



Science Postgraduate Students' Council - Survival Guide 2019

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Welcome message

The Science Postgraduate Students' Council (SPSC) is an annually elected body of postgraduate student. The SPSC council is made of five executive members and two Departmental Representatives from each of the twelve department under the Faculty of Science. The Deputy Dean charged with postgraduate matters is an ex officio member. The Chairperson of the SPSC represents Science Faculty postgraduate students on a number of Faculty and University-wide committees, including the Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC).

Our responsibility is to represent, and communicate, the interests of the science postgraduate students in various committees within the Faculty of Science such as the: Dean Advisory Committee (DAC), Transformation Committee, Science Faculty Teaching and Learning Committee (SFT&LC), etc., where the students' voices needs representation. In addition to this, the council meets regularly, sometimes with the Dean and senior management across the university to discuss matters related to postgraduate studies, and to bring to their notice any challenges the postgraduate students may be experiencing.

The SPSC also organizes various events such as the Postgraduate Orientation, the Welcome Function, Science Postgraduate Showcase, the Annual Science Symposium, and Annual General Meeting (AGM). The symposium provides an atmosphere where science postgraduates students' studying at Masters and PhD level showcase their work through oral and poster presentations – we also do this in collaboration with other universities, e.g. Stellenbosch University. The AGM is where a new council is elected annually by fellow postgraduate students in the Science Faculty for the following academic year. In summary, we are a community and always strive to create opportunities for science postgraduate students to interact through academic and social events.

Our mission, as the SPSC, is to assist you in achieving your professional and academic goal by providing much needed support and organizing a variety of events & engagement throughout the year as mentioned earlier. Our events are usually advertised via Posters, VULA (MYUCT email) and departmental representatives. We are also active on social media (Twitter and Facebook). We encourage you to follow us on social media and to be on the lookout for emails with dates and times of our events for 2019.

We hope that you will also take the opportunity to make use of other resources that are offered outside the Faculty of Science; such as writing workshops organized by the Office for Postgraduate Studies, career advice through the Careers Service Office, funding opportunities through the Postgraduate Funding Office and Research Common Space provided by the University Library (this space is specially dedicated to postgraduate masters and PhD students). We also urge you to participate in various societies within your respective departments and the university at large, in order to ensure that your postgraduate journey is as meaningful and memorable as possible.

We wish you all the best with your courses, research, publications, conferences, and submissions and we would like to congratulate those of you who will be graduating this year. Should you have any queries, personal concerns and/or suggestions on how the council can enhance our visibility on campus do not hesitate to email us on UCTSPSC@GMAIL.COM.

It is a great honour to welcome you all.

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Introduction

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Executive members

The executive of the SPSC for 2018/19 consists of the following people. They commenced their work in November 2018 and their term of office will run until the end of October 2019 when the newly elected council takes over for the 2019/20 term.



Chairperson: Maripa Ledwaba (Dept. of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics)



Deputy-chairperson: Ibiye Dagogo (Dept. of Chemistry)



Treasurer: Sim Dlamini (Dept. of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics)



Public Relation Officer: Bellinda Monyela (Dept. of Oceanography)



General-secretary: Mr Zwido Khangale (Dept. of Astronomy)

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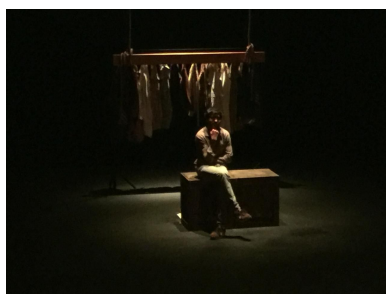
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Social Media and Website

1.  Facebook: SPS Council
2.  Twitter: @SPSCOUNCILUCT
3.  Instagram: SPSC_UCT
4.  Facebook page: UCT Science Postgraduate Students Council
5.  Science Faculty website:
<http://www.science.uct.ac.za/sci/postgrad/current/psa>

SPSC events for 2019

The following are the events planned for this year (2019), if you need more information about any of our events please contact us on uctspsc@gmail.com and we will be delighted to assist you.

Science Postgraduate Orientation Day	Date: 14 February 2019 Time: 8h30-18h00 Venue: Hlanganani Junction (UCT Library)
Welcome Function	Date: 29 March 2019 Time: 16h00-18h00 Venue: John Day Tea Room, Upper campus
Science Career Conversations	Date: 02 April 2019 Time: 17h00-21h00 Venue: RW James & MCB
CV Lab for Science students	Date: 02 may 2019 Time: Venue: John Day Foyer, Upper campus
Science Postgraduate Showcase	Date: 26 July 2019 Time: 09h00-15h00 Venue: Sarah Baartman Memorial Hall,, Upper campus
Annual Postgraduate Science Symposium	Date: 11 September 2019 Time: 08h00-17h00 Venue: Stellenbosch University
Science Soccer Tournament	Date: September 2019 Time: TBC Venue: TBC
SPSC Annual General Meeting	Date: October 2019 Time: 16h00-19h00 Venue: TBC

