



Faculty of Health Sciences Students' Council (HSSC)

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Recognition of the Student Curriculum Lekgotla (SCL) as a Specialised Working Group within the HSSC Governance Structure

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Faculty of Health Sciences Students' Council (HSSC), we write to confirm that the Student Curriculum Lekgotla (SCL) operates as a specialised evidence-gathering and curriculum working group within the HSSC's governance mandate.

The SCL was founded in 2024 and functions as a student-staff partnership platform focused on curriculum-related matters within the Faculty of Health Sciences. Its approach draws on dialogic traditions of assembly and deliberation to gather student experience and formulate curriculum-related recommendations, including through its inaugural student-led national symposium on curricula transformation.

The HSSC has identified a need for dedicated capacity to support sustained, evidence-based engagement on curriculum matters, beyond what standing council structures are resourced to provide. The SCL's activities in this regard include:

1. Gathering student experience and evidence regarding curriculum content, delivery, and relevance across the Faculty's programmes;
2. Facilitating dialogue between students and staff on curriculum design;
3. Preparing recommendations intended to inform formal Faculty decision-making on curriculum matters; and
4. Addressing questions of Africanisation and contextual relevance in the health sciences curriculum, including local health systems, histories of medicine, disability justice, and language.

Accordingly, the HSSC confirms that the SCL operates within its mandate as the Council's designated body for curriculum-related evidence gathering and working-group functions. This confirms the SCL's standing to engage Faculty leadership, including the Dean and relevant academic staff, on curriculum governance matters, and that its work is conducted under the oversight of the HSSC.

This letter is co-signed by the HSSC Academic Officer(s) below, confirming the SCL's integration into the Faculty's student governance and curriculum reform processes.

Yours sincerely,

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