

**SASCO WANGA
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2025/26

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PREAMBLE

TRUE LEADERSHIP IS NOT ABOUT TITLES OR POPULARITY, IT IS ABOUT SERVICE AND SASCO STANDS UNWAVERING AS THE SERVANT, DEFENDER, AND VOICE OF EVERY STUDENT.

The South African Student Congress is the biggest student movement in Africa underpinned by principles of Democracy, Non-Racialism, Non-Sexism, African Leadership, Working Class Leadership and Academic Excellence. We remain the only student vanguard committed to the advancement of transformation in institutions of higher learning and has over the years positioned as the only legitimate voice and defender of students across South Africa.

In the 2024/25 student governance cycle, SASCO has demonstrated a capacity of unimpeachable leadership which has committed itself to leading the students of UWC with leadership of high calibre and ensuring that the student voice never goes unheard or fall on deaf ears. The SASCO-led SRC has risen to the demand of the UWC student population and ensured that the academic, social, as well as the living and learning wellbeing of students is well taken care of and made progressive means to ensure that no student is left behind.

SASCO led SRC re launched the Ikamva Lethu Fund and ensured that the children of the poor and working-class benefit in it through financial aid, nutrition and academic support. The SASCO led SRC further catered for the social student wellbeing by hosting the Ama2K Social Invasion Bash, which was overwhelmingly supported by the students of UWC, and at the same time made a positive means as the proceeds of the Bash were donated to the Ikamva Lethu Fund.

With this Manifesto, SASCO re commits itself to the student struggle, and vows to continue from where it left in being the only legitimate mouthpiece of the UWC student population. We seek re election to the SRC not to demonstrate popularity, but rather to demonstrate our commitment to the student populace and our intention to ensure that no student of the University of the Western Cape is allowed to struggle under the leadership.



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- ✓ Allowances for NSFAS and secured bursaries like Fundza Lushaka must be consistent and be on a set date.
 - Free universal healthcare for all students now.
- ✓ Easy access to free sanitary pads on campus and residences for all female students.
- ✓ CCTVs must be present in all public spaces of residences for safety.
- ✓ Revive Mr and Mrs Fresher's Ball, pageants and talent shows.
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2024 MANIFESTO CHECKLIST

- ✓ The library must be open 24/7 and borrowing times must be extended.
 - Sufficient course material must be provided for.
 - Physical registration must be discontinued, and walk-ins must be allowed.
- ✓ More security presence must be implemented in private accommodations.
 - Compliance officers must be appointed to ensure private accommodation adhere to the student liveable standard.
 - Deposit fees for off campus residences must be scrapped.
 - Registration fees must be scrapped.
- ✓ The Ikamva Lethu Fund must be restored for convocants and donors to donate to clearing historic debts of students.

- ✓ Formalize and give sufficient support to res league and its sporting codes.
 - 100% Upfront fees for international students must be scrapped.
- ✓ Residence and recreation must be accessible for differently abled persons.
- ✓ Ikamva Lethu funding must be revived, and gardening programs must be implemented to ensure food security.





THE STUDENT'S MANIFESTO




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This manifesto is a bold commitment to building a student-centered UWC where no learner is left behind. It is a vision of accessible academics, safe and affordable accommodation, financial justice, and meaningful support that addresses the real struggles of students daily. It champions decolonised learning, free healthcare and sanitary access, proper housing, food security, and fair funding, while prioritising safety, inclusivity, and accountability. It promises vibrant student life through sports, recreation, entrepreneurship, and cultural activities, and ensures that differently abled and international students are not sidelined but fully integrated. A SASCO-led SRC stands as a stubborn, unapologetic voice for students—fighting for fairness, dignity, and opportunity in every sphere of university life, and ensuring that governance remains transparent, accountable, and truly representative of the students it serves.



