

## DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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**HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997)****AMENDED INSTITUTIONAL STATUTE OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN**

I, Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, in accordance with section 33(1) of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997) hereby publish the amends to the Institutional Statute of the University of Cape Town set out in the Schedule hereto, which comes into operation on the date of publication hereof.

**Prof BE Nzimande, MP****Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation****Date:** 04/04/2024

## AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

The council of the University of Cape Town has made amendments to the Statute, set out in the schedule to this notice, in accordance with section 32 of the Higher Education Act 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997) which is hereby published with the approval of the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation in terms of section 33 of the said Act, and comes into operation on the date of this publication.

### SCHEDULE

General explanatory note:

- [ ] words in bold in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

1. In this schedule the expression “the Statute “means the Statute of the University of Cape Town as published under Government Gazette No 45954, Government Notice No 1793 of 25 February 2022.
2. Make substitutions on paragraph 50 with the following:

#### 50. Honorary degrees

- (1) The University may confer an honorary degree of doctor upon any person

**[(a)]** by resolution of the senate and the council on the grounds of his or her distinguished contribution to learning; or on any other grounds.

**[(b) by resolution of the council on any other grounds.]**

- (2) A proposal that the University confer an honorary degree of doctor –

(a) must be in writing and must be received by the registrar by the date decided from time to time by the council;

(b) nominations may be made by members of the senate and members of the council.

**[(b) for consideration by the senate and the council must be made by a member of the senate or a member of the council;]**

**[(c) for consideration by the council must be made by a member of the council;]**

**[(d)]** (c) must state the degree proposed and the grounds on which the proposal is made; and

**[(e)]** (d) must be referred by the registrar to the joint honorary degrees committee of the senate and the council, which must in turn make a recommendation to the senate (in the case of a nomination on grounds of distinguished contribution to learning) and the council, **[or the council,]** as the case may be.

- (3) The procedures that the senate and the council follow in dealing with a proposal that the University confer an honorary degree must be decided by the senate and the council respectively, but –

- (a) all voting on a proposal in either body must be by secret ballot and may be conducted on an electronic platform. **[,and voting on a proposal in senate must be by secret postal ballot;]**
  - (b) a resolution of the senate to confer an honorary degree requires a vote of a majority in favour of the members of the senate voting in the ballot;
  - (c) the members of the senate who do not vote and who are on leave on the date the ballot is taken do not count, for this purpose, in the membership of the senate; and
  - (d) a resolution of the council to confer an honorary degree requires a vote of a majority in favour of the membership of the council.
- (4) The award of an honorary degree to a person does not entitle that person to practise any profession.