
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS FOR THE INTERIM COUNCILS OF THE NEW UNIVERSITIES IN MPUMALANGA AND NORTHERN CAPE

I, Blade Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, request:

- a) the public;
- b) Council on Higher Education;
- c) Higher Education South Africa;
- d) national organisations representing;
 - students.
 - academic employees.
 - organized business.
 - organized labour.
- e) non-governmental organisations; and
- f) any other interested party.

to submit to me, before 15 December 2012, the names of persons who by virtue of their knowledge and experience, may be considered for appointment as members of the Interim Council for the new universities to be established in Mpumalanga and the Northern Cape.

The Interim Council of an university is a statutory body established through the Higher Education Act 1997 (Act 101 of 1997) for a period not exceeding six months to perform the

functions relating to the governance of the new institution, except the making of an institutional statute.

Apart from these functions, the Interim Council must:

- a) appoint an interim body to manage the day to day activities of the institution;
- b) ensure that a permanent council is constituted in terms of the standard institutional statute, establish the council committees and determine the composition and function of each committee; and
- c) ensure that such other structures as may be determined in the standard institutional statute are constituted.

The five members of each Interim Council to be appointed by the Minister must ensure that the membership taken as a collective:

- is broadly representative of the higher education system;
- is representative in terms of race, gender and disability;
- has a high level understanding of, and commitment to transformational imperatives of the higher education sector; and
- has knowledge of and experience in:
 - governance and management; and
 - in human resource provision, development and management especially within the higher education environment.
- has knowledge of and/or experience in:
 - academic, administrative and financial models and procedures applicable to higher education institutions;
 - facilities and infrastructure planning, provision and management, especially within the tertiary education environment;
 - the audit and risk function, preferably within a tertiary education institution;
 - development and implementation of investment policies and strategies;
 - the core functions of a higher education institution's strategic planning and management thereof;
 - the student affairs (including student housing and food provision) function; and
 - project and change management.

Nominations, accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the nominee and a letter of consent indicating availability of the nominee to serve on the Interim Councils if appointed should be forwarded to:

The Director-General

(For attention: Dr Engela Van Staden)

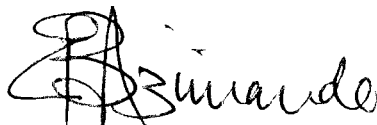
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