

## SRC to improve learning environment

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The new members of the SRC for 2010, are: **Back row:** Joel Nambale: SRC External Affairs; John Joseph: SRC Sport & Recreation; Sebastian Ihemba: SRC Information & Publicity; Elia Haufiku: SRC Academic Affairs; Shiimi Samuel: SRC Finance; Roger Toga: SRC Internal Affairs; Sophia Neputa: SRC Gender, Health & Social Welfare. **Front row:** Emilia Kafidi: SRC Culture & Development; Ashwell Forbes: SRC Vice-President; Ms. Frieda Shimbuli: Dean of Students; Trevor Chika: SRC President; Lydia Jason: SRC Secretary-General

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Vice Rector: Administration and Finance, Dr Gert Günzel, this week informed members of the new Student Representative Council (SRC) that their main duties were the improvement of the academic learning environment of their fellow students.

They would be measured, at the end of their term, he said, by whether they were able to create and maintain a conducive learning environment for the students of the Polytechnic.

Dr Günzel was speaking at a short ceremony organised by the Office of the Dean of Students to welcome the new SRC for 2010.

He thanked the outgoing SRC for their efforts the past year. “I hope you have gathered a lot of useful, appropriate experience, positively or negatively, which shall guide you through your future life and enable you to make the correct choices in the very competitive world of work. Management highly appreciates your initiative and courage and we applaud the SRC for this proof of mature leadership,” he said.

Dr Günzel warned the new SRC that they should not expect to be popular leaders especially if they were to enforce the SRC constitution diligently.

“A good student leader might not be very popular with those students who are not very much concerned about a culture of learning, the development of our nation, the progress of fellow

students or responsibility. But you will be respected and remembered for your leadership qualities by the majority of your fellow students for the rest of your life,” Dr Günzel said.

He urged the new SRC to stand up and fight for freedom, democracy, basic human rights and proper funding and development of the Polytechnic.

“Our students have a right to all the facilities and all the funding and support which are needed for the proper training and education of a student,” Dr Günzel said in parting.