

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR

In terms of paragraphs 6(1) and (2) of the Institutional Statute, the University Chancellor holds office for a period of five years and may be elected for a second and final consecutive term of office. The current Chancellor, Dr Thabo Mbeki, assumed office on 1 January 2017. His term of office thus comes to an end on 31 December 2021, but he is eligible for re-election.

In terms of paragraph 5(1)(c) of the Institutional Statute, the Registrar, as the Secretary of Council, cordially invites Unisa Students to submit nominations for the office of Chancellor. The Chairperson of Council has set the date of 25 November 2021 for the election of the Chancellor, as required in terms of paragraph 5(1)(a) of the Institutional Statute.

Being eligible for re-election Dr Thabo Mbeki has made himself available to serve as a Chancellor for a second and final term, if nominated and elected. Nominations are, however, open for any eligible nominee as contemplated in the Institutional Statute.

In terms of paragraph 5(1) (e) of the Institutional Statute, nominations must be in writing and must include the nominee's written consent and his or her curriculum vitae. Please complete the nomination form enclosed herewith; attach the nominee's comprehensive curriculum vitae; and include a statement by the proposer of not more than 350 words attesting to the nominee's suitability for the position of Chancellor. Nominations (including the mentioned supporting documents) must be sent to [DepRegGovernance@unisa.ac.za](mailto:DepRegGovernance@unisa.ac.za), copying [khanym@unisa.ac.za](mailto:khanym@unisa.ac.za) by close of business on 29 October 2021. **NB:** Kindly note that no nomination can be accepted without the nominee's written consent, his/her curriculum vitae, and the proposer's statement.

The Chancellor is a distinguished person whose service, contributions, reputation, and record of excellence in his or her field of endeavour must support the mission, vision, and values of the University, and who must have a positive influence on society to the benefit of the University. The Chancellor plays a supporting role to the Principal and Vice-Chancellor and Council from time to time. S/he should be available and committed to carrying out this role and operate independently. The functions of the Chancellor, as contemplated in the Institutional Statute, are the following:

- (1) *The Chancellor is the titular head of the University.*
- (2) *The Chancellor, or his or her nominee, confers all University qualifications on behalf of the University.*
- (3) *The Chancellor, or his or her nominee, opens and dissolves a congregation of the University.*
- (4) *The Chancellor performs such other functions as are assigned to him or her by the Council.*

The Chancellor performs his or her duties in the interest of the University and does not receive remuneration for performing his or her duties.



Prof MS Mothata, Registrar

15 October 2021

Date

