



Office of the Vice-Chancellor

TO: STAFF AND STUDENTS

FROM: PROF O AYO-YUSUF, ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

DATE: FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT

As you probably all know, the search for a substantive Vice Chancellor has already started but it might take up to the end of the year to conclude such an appointment. There are therefore implications for the effective functioning of the substantive portfolio of Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Postgraduate Studies and Innovation which has become vacant after my appointment to act as Vice Chancellor. Furthermore, the incoming Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Community Engagement will only assume duty on the 1st October 2019.

After due consideration of the complexity of and stability at various schools and, the skill sets of various individuals within management structure, I have decided to make the following interim appointments with immediate effect to address vacancies on the Executive Management and the attendant vacancy in the Deanship:

Prof E Lekalakala-Mokgele:	To act as DVC: Teaching, Learning and Community Engagement until 30 th September 2019 (Prof E Seekoa to assume duty on 1 st October 2019)
Prof F Veldman:	To act as Dean: School of Health Care Sciences until 30 th September 2019
Prof P Demana:	To act as DVC: Research, Postgraduate Studies & Innovation until 31 st December 2019
Prof N Schellack	To act as Dean: School of Pharmacy until 31 st December 2019

I wish to thank above mentioned colleagues for their willingness to serve the SMU community in the various capacities. I trust that you would all give them the necessary support.

Yours Sincerely

**PROF O AYO-YUSUF
VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACTING)**