



## CONVOCATION

Minutes of the General Meeting of the UJ Convocation held on Thursday 4 October 2018 at 13:00 in the Arts Centre on the APK Campus.

### 1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Attendance

The Vice Chancellor served as Chairperson. One hundred-and-fifty-two members were present as indicated in the register. The meeting was therefore inquorate.

#### Secretariat

Prof. I Burger

#### 1.2 Apologies

Apologies are indicated in the register.

#### 1.3 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Convocation members to the meeting.

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No member declared any conflict of interest.

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Prior to the confirmation of the agenda the following matters were raised:

- a) An objection regarding the meeting being chaired by the VC rather than the Deputy President.
- b) Clarity was requested on the need for an amended Constitution for Convocation.
- c) An objection was raised regarding the necessity for online voting.
- d) A request was made that a report be given on activities of the Convocation since the last meeting of 9 November 2016.
- e) The status of the current Convocation meeting was questioned.
- f) It was claimed that Council has no authority over the Convocation since the Higher Education Act dictates that each university should have a Convocation.

In response to the matters raised the following was pointed out:

- i. Governance irregularities led to the resignation of the President.
- ii. Given the irregularities, Council dissolved the EXCO of Convocation.
- iii. Council adopted the Constitution of the Convocation.
- iv. Council wants wider participation in Convocation, hence electronic voting was considered to be feasible.
- v. Section 27.1 of the Higher Education Act allows for the dissolution of the EXCO of Convocation.

**Resolved:**

An objection was raised that the matters that were being raised were not part of the agenda and it was therefore resolved that the agenda for the meeting should be confirmed.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (9 November 2016)**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 9 November 2016 be approved.

**5. ALIGNMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF CONVOCATION WITH THE AMENDED UJ STATUTE**

It was claimed that the Higher Education Act states that Council cannot approve the Constitution of Convocation.

The Chairperson stated that there were elements in the meeting that were bent on disrupting the meeting and that the meeting would therefore not continue.

**6. CLOSING**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 13:40.