we saw an unfair use of the 'fact-based' system which undervalues student wellness. There also needs to be transparency, as to who sits in these committees and how they are selected into these positions.

When we mass exclude black students, it is not the student who has failed, but the University which has failed the student.

Leadership Experience:

Students for a better Future Ambassadorial Scholar
Co-founder and Chair of RainbowLearning (NPO - tutoring and mentorship program)
Exchange Program in Taunton (UK) – 2014
Head of South African College High School (SACS) – 2015
UCT U20A (Young Guns) Varsity Cup 2016/17



SEABREEZE MADADASI

Candidate 11

Education and Workers

In recognizing that our decolonization agenda is linked with the demand for free and socialist education; and in also recognizing that the workers struggle is integral to the student's struggle, we agitate for an education system and curricula that is free from capitalist propaganda and exclusion but directly intertwined in terms of content and fate with workers struggle for emancipation and advancement of socialist struggle all other sectors of the society at large.

Furthermore, my running for the SRC is due to my positioning at the heart of Shackville and the students vanguard, the Pan African Student Movement of Azania. Ours must be seen as demonstration which speaks greater to the homelessness and alienation of black people at UCT, but rather their systemic positioning in the University. When we speak of financial and academic exclusion; we speak of black students.

The institution and the SRC can no longer piggy back on these movements to bring issues to it all the time. They supposed to work, for us! Instead of students having to go through hell, back and forth to perform their pain before it is agitated for by the SRC, let alone acted on by UCT.

As PASMA we enter the SRC with one aim in mind, to make the structure work!

Vote Seabreeze Madadasi. Vote PASMA
Serve, Suffer, Sacrifice

Leadership Experience:

Entertainment subcomm at Leo Marquard Hall 2015
IEC official at Leo Marquard Hall 2015
Mentor at Leo Marquard Hall 2015
IEC official at Leo Marquard Hall 2015



FEZILE MAPHUTHI

Candidate 12

Fezile Maphuthi, running under the SASCO UCT banner. The SRC is a student body, which amongst its core roles, is the advocating for the support of effective and efficient student support services to reach an end goal of #ACADEMICEXCELLENCE. It is a reality that at UCT the quest to this milestone is limited by the differential access to rights, resources and privileges, it is for this reason that im running specifically under two issues:

1. DISABILITY RIGHTS

UCT is designed for abled bodied students and yet it continues to admit a growing proportion of students with disabilities, which it fails to cater for their immediate needs. Most Jammie's still do not make provision for disable students and the fire alarm system in residences still continues to put the lives of deaf students at risk. I intend to have all Jammies become disability friendly & have vibrating or strobe light fire alarms in residence rooms for deaf students.

2. ACCOMODATION

The reality is that UCT does not have sufficient residence spaces for the number of students it admits. Faced with the current housing crisis, especially those funded by NSFAS and the missing middle, students have to resort to OFF-Campus accommodation, which requires hefty lease fees and deposits, I intend to lobby for the subsidization of these fees, that it becomes policy that every student in need is funded.

Leadership Experience:

Branch Executive Committee Member SASCO UCT
Residence Tutor
Library Assistant (FH)
Academic support Committee 2017 (Forest Hill)



NALEDI MAPONOPONO

Candidate 13

My Name is Naledi Maponopono

I am running for SRC for the year 2017. I believe that I am fully equipped to execute the tasks required of an SRC Member and in so doing champion for student struggles across all classes.

The South African Students Congress is the biggest student organization in Africa and is in character, a multi class organization. As I run under this banner, I will seek to alleviate the inequalities inherent in our institution of learning through championing for progressive policy changes.

It is to say that, we as the South African Students Congress wish to see the University of Cape Town as a home for all, amidst our respective backgrounds. That no student should find themselves feeling lost in their own institution of learning.

The South African Students Congress wishes to open the doors of learning to all South Africans irrespective of race, class or gender. This encompasses fighting policies within the university which seek to challenge transformation of the higher education sector.

Vote for Transformation, Vote Naledi Maponopono for SRC 2017!

Leadership Experience:

South African Students Congress Provincial Executive Committee:
Chairperson
Member of Language Policy Committee UCT (2014)
ANCYL-UCT Secretary (2014)
Faculty of Humanities Orientation Leader (2012)
African Languages Department Teaching Assistant (2012)



LETHABO MAUNYE

Candidate 14

There is no greater honour than serving, and I would like to serve you as a member of this institution's Students Representative Council. If elected to the SRC, I will commit myself to seeing an SRC that serves all students to the best of its capabilities. I will also advocate for the fair treatment of marginalised students and minority student groups. I would also like to take part in changing UCT's exclusionary culture to provide the best learning environment for all students.