1. ACADEMICS


- **·Academic Resources-** SASCO is committed to ensuring that all students have access to all course materials regardless of whether they have financial means to do and will do this by investing in prescribed textbooks and course material and donating them to the library.
 - **·Library Access-** Ensure that the 24-hour Library is not only limited to Exam Season but is adopted as a whole year policy.
 - **· Curriculum and Research-** Advocate for a decolonised curriculum and research space whose academic output speaks to the problems of the community and caters for the needs of society.
 - **· Walk ins-** Allow learners who did not apply for studies in 2026 to be allowed to walk in for programs that have space given that some learners do not have the resources to apply.
 - **·Physical Registration-** Scrap physical registration and facilitate online registration across all faculties.
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2. ACCOMMODATION


- **More housing for UWC students! - 5000 additional bedspaces have been procured for the 2026 academic year through the persistent work of the SASCO-led SRC. A SASCO-led SRC will continue being stubborn towards advocating for the procurement of more university leased agreements especially within the working distance of the institution. We will ensure more bed spaces are secured through financial models that shall be risk-free unto the university.**
 - **Safety in Private Accommodation - Increase security presence through personnel and patrol cars in every private accommodation, particularly within the vicinity of Solaris, Haasendal and various areas of Belville and Belhar vicinity accounted for as accredited accommodations.**
 - **Compliance Officers - Ensure that private accommodations inspection continues through a Compliance Officer with a strict policy on requirements of standard private accommodations.**
 - **Fumigation and Pest Control - Ensure that there is regular and a standardized fumigation and Pest control system for both on campus residences and private accommodations.**
 - **Continuous Maintenance - Ensure that infrastructure in residences and private accommodations is adequately taken care of and maintained, by improving communication between residence committees and cluster coordinators, and ensuring that the refurbishment plan of university residences is implemented.**
 - **Water and Sanitation - Ensure that hygiene is promoted on campus, in residences and private accommodations, ensuring that there are enough cleaners to cater for the residences. A SASCO-led SRC will also ensure that there is clean running water at residences, especially Unibell which until date has no proper clean running water from taps.**
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- **Refurbishment- University owned residence need thorough refurbishments as has started with Cassinga. UWC has not refurbished for the past 40 years. A clear plan needs to be established.**
 - **Equal fees for all UWC residences - UWC should standardise residence prices and ensure they all have necessary commodities and appliances provided to students including fridges, microwaves etc.**
 - **Wi-Fi- Ensure that all residences Wi-Fi connectivity is maintained and secure throughout the year. Extend the Wi-Fi capacity for Unibell residence to be able to provide connectivity according to the number of students accommodated at each residence.**
 - **Deposit fees- Deposit fee should be scrapped for all UWC accredited student accommodation, as in line with DHET regulations and to make access to quality accommodation easier for students.**
 - **Shuttle Services- Expand shuttle routes to cover more areas with emerging presence of shuttle services, and advocate for more frequent shuttles in line with the times which most students frequent going and coming back from campus.**
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3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- **Elimination of registration fees now! – SASCO will continue to advocate stubbornly for the elimination of registration fees, as this is a barrier to education for many students.**
 - **Fundraising- Fundraise with UWC Convocation and potential donors to pay historic debts and fund students in need through the SASCO led relaunched Ikamva Lethu Fund.**
 - **Historic Debts- Ensure that no student is precluded from registering because of**
 - **historic debts and continue to reject the anti-poor 30% upfront stance that the University attempts to take during registration period.**
 - **Allowances- Ensure that the standardized allowance distribution on the 25th of every month continues as demonstrated under the 2024/25 SASCO led SRC.**
 - **Funding for postgraduate degrees- Ensure access to funding for postgraduate students who did their undergraduates at UWC and insource funding for the university's postgraduate programs, through the NEW NSFAS LOAN PROGRAMME which is set to absorb first time entering postgraduates which were previously funded by the NSFAS bursary during their undergraduate degree , which is in line with the aspirations of the IOP, which is currently being drafted for 2026-2030**
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4. STUDENT AND SAFETY

- • **Free healthcare service access to every student - Eliminate the barriers to free healthcare by ensuring that each and every UWC student is entitled to at least one free consultation and healthcare access per semester, and full access to emergency healthcare. This will ensure that every student receives adequate medical attention when needed.**
 - • **Expand Sanitary pads access – A SASCO-led SRC has successfully implemented an ‘End Period Poverty Campaign’, through the installation of 14 pad dispensers around campus, in collaboration with Clicks. Through the SASCO-led SRC, more pad dispensers will be installed as a full implementation project and increase the number of pad dispensers on campus.**
 - • **Health and safety talks – Continue ensuring that a SASCO-led SRD consolidates a Res Imbizo every semester, with all on and off campus residences as a platform to engage with various stakeholders that are responsible for the safety and security concerns of the student populace.**
 - • **CCTVs in public spaces of residences for safety – Ensure that the institution invests in CCTV cameras in strategic areas around the residence where safety and security issues occur and where it is blind spots for security patrol.**
 - • **Availability of HIV Counsellors five days a week – Extend the availability of HIV counsellors to address sexual assault cases and accidental exposure to STI/STDs (Mental Health) at no cost to the student.**
 - • **Universal access to self-defence classes – Provide free and regular self-defence and training classes to the campus community.**
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5. SPORTS AND RECREATION


