



Memorandum

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Subject: **Update on the Sites of Delivery**

1 BACKGROUND

The Sites of Delivery Committee previously chaired by Prof Riana van der Bank was established by ManCom to oversee the successful completion and closure of the VUT sites of delivery in Ekurhuleni, Uppington and Secunda. The chairpersons of the Teach-Out Sub-Committees for Secunda, Uppington and Ekurhuleni are members of the committee and submit recommendations that needs the approval to support the operational needs required to close all campuses.

Below is a brief progress report on the submissions on Thursday, 27 May 2021 from the Sub-Committees:

1.1 Uppington campus Teach-Out Sub-Committee

The committee has achieved progress in the following areas:

- Rendering support for teaching and learning to registered students so that they can complete their studies successfully.
- Finalising the lease agreements on the existing buildings.
- An application to accredit the library building as a temporary site of delivery is being prepared to submit to the CHE.
- Preparing to relocate the campus and its assets from the church site to the library building which will be used as a site of delivery until the process of closing the campus has been completed by the end of December 2022.
- HR will work with each staff member affected by the move to ensure a seamless and minimal disruptive transition.

- Has initiated the process of acquiring permission to transfer the offering of Agricultural Management Sciences qualification to the Vanderbijlpark campus.
- Compiling of a comprehensive asset register, data and other records which will have to be moved to the Vanderbijlpark campus by the end of 2022.

Technology Transfer and Innovation and the Centre for Entrepreneurship in Upington

- VUT has successfully negotiated the transfer of the Centre for Entrepreneurship to the Sol Plaatje University in Kimberley with effect from June 2021. The Centre will continue to operate from the existing premises in Upington and will continue to be funded by the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA).
- The negotiation for the transfer the Technology Station to Sol Plaatje University was not successful. It was deemed that the role of the Station was not in line with the University's Strategic direction. The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) is continuing to appraise and review the future of the Station until a sustainable solution is found. In the meantime, the station continues to receive financial support from the Technology Innovation Agency.

1.2 *Secunda campus Teach-Out Sub-Committee*

- The Committee is beginning with the audits of what is in existence, i.e. assets, staff, registered students and finalising the implementation plan for the relocation.

1.3 *Ekurhuleni campus Teach-Out Sub-Committee*

- The relocation project is at the final stage, with the following areas still requiring further attention:
 - (i) finalising the asset register – the project is ongoing and has been affected by the delivery of the assets to different locations (Quest Conference Centre, VUT SGSTP and the Vanderbijlpark campus).
 - (ii) A Quality Teach-Out report will be finalised and submitted to the Sites of Delivery Committee as soon as final interviews have been concluded.

2 REPORT TO MANCOM

The incoming Chairperson of the Sites of Delivery Committee, Prof John Odiyo, will submit a comprehensive report to ManCom.

Kind regards



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