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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NO. 5814 **30 January 2025**

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)

CALL FOR PROSPECTIVE MINISTERIAL APPOINTEES FOR NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS TO SERVE ON COUNCIL OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

I, Dr Nobuhle Nkabane, MP, the Minister of Higher Education and Training hereby invite any interested persons who meet the minimum requirements listed below for nominations and applications to serve as a Ministerial appointee to council of public universities or for vacancies that arise from time to time in the councils.

In terms of Section 27(4) of the Higher Education Act, Act No 101 of 1997, as amended, a council of a public higher education institution must consist of not more than 30 members, of which 60% must be persons who are not employed by, and are not students of the institution concerned. Among the external members, there are not more than five persons appointed by the Minister of Higher Education and Training.

Section 27(7) of the Act stipulates that a member of Council or a member of a committee of council must be a person with knowledge and experience relevant to the objects and governance of the University. In order to fulfil the requirements of Section 27(4)(c) of the Higher Education Act, the Minister is required to appoint not more than five persons to serve on university councils who meet requirements listed below to enhance governance and the stature of the Council.

Requirements

At minimum, a post-graduate qualification and a proven track record and experience in any of the following: Financial Management or Investment, Accounting and or Audit, Risk and Compliance, Law, Ethics, Economics, Sciences (both social and natural sciences), Public administration, Governance, Engineering, Higher Education, Chartered Accountancy, Information and Communication Technology, Corporate Governance, and Human Resources Management. PhD and Membership of a professional body will be an added advantage.

Scope of work

The scope of work entails the following:

a) In accordance with section 27 of the Higher Education Act 101 of 1997 the "council of a public higher education institution must govern the public higher education institution, subject to this Act, any other law and the institutional statute."

b) Subject to the policy determined by the Minister, the council, with the concurrence of the senate, must determine the language policy of a public higher education institution and must publish and make it available on request.

c) The council, after consultation with the students' representative council, must provide for a suitable structure to advise on the policy for student support services within the public higher education institution.

Nomination Procedure:

Applications and Nominations must be submitted in writing and must contain the following information:

a) Application form available at www.dhet.gov.za

b) Detailed curriculum vitae and certified copies of the identity document and qualifications obtained.

Remuneration

Nominees and applicants must bear in mind that universities are public institutions and serving as a council member should be motivated by public good service rather than self-interest and personal gain. There should be no expectation of remuneration, as each institution determines in its institutional rules, whether honoraria to external council members will be paid or not.

Enquiries/Applications

Enquiries should be directed to Mr Sabelo Radebe

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Deadline for nominations and applications

21 working days after the publication of the notice in government gazette.



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