



Memorandum

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To: VUT Staff and Students
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Subject: **Update on the closure of the Uppington campus**

1 BACKGROUND

Subsequent to the communique issued by Prof Ihron Rensburg on Tuesday, 26 May 2020, which addressed the **future of Satellite Campuses** as per the Assessor's report of 2019, which mandated the Administrator to investigate the financial sustainability and evaluate whether the quality assurance at each sites of delivery is equivalent to that at Vanderbijlpark campus. The review of the status and viability of all the sites of delivery led by Dr Prins Nevhutalu (member of the Administrator's Task Team) and Prof Riana van der Bank led to the following decisions:

- that the Uppington campus be closed due to its non-viability (only 81 students). Consideration be given to offer the Sol Plaatje University the campus incorporation. Unfortunately, the University did not accept the offer.
- that the decision be communicated to the Premier of the Northern Cape, informing him of the decision and the detailed reasons thereof.
- that no new students should be registered for the 2021 academic year, except those that are in the pipeline to allow them time to complete their qualifications.

The Sites of Delivery Committee established by MANCOM and chaired by Prof Riana van der Bank with approval from DHET and MANCOM further determined:

- that the entire process of closing the campus be completed by 31st December 2022.
- that a committee be constituted named "Uppington Campus Teach-out Sub-Committee of the Sites of Delivery Committee chaired by Prof Margaret Linington, DVC: Teaching, Learning and Student Support Services. The Sub-Committee will endeavour to put in place, all the necessary plans to support the process of phasing out the campus and the relocation of staff and the University assets to the Vanderbijlpark campus.

2 STATUS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee had its first meeting on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 and resolved to meet bi-monthly in order to deliberate on the successful closure of the Upington campus. The sub-committee shall make recommendations to Vaal University of Technology (VUT) Sites of Delivery Committee for consideration.

3 COMPOSITION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee is represented by various stakeholders including students. They were selected to serve a specific role based on their areas of expertise.

4 FUNCTIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

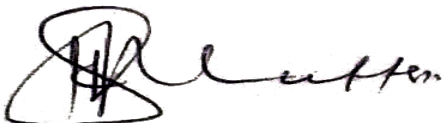
All recommendations will be considered by the Sites of Delivery Committee and approved by ManCom.

The sub-committee functions include amongst others:

Finance, Facilities and Infrastructure, HR matters, Procurement, IT equipment and services, transferring of assets, business continuity, risks, protecting the integrity of the institution, staff, and students, teaching integration and seamless migration of staff and students, alignment of programmes and quality assurance of the process.

The Upington campus Teach-out Sub-Committee will communicate regularly to keep all the VUT community informed about any developments in this regard.

Kind regards



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