Aluta Continua

Leadership Experience:

Hoërskool Sybrand van Niekerk Representative Council of Learners
Inkanyezi Hish schools Mentorship programme
Hazyview Assemblies of God Youth Committee Deputy Secretary
Hazyview Football Club Captain
Leo Marquard Hall Football Captain



NALEDI MBABA

Candidate 15

In the quest for the realization of free decolonial education we have come across many hurdles. Some hurdles being of a political nature and some being organizational. In my attempt to make a meaningful contribution to the struggle of fees must fall and ultimately black liberation I have chosen to run for SRC, and I hope this move can mitigate the impeding effects that these hurdles have had on the movement on a more localized level. Some may consider this move to be dubious and it is one that required a lot of thought given the recent critiques of the SRC as a body in recent years. But what motivates my running is the idea of being a tool that gives the average black UCT student some form of an institutional voice.

I hope to do more work in addressing institutional issues to do with the UCT's apathy about the prevalence and extreme perpetuation of patriarchy. I have experience in the field of addressing these kinds of issues and have participated in the organization of campaigns and protests that speak directly to this struggle, but it had always been outside of the university's bureaucratic structures. I am hoping that a move into the SRC will make my contribution to the political work and ground work of elidabi (this struggle) more meaningful given the access to resources that I will have.

Campus is meant to be a safe conducive learning space and the prevalence of patriarchy impedes on this!

Leadership Experience:

- Social media co-ordinator for #ShackvilleTRC
- Member of the UCT Chapter 212 Campaign against rape culture (2017)
- Member of the Gugulethu Comprehensive High School tutoring programme due to start 2017
- Treasurer of EFFSC UCT (2017)
- Member of the Rapid Response Task Team (2017)



THANDANI MLAMBO

Candidate 16

Academics:

- 2012 – BSc: Biochemistry and Human Physiology
- Current - 5th year Medical Student

I was trusted by students to serve them on the SRC in 2014 and again today I stand to reclaim that trust. We have at most 6 months to serve and meet the needs of the students therefore people with experience and knowledge need to be elected to do so. I have both. We have 3 internal and systemic issues that I promise to continue fighting for. The first is Financial Exclusion and I believe in this our third year of fighting for this noble cause, we perhaps need to re-think our strategy and tactic. The second is the inadequacies of the Residence and Accommodation system at UCT. We cannot continue to allow students to be left vulnerable due to UCT's failure to provide adequate, appropriate and affordable on and off campus accommodation. Finally, the International students, who continue to face obstacles compounded by lack of adequate support. Whether it be late acceptance letters that hamper the acquisition of study permits or the exorbitant cumulative charges that they have to bare, to be able to study here.

These elections come at a time I believe, tried, tested and steadfast leadership is needed. I am that Leader.

Vote Candidate #16
Vote SASCO

Leadership Experience:

- 2010/11 Kopano House Committee
- 2014/15 SRC Treasurer General
- 2016/17 OBZ Square Senior Subwarden
- 2017 SASCO Branch Executive Committee Member
- 2017 SHAWCO Women's Clinic Committee Member



**MASIXOLE
MLANDU**

Candidate 17

In the wake of 2015 student protest we saw for the first time student activism being birthed in the corridors of the universities throughout the country. At the centre of this awakening process, was institutional critic of how universities are organized and how they continue to perpetuate the systematic exclusion of black people in this country. Therefore the struggle of students is an integral part of the national liberation of the African people across the world. In wake of Rhodes Must Fall (now Shackville TRC) we saw students taking out to the streets to mobilize, educate and strive towards a decolonized society. Upon our realisation and the success we have made, we still need to go a long way in converting our gains to tangible results. Hence I saw it fit to run for the SRC because we been operating outside of the margins of institutional power.

Should we make it to office, these are some of the issues that we are going to tackle.

- No academically eligible student will be financially excluded on the basis of financial status.
- Good faith implementation of the Shackville TRC Agreement
 - The curriculum must reflect the aspiration of the African continent towards a decolonial society
- Increasing the capacity of student wellness, particularly in the number black psychologists.

As problematic as the SRC structure has proven to be, whatever limited bureaucratic power it has must be reclaimed to work for the students!

Vote Masixole Mlandu
Serve, Suffer, Sacrifice



**MINENHLE
MNGADI**

Candidate 18

The issue of free education is one of paramount importance amongst issues addressed by students in South Africa and it would be fitting that it be given absolute attention now.

