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Announcement: Constitution of the New University Council of the Vaal University of Technology

The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) is proud to announce a new chapter in its governance journey with the constitution of its new University Council, in accordance with the Higher Education Act (Act 101 of 1997, as amended) and the VUT Institutional Statute.

This milestone follows a rigorous nomination and appointment process that culminated in the formal constitution of the Council on 27 September 2025. The newly constituted Council reflects the diversity and dynamism of the University community, comprising external members appointed by the Minister of Higher Education, Council appointees, and representatives from the Senate, Convocation and Student Representative Council (SRC).

The Council held its inaugural meeting on 9 October 2025, a moment marked by a renewed spirit of unity and purpose. At this meeting, both Professor Mandla Radebe and Ms Jackie Manche were unanimously elected as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Council, respectively.

In addition to these elections, the first meeting finalised the establishment of key committees that will guide the VUT's strategic direction and ensure good governance, accountability and excellence across all its operations.

Composition of the Council

External members

Stat. Cat.	Category	Name	Term
9 (A) (vii)	Five (5) persons appointed by the Minister	Prof M Radebe	4 years (ends 14 September 2029)
		Mr S Khanyile	4 years (ends 14 September 2029)
		Ms P Mvana	4 years (ends 14 September 2029)
		Ms O Marakalla	4 years (ends 14 September 2029)
		Dr M Ramere	4 years (ends 14 September 2029)
9 (A) (viii)	Six (6) persons who are not employees or students of the University, elected in accordance with the Institutional Rules, by reason of their special knowledge or expertise	Ms K Dilotsotlhe (F)	4 years (ends 31 August 2029)
		Mr S Mlauzi (M)	4 years (ends 31 August 2029)
		Mr I Maphalane (M)	4 years (ends 31 August 2029)
		Ms JB Manche (F)	4 years (ends 31 August 2029)
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9 (A) (ix)	Two (2) representatives of the Convocation elected by the Convocation	Mr T Marumule	2 years (ends 15 December 2025)
		Mr M Sangweni (M)	2 years (ends 15 December 2025)

Internal members of Council

Stat. Cat.	Category	Name	Term
9(A) (i)	Vice Chancellor and Principal	Prof SK Ndlovu (M)	Ex Officio
9(A) (ii)	Deputy Vice Chancellor nominated by the Vice Chancellor and Principal and appointed by Council	Dr SM Nelana (M)	Ex Officio
9(A) (iii)	Two (2) academic members of the Senate elected by the Senate	Prof L Maleho (M)	2 years (term ending 15 Dec 2025)
		Dr N Mkhombeni (F)	2 years (term ending 15 Dec 2025)
9(A) (iv)	One (1) permanent academic employee who is not a member of the Senate, and elected by such employees of the University	Ms N Khumalo (F)	2 years (term ending 15 Dec 2025)
9(A) (v)	One (1) permanent employee, other than an academic employee of the University, and elected by such employees of the University	Mr E Mofokeng (M)	2 years (term ending 30 Nov 2026)
9(A) (vi)	Two (2) students of the University, elected by the SRC, of whom at least one (1) is a postgraduate student	Mr T Ramabodu (M)	1 year (term ending end October 2025 when term of office ends)
		Mr N Nzuza (M)	1 year (term ending end October 2025 when term of office ends)

Council Committees and Chairpersons

Committee	Chairperson
1. Finance and Infrastructure Committee (Fincom)	Mr Sthembiso Khanyile
2. Human Resources Committee (HRC)	Mr Ikaneng Maphalane
3. Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)	Ms Priscilla Mvana
4. Information, Communication and Technology Governance Committee (ICTG)	Mr Sakhile Mlauzi
5. Social and Ethics Committee (SEC)	Ms Kelebogile Dilotsotlhe
6. Governance Committee (Govcom)	Prof Mandla Radebe
7. Remuneration Committee (Remco)	Ms Jackie Manche

Each of these committees plays a vital role in realising VUT's vision of being a leading University of Technology that fosters innovation, ethical leadership and social impact. The Council members will serve a four-year term from 2025 to 2029, guiding the institution towards sustainable transformation and academic distinction.

As the university embarks on this new governance cycle, it extends its heartfelt congratulations to all newly appointed members and expresses confidence in their ability to advance VUT's mission through integrity, inclusivity and strategic foresight.

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