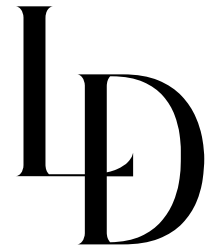


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Throughout my tenure here at Wits, I have identified key areas for improvement and am committed to fostering a more dynamic and supportive environment. My personal experiences have given me a unique perspective on our challenges and opportunities, driving my commitment to being part of the solution.

I aspire to represent my peers through the SRC, ensuring that everyone's ideas and concerns are addressed. A pressing issue I intend to tackle is food insecurity among students. It is unacceptable for any student to worry about their next meal while facing academic demands. If elected, I will work to amplify the voices of those affected and advocate for partnerships with local businesses to support our food bank and outreach programs.

Accommodation issues are another significant concern. Many students struggle with securing suitable housing at the beginning of the year, which can add unnecessary stress to their academic experience. I will advocate for better support systems and resources to help students navigate housing challenges more effectively.

Mental health is also critical. The pressures of academic life can be overwhelming, so it's essential to prioritize mental well-being. I will enhance access to counseling services, promote peer support networks, and reduce stigma around mental health through open dialogue and workshops.

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To ease socio-economic pressures, I propose creating on-campus employment opportunities. By offering positions in campus cafes, stores, and internships across various university departments, we can support students financially while providing valuable work experience. Similar programs at universities abroad have proven successful and could greatly benefit our community.

Financial exclusion is another pressing issue. Students facing financial difficulties often struggle with basic needs and academic resources. I am committed to advocating for increased financial support and resources to ensure that no student is left behind due to economic barriers.

As an independent candidate, my commitment is entirely to representing the interests of students. My goal is to advocate for students' needs without being influenced by any affiliations. Running for the SRC is my way of giving back to an institution that has given me so much. I am excited about the opportunity to make a lasting impact.

As Chinua Achebe said, "One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised." I pledge to uphold this integrity in all my actions as your representative.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "L. Dlwathi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'L'.

Lubabalo Dlwathi