

Be part of the movement 2021 UNISA SRC ELECTION MANIFESTO THE TIME TO TAKE ON THE WORLD IS EVER THE PRESENT

VISION

As ABASA SC UNISA we are aimed at growing a strong sense of student rights emphasis to a better and suitably designed education, which ultimately translates to students being empowered into reaching their full potential and individually transformed to be the best they can be.

MISSION

To be a mediate between the mass of students and the university and to attempt to create an environment where both can coexist without compromise and prejudice.

BACKGROUND

In 1985, The ABASA Mother board was incorporated. 35 years later, a group of young leaders from most of the national regions carry on student chapters of the Advancement of Black Accountants in Southern Africa, ensuring that it bridges the information gap in the industry, with the primary objective being a facilitator to encourage the entry of black students into the field, and aiming to promote both academic and professional excellence.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

ABASA is not only focused on the accounting students but the name came into being as it was upheld by such students. As a student governing body the ABASA SC would be primarily aimed to integrate and navigate throughout the colleges present within UNISA academics, our aim will also be to attract various industries and stakeholders to join in bridging the gaps in all spheres of education and beyond educational facilities of learning but into the real working world. As ABASA we pride ourselves to bring about a change in the education system implemented by the institution into a well-rounded system where emphasis is placed not only on students' abilities to pass, but on building valuable resources into students who are initiative and innovative in their respective spheres of study... As we are all aware, we live in a digital world, where the 4IR has taken over the world, which basically translates that every individual needs to be equipped to well fit into the revolution by being technologically savvy. It is no secret that South African students are dissatisfied with the current educational system, and so we believe fresh and young blood who has worn those shoes are more likely to succeed in making about a change. We believe that if we could join forces and work together, we can achieve more, not only as the university and its students but as a nation. Our vision is beyond just what meets the eye but as deeper as building future leaders who play a huge role in making a success a norm by ploughing back. We have a stream of ideas on how we can work with UNISA in ensuring that we see success in the implementation of fully online learning; one of which would for example be to implement and monitor digital learning platforms. We still have a long way to go but as ABASA we believe we can make it work eventually.



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Problems to be solved by ABASA

- 1. Data access to all student every month.
- 2. Fight for extended library operating hours in the eastern region.
- 3. Insure that library in the region are fully stocked with textbook and functioning computers.
- 4. Advocate for the decentralisation of functions for the UNISA to give regional centres more power.
- 5. To engage the University on the sustainable plan for distribution of living and accommodation allowances for poor student.
- 6. Open space for academic societies to insure proper function of student parliament in the region.
- 7. Lobbying the University to open a pilot office in Queenstown to service Queenstown and related areas.
- 8. To negotiate with the university find ways to promote student sport.
- 9. To fight for mass employment of tutors/module assistance in the region.
- 10. Organise career expo to student to meet with potential employers and also interact with them.
- 11. To fight for an increment of book allowance.
- 12. Fight for the new furniture as the current furniture is redundant and very dangerous to student in the Eastern Cape Region.
- 13. Fight against poor administrative services in the Eastern Cape Region/ UNISA at large.
- 14. Fight for access to computer labs to be opened unlimited/ accessible for unlimited hours to accommodate working class students.
- 15. Study material should reached student on time.
- 16. To invite companies to all colleges to present the opportunities and bursaries they offer.
- 17. Fight against delaying of completing status qualification, this is disadvantaging students to advance their studies.
- 18. Fight for UNISA building to be accessible to all student regardless of gender, race and disabled.
- 19. Fight for use of indigenous languages in this University of Land.
- 20. Fight for Gender-Based Violence.

Focus areas

- 1. Building the University to better for all.
- 2. Fight for all multibillion projects to be implemented e.g. Mthatha project etc.
- 3. Decentralisation of functions.
- 4. Fight against corruption throughout the University and safeguarding the UNISA Brand.
- 5. Safeguarding the integrity and reputation of all colleges more especial (CAS College).
- 6. Lobbying the University to open pilot offices in disadvantage areas e.g. rural areas etc. To support for applications and registration.
- 7. Fighting for applications to be swiftly processed.



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- 8. Fight for walk-in's applications to be opened.
- 9. Fight for health facilities to be implemented in all UNISA Campus.
- 10. Fight Research workshops throughout the year.
- 11. Supervisors for each college not for one supervisors for the hole centre.
- 12. Fight for One student one laptop to be implemented this current academic year.

CONCLUSION

We are under no illusions of the difficulties and obstacles we will encounter along the road to a better future for all UINISA Students.

Throughout this Manifesto we have emphasised that ours is a plan about you, UNISA Students, regardless of black and white, young and old and rural. We strongly believe that the achievable plan set out in this Manifesto is in accord with the needs and aspirations of the Eastern Cape UNISA Students and the goodwill of the progressive UNISA Students at large. You have helped us develop this Manifesto. We must work together to effectively implement it. Let's build our University together.

Be Part of the Movement!!!!