

DASO UNISA has identified the following issues to garner support for the organization. The main four identified issues are **Safety, Study Finance, Academic Exclusions**. These issues affect all students and will be able to maximize DASO UNISA's campaign reach and impact.

Safety

Safety remains a huge concern for UNISA Students. GBV and petty crime are often on students' minds, both of which can have a huge effect on the mental and physical health of students. This campaign issue has historically been one of DASO's most successful campaign points as it is an issue that crosses racial, gender, economic and cultural boundaries.

A DASO UNISA SRC would:

- Create a neighbourhood watch, in conjunction with various student structures, to work with SAPS on various campuses to report crime to the nearest police station.
- Ensure sufficient lighting in and around campuses.
- Improve the relationship between the SRC and campus security.
- Ensure that guards are forced to wear name badges to ensure accountability.

DASO UNISA will campaign for this issue by:

- Running ads on Facebook and Instagram detailing DASO's safety plan.
- Creating an outline of a turnstile using fairy lights on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday preceding the elections.
- SMS's to be sent out to students detailing DASO's safety plan.
- A video to be released detailing DASO's safety plan.

Academic Exclusion

The shift to a completely online system had a negative impact on the academics of many students. Lack of data, lack of access to study materials and working environments that are not conducive for studying are but a few of the issue's students faced in the 2018 - 2021 academic year.

A DASO UNISA SRC would:

- Advocate for there to be no academic exclusions for the 2020 academic year.
- All students should be readmitted for the 2021 academic year.

DASO UNISA will campaign for this issue by:

- Running ads on Facebook and Instagram detailing DASO's academic exclusion plan.
- Running an online petition to garner support and canvas students.
- SMS's to be sent out to students detailing DASO's academic exclusion plan.
- A video to be released detailing DASO's academic exclusion plan.

Study Finance

Covid-19 impacted many families financially. As a result, many students will struggle to pay fees for the 2021 academic year. This is an extremely emotive issue as one that has the potential to garner massive support for DASO UNISA.

A DASO UNISA SRC would:

- Call upon the University to provide a waiver of registration fees for students who can prove that their family's income was negatively affected by Covid-19.
- Raise funds for the SRC Study Finance Fund

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MANIFESTO

CREATE A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR LGBTIQ+

DASO will work closely with the relevant stakeholders to ensure a secure, safe and open learning environment for the LGBTIQ+ community. **DASO will:** Lobby the University to recognise students who have undergone gender transition surgery. Students should be allowed to gain access to exam rooms after they have undergone the change.

DASO will continuously advocate for a learning environment that is free from discrimination and prejudice.

FIX NSFAS

Every year students face many difficulties relating to NSFAS. DASO will work closely with the relevant structures to fast-track issues relating to NSFAS. Students should not be excluded unfairly.

ACCESS TO STUDY MATERIALS

All students should have adequate access to study materials so that they can complete their studies successfully.

DASO will lobby for: The University to create a system where student material is delivered within 14 days after registration has been confirmed. Additional over the counter services should be built as students have benefited in regions where additional over the counter services were introduced.

More videos or podcasts from lecturers explaining the contents of the study material.

SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR STUDENTS

DASO will lobby to: Improve availability of tutors and tutorial classes to cater to the needs of the students. Create a mentorship programme on a regional level. DASO will lobby for the University to supply international students with letters confirming registration addressed directly to Home Affairs.

SAFETY FOR ALL

Ensuring a safe and secure learning environment is important in mitigating the potential effects of crime on students. **DASO will work closely with the University to improve the reaction and response of security on campus**