#FeesWillFall.

One key driver to the economy is the promotion and establishment of small businesses, in office I will ensure that entrepreneurship is promoted in the institution so that we cannot only empower students academically but also entrepreneurially so that they may be independent individuals.

With the gradual increase in number of students enrolled at the institution annually it is of paramount importance that they come to an institution that is more transparent with its systems and more effective with the residence placing system for all senior and first year students, as we had a crisis earlier this year. If elected as a member of the SRC I will ensure that the student residence system is more effective in allocating and placing all student into residence.

Thank you for reading.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” M.L King Jr

Leadership Experience:

A member of the International Inspirations team of South Africa
Head Prefect at Ferndale Combined School for 2015
Founder and head tutor of MNGADI MATHS ACADEMY



**KHULULWA
MTHI**

Candidate 19

We note that the Shackville crisis was further exacerbated by the fact that children of the poor working class. For 2017, we managed to avert this through our role in the Rapid Response Task Team. However, we still saw many not having secure accommodation in time of the commencement of their academic year.

De-gendering of residence

The university still fails to appreciate the differences and prefers to rather classify people in boxes of gender, sex and sexuality. In light of the above, we call upon the university to establish more co-ed residences and/or present people with the opportunity to choose the residence of their choice based on their particular identification.

A sustained pad and tampon drive

Furthermore, I would like to implement a sustainable pad and tampon towel drive that will be an official part SRC structure as opposed to an ad hoc drive.

Rape culture in residences

As the pan Africanist student vanguard we stand with the call that has been made by various student movements, the university must respond with the same energy to sexual violence as it does to student protests. A first point of call in dealing with rape culture would be establishing sustained dialogues within residences so we can begin the process of learning and unlearning the firmly entrenched sexist, patriarchal, cis-heteronormative norms. Furthermore, as Pasma, we are of the view that any rape accused person must be removed from campus up until the case been finished.

**Vote Pasma, Vote Khululwa Mthi
Serve, Suffer, Sacrifice**

Leadership Experience:

Deputy Secretary of UCT Pasma (2015)
Chairperson of UCT Pasma (2016)



**OLWETHU
MZAYIFANI**

Candidate 20

Students of UCT unite, you have nothing to lose but your fees!!!

- Fees have not fallen yet, hence financial exclusion exists (FeesMustFall)
 - No to academic exclusion
 - No to financial Exclusion
- Worker struggle is integral part of student struggle
 - Accommodation for all
- Graduation for all eligible regardless of pending fees
 - Away with Afro-phobia
 - Away with institutional racism
 - One student, One laptop

“True leadership demands complete subjugation of self, absolute honesty, integrity and uprightness of character – courage and fearlessness – and above all, a consuming love for one’s people.” Robert Sobukwe

**Vote Olwethu Mzayifani
Vote Pasma
Serve, Suffer, Sacrifice**

Leadership Experience:

Orientation Leader 2017
Subcomm Culture Rep of Forest Hill 2017
Captain of Mfuleni boxing academy
Inter-Township Boxing SA Secretary general
Fees Must Fall Leader



**LUKHANYISO
MZIMELA**

Candidate 21

When I think of the SRC the first thing that comes to me is how they are aiding the transformation of the campus? How are they making sure that those that are marginalised are being catered for? This is what intrigues me and this is what I want to change.

Academic

There is a status quo set by the bigger universities in South Africa. They accept students from far and disadvantaged areas where they throw them into the great walls within universities where they feel marginalised entirely which leads to their academic exclusion. My aim is to have a space where UCT can accommodate for these people and not just use their numbers to satisfy the quota. Education is about uplifting people and not robbing them of their self-worth.

Transformation

During the protests last year there were cries for Decolonised education I resonate with that deeply. The UCT curriculum needs to add more decolonised educational resources. I want to challenge them to look into such measures. If we want to be coined best in Africa we must be champions for Africans.

Health

I'm a firm believer that balance in life is key as such I'm also in a mission to try and revamp the UCT gym. We have facilities that are in need of upgrades more over that we have internal leagues that are filled with students taking initiative to try and improve body health however, infrastructure within UCT does not meet them halfway.

Leadership Experience:

Kopano Sports Sub-Committee 2017

Kopano Football Coach 2017

Mathematics 1110H Class Rep 2016

FYE Mentor 2017

Crawford College Executive Member 2015



**PHAKAMANI
NTENTEMA**

Candidate 22

Under the banner of the Pan Africanist Student Movement of Azania, I pledge to strive, suffer and sacrifice for the following:

Protection of Student Activists

It cannot be the case that in such a politically contested space, student activist who bring legitimate issues with students' interests at heart are brutally dealt with by private security and police and are subjected to being criminalized by the university.