- **Entertainment – Continue the Mr and Miss UWC Diversity, and ensure that there is a Talent shows with National and Local Artists.**
 - **Funding for different sport codes – Continue too ensure that there is proportional funding made available to all sporting codes on campus to access critical resources to participate in sporting related activities and eliminate marginalization of certain codes.**
 - **Enhancing student experience through entertainment events – Improve student experience through initiating campus entertainments and activations as demonstrated by the 2024/25 SASCO led SRC which hosted activations with international artists and the much acclaimed the Ama 2K Social Invasion Bash.**
- ### **6. International Students**
- **Scrap the requirement to pay full fees upfront – Eliminate the requirement for international students to pay their full tuition fees upfront before the academic year starts.**
 - **Give a mandatory 90-day grace period for students with expired visas – provisions for students with expired visas must be made for 90 days and the exams must be written online.**
 - **International First Year Mentors – Introduce international first year mentors in FYE program to help first year international students in being involved and integrated into the campus community. Furthermore, the SASCO-led SRC will re-introduce the buddy system, whereby an international student pairs up with another student from their country or any other international student**
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7. Student Affairs and Organizations

- **Free data for all students – Advocate for the re-establishment of the program of**
 - **providing all UWC students with free monthly data.**
 - **Easing of permits and barriers to entry for students with interest in entrepreneurships – Promote the existence and funding start-ups of UWC students by easing the regulations to establish businesses on campus.**
 - **Establishment of an online student magazine – Promote the voices and opinions of UWC students by establishing an independently ran magazine for students, by the students, which will officially launch in 2026.**
 - **Accelerate the process of adopting the media society constitution – Ensure the**
 - **constitution for media-related activities is passed in order to promote art and free speech on campus and coordinated operations, by the end of 2026.**
 - **Funding support to uDubs Radio – The SASCO-led SRC will actively work towards sourcing a standardised, consistent and compulsory funding framework for uDubs Radio and its operations, ensuring that it has the capacity and ability to execute on its mandate.**
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8. Differently Abled Persons

- **Access to facilities - Ensure there is increased access to residence and other facilities for persons with disabilities abled through ramps and lifts.**
- **Recreational access – Incorporate activities for students with disabilities**
- **Accessible learning methods – Ensure there is increased access to educational platforms through audio learning materials and braille.**

9. Food Security

- **-Food Packs- Continue with meat packs in SDS food packages and expand output of the program to cover more students to uphold commitment of absolute food security on campus.**
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10. Student Governance and Accountability

- **·Institutionalize Accountability Mechanisms:** A SASCO-led SRC will ensure that that the Student Assembly is properly convened working with the office of SDS: Student Governance and ensure that every SRC portfolio produces quarterly progress reports that are tabled before the Student Assembly and made public to the student body.
 - **·Performance-Based Governance:** Introduce a performance monitoring framework for SRC and sub-council members, ensuring that duties are executed effectively and consequences exist for non-performance.
 - **·Capacity Building for Leaders:** A SASCO-led SRC will roll out student leadership training programmes on governance, accountability, financial management, and conflict resolution to professionalize student leadership. Furthermore, A SASCO-led SRC will ensure that a funding model exists for all sub-councils by 2026.
 - **· Digital Governance Platforms:** Establish online platforms where students can track SRC decisions, submit concerns, and monitor the implementation of resolutions in real time.
 - **· Inclusivity in Governance:** Create space for marginalized student groups (students with disabilities, international students, postgraduates, student workers, etc.) to have structured representation and participation in governance processes.
 - **· Linking Governance to Transformation:** Advocate for a review of university governance structures to ensure student representation in all bodies where decisions affecting students are made.
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- SRC Substructures- Ensure that all SRC substructures are functional, responsive to their respectful constituencies and receive the support from both the SRC and the the different institutional structures they cater for.

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