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## **VUT CONVOCATION ELECTIONS: UPDATE ON THE 2026 ELECTION PROCESS**

The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) wishes to provide the University community and Convocation stakeholders with an update regarding the 2026 Convocation Elections process following the closure of nominations.

The University confirms that all nominations received were subjected to a screening and verification process in line with the applicable governance frameworks of the institution, including the VUT Institutional Statute, Institutional Rules, Convocation Constitution, and the Nominations and Elections Policy.

Candidates have accordingly been informed of the outcome of the vetting and screening process, including whether their nominations were successful or unsuccessful. Those affected have also been provided with an opportunity to lodge appeals within the prescribed timeframe.

In line with the University's commitment to ensuring a free, fair, transparent, and independently managed election process, VUT has appointed Kuteno Consulting as the independent electoral service provider to oversee and manage the election process. The appointment forms part of the resolutions of the Election Steering Committee (ESC), chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Stephen Khehla Ndlovu.

Kuteno Consulting will oversee key aspects of the election process including the management of appeals, publication of candidate lists, handling of objections, management of the online voting process, verification procedures, auditing of results, and the official announcement of outcomes.

The University wishes to further clarify that, in order for an individual to qualify for nomination and participation in the elections, such individual must be a recognised member of Convocation in accordance with the applicable institutional rules and governance provisions.

Convocation members are also encouraged to verify their voter information and membership details through the official voter search platform, available at [Voter Search Platform](#), using their staff number or student number.

The approved election process will proceed as follows:

- 23 May 2026 – Communication with disqualified nominees
- 25 May 2026 – Publication of preliminary list of candidates and draft voters' roll
- 26 May 2026 – Closure of objections to preliminary candidate list
- 27 May 2026 – Publication of final list of candidates and final voters' roll

- 28 May 2026 – Publication of voting guidelines, voting platform details, and voting hours
- 30 May 2026 – Election Day
- 30 May 2026 – Publication of preliminary results and opening of objections
- 01 June 2026 – Closure of objections to preliminary results
- 02 June 2026 – Publication of final election results

The University remains committed to ensuring that the Convocation Elections process is conducted with integrity, fairness, accountability, transparency, and in full compliance with institutional governance processes. VUT further encourages all eligible Convocation members to participate responsibly and constructively in strengthening democratic participation and stakeholder confidence within the institution.

Further updates and official election communication will continue to be communicated through official VUT platforms.

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