Many are suffering from PTSD as a result of being dealt with in this violent manner for the past two years. We hope to draw lessons from this. And we hope that the atrocities committed by this institution to its students in the maintaining good order will be exposed by the Shackville TRC.

We hope to bring to life Shackville TRC as a focal point in which students of the suffering masses can have a voice to speak truth to power!

I call for a no intimidation policy, which one, restricts UCT from engaging with unaccountable, private security in protest action, and two, establish a multi-stake holder – outside of currently existing bureaucratic structures – to deal with protest issues in an expedited manner, and also taking into account the psychological state and institutional conditions that these student activists have to rally under.

And as a stepping stone to the above, good faith implementation of the Agreement and Shackville TRC as enshrined by it.

Vote for PASMA, Vote for Phakamani
Serve, Suffer and Sacrifice



SIYABONGA NTOMBELA

Candidate 23

My name is Siyabonga Bandile Ntombela, a B. Soc Sci in Public Policy & Administration and Gender Studies student from Umlazi, KwaZulu-Natal. I am a member and advocate for LGBTIQ+ Rights.

Advocating for the rights of marginalized students is the core of my campaign. This is not a foreign concept or campaign for me as I have been heavily involved with challenging the status quo radically especially in our residences. When I first came to UCT, the first experience I have of it is one that is exclusionary not only on an academic and financial basis but in residence as well.

There are dominant voices which seek to discard, eliminate and invalidate certain bodies in the residences. This is supported by a residence system which does not take into consideration our diversity and the need to ensure that all voices are heard and well accommodated. It also speaks into the institutions way of dealing with cases of hate crime and assault which we continue to experience till this day. Although UCT has evolved from my first year, much still needs to be done and it can only be done through advocacy and within the structures of the institution.

I plan to advocate not only for these rights but for assistance accommodation for students on financial aid and the missing middle. I plan to also assist in raising funds for financially excluded through various initiatives such as breakfasts and gala dinners.

Leadership Experience:

1. SASCO UCT Branch Chairperson
2. Deputy Chairperson of Societies Council
3. UCT Institutional Forum Member
4. Injabulo Anti-Bullying Project Facilitator (2015)



LINDOKUHLE PATIWE

Candidate 24

The university of Cape Town 21 years after democracy is still an anti-black university. Black students are put in inhumane transit areas in the start of the year.

There must be no student that stays in inhumane transit areas. Study rooms are just that, study rooms, and not places for people to live in. There should be a complete review of the patriarchal residence culture. The university must do away with gendered residences. There should be no gendered toilets on any part of the campus.

The university must provide all the necessary software that is needed by disabled students for their PC's free of charge.

There should be a 24 hour lab for disabled students. The disability unit must be moved from 4th floor of Steve Biko building to a much more accessible area on campus.

There university must decolonise the campus. All colonial symbols must be removed, together with all the buildings names that are symbols of oppression. The process to decolonise the curricular must be fast tracked so as to have a curriculum that represent an African University that is committed to solving the problems of the continent.

There shall be no students that is financially excluded. All African students must be treated the same way that South African students are treated in terms of fees.

**Vote Lindokuhle Patiwe, Vote PASMA
Serve, Suffer, Sacrifice**

Leadership Experience:

- Founding BEC member of UCT PASMA as Commissar for Media and Archives, 2015.
- BEC member of the BEC of UCT PASMA as deputy branch secretary.
- Worked for three years as the Outreach officer at Ikamva Labantwana Bethu.
- Currently serving as a member of the Provincial convening committee of the Pan Africanist Youth Congress (PAYCO) in the Western Cape.



NSOVO SHANDLALE

Candidate 25

For whom is the space? For whom is this place? Who gets the full varsity experience and who doesn't?

Everyday many marginalised students die a death we do not speak enough about, a social death. The university organisational cultures and structures are still for the privileged, be it by race, gender, class, health and demography. More often than not, the solutions the institution tries to implement to remedy its ills are lacklustre, disingenuous and self-serving.

