



NOTICE TO THE SMU COMMUNITY

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of the new **VICE-CHANCELLOR** onto the staff of Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU).

After a rigorous and thorough process, the Council has appointed **Professor Peter Mbat** to the position of Vice-Chancellor at SMU, and he will commence employment with effect from **1 June 2020**.

Professor Mbat holds the following qualifications, amongst others: Bachelor of Education Honours (Botany and Zoology); Master of Science (Parasitology) and Doctor of Philosophy (Parasitology).

He has a wealth of experience in academic leadership, having held various senior positions such as Campus Principal at the University of the Free State, Group Executive at the Agricultural Research Council and Vice-Chancellor at the University of Venda. He is currently the Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor Academics and Quality at the Botho University, Botswana.

SMU is fortunate to have attracted the services of the calibre of Professor Mbat, who comes with the requisite strategic leadership and management experience in, and sound knowledge of, the Higher Education Sector, having already previously served two terms as a Vice-Chancellor.

Council looks forward to working closely with Professor Mbat in leading the overall development and growth of SMU, and unlocking value for the University.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank **Professor Lekan Ayo-Yusuf** for acting in the position of Vice-Chancellor and steering the University through challenging times, including this unprecedented phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. I have no doubt that he and the rest of the Executive Team will support the Vice-Chancellor in fulfilling his role.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Mbat to Team SMU!

Yours sincerely

Ms Maria Rambauli
Chairperson: SMU Council
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