

GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CONVOCATION



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CONVOCATION WHICH WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2022, AT 09H00, AT WARBATHS FOREVER RESORTS IN BELA-BELA, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

	ACTION
<p>1. OPENING AND WELCOME</p> <p>a) Due to the meeting not reaching a quorum at 09:00, the general meeting only started at 12:00 when the quorum threshold was reached.</p> <p>b) The Registrar, Dr Mabelebele, welcomed all members present and declared the meeting open. In his opening remarks, the Registrar briefed the session about the purpose of the meeting.</p> <p>c) The Registrar furthermore provided background information on the Convocation as well as the processes which was followed leading up to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Convocation.</p> <p>d) Although there were some concerns raised about non-convocation members in attendance, proof to this effect could not be provided. The Registrar clarified the vetting process of delegates in attendance and confirmed that all members present indeed met the criteria to be present in the venue.</p> <p>e) The Registrar requested that in the absence of all members of the Executive Committee of the Convocation (2019 to 2022), Mr Sambo, a member of the Convocation serving on Council, chairs the meeting.</p> <p>f) Mr Sambo, who initially agreed to chair the AGM, stepped down as chairperson after a brief period of time, due to the unhappiness of some members and the meeting resolved that the chairpersonship role be handed back to the Registrar.</p>	

2.	<p>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>No apologies were received from any of the members of the Executive committee of the Convocation, and was recorded that they are absent without an apology.</p>	
3.	<p>CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA</p> <p>The agenda was confirmed, as presented.</p>	
4.	<p>REPORT ON THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CONVOCATION</p> <p>a) Due to the absence of the President of the Convocation, and in light of the fact that no report was made available to the Secretariat by the outgoing Convocation President, no report could be presented.</p> <p>b) The Convocation expressed its dismay with the outgoing Executive Committee of the Convocation for not availing themselves for this important meeting, and also for not submitting a report on work done during their tenure.</p> <p>c) The Convocation resolved that the newly elected Executive Committee of the Convocation should be inducted and orientated on exactly what their role within the University was. The meeting noted that the induction had to be held on the first semester of 2023, and should be overseen by the Registrar.</p>	
5.	<p>ELECTION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE CONVOCATION AND A MEMBER OF CONVOCATION TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL</p> <p>a) The Convocation noted the sealant features of the presentation by the Registrar, emanating from the prescribed Institutional Statute, which served as a guideline for the nominations for the vacant positions of Executive members of Convocation.</p> <p>b) The Convocation further noted that all nominees, for the various vacancies, were thoroughly vetted to ensure that each nominee, as they appeared on the ballot papers, met the nominating criteria.</p> <p>c) After a very long deliberation on the process to be followed when nominating members to service in the EXCO of Convocation, as well as the process of elections, the Convocation agreed to proceed with the election of the Executive Committee of the Convocation.</p> <p>d) Whilst the Registrar's Office requested that an electronic voting system be used for elections, most members of the Convocation raised concerns around its security and general robustness. As a result, it was furthermore agreed that a manual voting system should be used instead when conducting the elections, to ensure that the voting was free and fair.</p>	

	<p>e) After several rounds of voting, the outcome of the election of the Executive Committee of the Convocation, as verified by the Internal Auditors, were as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Mokwena Japhta Phala: (male) President 2. Mr Mantepule Elifolet Bhembe: (male) Vice-President 3. Mr Sello Donald Madibela: (male) Secretary 4. Mr. Jeff Fumani Shipalana: (male) Additional Member 5. Ms. Remofilwe Clementine Poeng: (female) Additional member <p>f) The Convocation also voted for a member of the Convocation to serve on Council.</p> <p>g) The outcome of the election of the member of the Convocation to serve on Council, as verified by the Internal Auditors, is as follow;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Dr Zukiswa Nathacia Gonya: (female) 	
6.	CLOSURE	
	The Registrar thanked all members for their attendance and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 21h00.	
<p><i>The notice of the meeting and Agenda as well as the meeting pack circulated to the EXCO members of Convocation prior to virtual meetings and any subsequent updates shall be regarded as an integrated part of the minutes. (see attached notice of the meeting, and the names of candidates that were nominated for various positions)</i></p>		

Approved as a true reflection of the proceedings:

Chairperson

Date

Secretariat

Date