In my run for SRC my aims are simple:

- I would like to start with inter-faculty auxiliary and redress programmes. Although most faculties have these in place, their impact, pragmatism and legitimacy often come into question. Mine would be to establish faculty specific operational efficiency reflective procedures. This is to ensure that the programmes are not stagnant and cater to the ever changing needs of students.
- Robust interrogation into residence organisational culture, policies and procedures. The focus here is to mitigate against the housing crisis the institution has found itself at consecutively for the past two years.
- Ensure the operationalisation of Afrocentrism within the institution starting with the interrogation of the admissions policy regarding international student and lobbying for the eradication of the international student fee charge for Africans.
- Working with all the structures, movements and systems in place towards the goal of a free decolonised afrocentric education for all.

The space is for all of us.

Leadership Experience:

Deputy Headboy 2013- 2014
 Deputy Chairperson of District Committee 2014
 Rotary Provincial Ambassador 2014
 College House Residence House Committee 2016
 EFFSC UCT: Head Organizer 2017



SINAWO THAMBO

Candidate 26

In the past two years we have witnessed an intensified interrogation of the higher education sector, with regards to access, representation, and the structural nature of institutions.

In my run for the SRC I aim to ensure efficient, transparent and accountable student governance.

My primary aims are:

- An interrogation of the exclusion of black students. To develop support systems that centre those who are always on the brunt of exclusion before, during and post their tenure as students.
- The importance of black academics. This is in relation particularly to access to post-graduate studies for black students as this is the pathway to an academic career and more often than not postgraduate degrees are difficult to attain due to lack of funding and accommodation.
- A review of the disciplinary structures at the University of Cape Town. This speaks particularly to the disproportionate levels of punishment, and urgency to different cases. How student protesters are prejudiced by student tribunals and speedy and punitive measures are taken, yet cases such as rape and robbery receive far more lenient attention. I will link this generally to my work as part of the Steering Committee in the IRTC.
- A rapid review of the signs and symbols. This seeks to build awareness on the campus about our history, what it entails and its effects.

The building of a campus that understands our socio-economic context as a country will lead amicable solutions being reached. This is the type of SRC we ought to have.

Leadership Experience:

Chairperson EFF Students Command (2017)
 Class Rep DOH1009 (2015)
 Steering Committee Member for IRTC (Institutional Reconciliation and Transformation Committee). (2017)
 Rapid Response Task Team Member (2016/2017).
 Debating Captain (2014, High School)



SEIPATI TSHABALALA

Candidate 27

As a student and an employee of UCT, I have had the opportunity to both implement the policies that run this institution and experience their effects. As such I have knowledge of the various positive and negative factors that influence our mental and overall well-being during our studies or durations of employment at UCT.

Thus I am running for SRC 2017 to champion some much needed change in the following environments.

- Revamping our Student Wellness Service to make it more adequately staffed and resourced to aid all of UCT's 27000 student body.
 - The psychology wing of Student Wellness needs to be more representative of the racial demographics of the student body (i.e. We need more black psychologists and psychiatrists).
 - Student Wellness Service's must be free for ALL students.
 - The Disability Service needs to be more adequately staffed and resourced to cater to the needs of students.

In our Residences:

- Student Housing: We need a new comprehensive class discrimination policy that will prioritize students who cannot afford private accommodation.
 - De-Gendering of all residences.
 - Creating a safer residence environment which prevents the perpetuation of rape culture in our institution.
 - New condoms are to be distributed across our residences and throughout our campuses which make safe sex more appealing to the student body.

Finally

The continued lack of racial representation in our academic staff is problematic to say the least. UCT needs to commit to hiring more black academics to lecture us in our classrooms, to head departments and to conduct research projects.

Leadership Experience:

- Deputy Chairperson of Economic Freedom Fighters Student Command of UCT 2017
- Head & Disciplinary Committee Sub-Warden 2015
- Student Front Desk Assistant 2014
- Mentor 2014-2015
- Vacation Assistant June - July 2014

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12h00 - 14h00 ; 25 April (Tuesday)
12h00 - 14h00 ; 26 April (Wednesday)

Seminar Room

Middle Campus

12h00 - 14h00 ; Monday and Tuesday

Kramer Quad

Health Science

12h00 - 14h00 ; 25 April (Tuesday)
12h00 - 14h00 ; 26 April (Wednesday)

Francis Ames

Lower Campus

09h00 - 20h00 ; 24 - 26 April (Monday -
Wednesday)

09h00 - 20h00 ; 28 April (Friday)

Friggo

Upper Campus

09h00 - 16h00 ; 24 - 26 April (Monday -
Wednesday)

09h00 - 16h00 ; 28 April (Friday)

Leslie Social DSA Meeting Room

Steve Biko DSA Meeting Room

Molly Blackburn Hall

VOTING WEEK

24 APRIL - 28 APRIL

