



**TO: STAFF AND STUDENTS**

**SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE FORENSIC AUDIT REPORT CONDUCTED BY THE SIZWE NTSALUBA GOBODO (SNG) GRANT THORNTON**

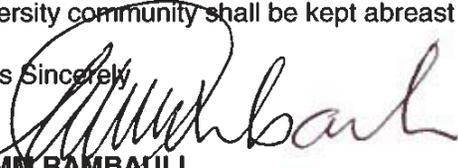
As you know, in June 2018, there were a number of allegations of corruption and maladministration raised in relation to the implementation of the University's infrastructure projects. In order to get to the bottom of these allegations, Council resolved, at its meeting held in June 2018 to conduct an independent and in-depth forensic investigation with a view to testing the veracity or otherwise of these allegations. To that end, the University appointed Sizwe Ntsaluba Gobodo (SNG) Grant Thornton to conduct a forensic investigation into these matters.

The Council received and discussed part 1 of the forensic audit report which related mainly to projects that were managed by the DBSA at a meeting held on 25 January 2019. The Council, as required in terms of the provisions of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (PAJA) and other applicable laws, to which it is enjoined to abide by, gave all the implicated parties an opportunity to respond to the findings made against them. Whilst some have responded within the time-frame stipulated, others have disputed the findings, and the University is engaging them with a view to taking a final position on the matter.

The Council further received and discussed Part 2 of the forensic audit report which related mainly to internally managed projects at a meeting held on 28 March 2019. Consistent with the provisions of the PAJA referred above, Council resolved to give the implicated parties an opportunity to respond to the findings made against them. The affected parties will provide their responses to the Council to empower the latter to discuss those at its meeting scheduled for August 2019. It is important to emphasize that the Council will be acting irrationally and illegally if it does not allow due process to be followed on the implicated parties before it communicates the findings to the University community. Such a conduct may expose the University to serious financial and legal risks.

The Council will, as soon as it receives all the responses from the implicated parties, act with speed on the findings and recommendations. Due to the complex nature of the investigation and reports, it has taken longer for Council to conclude the matter. Members of the University community are urged to exercise patience and give the Council the space required to deal with the matter in a manner that is consistent with the applicable laws and regulatory frameworks. The University community shall be kept abreast of further developments.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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