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UPDATE REGARDING SRC ELECTIONS

In this communique, I provide a summarised update on the SRC elections 2020 to the entire student body. Following months of speculation regarding the status of the aforementioned project; I wish to advise that with the support that SRC election project is back on track with monumental progress registered on some key aspects and critical milestones of the project. It is at the backdrop of these achievements that I draw the attention of the entire student body are drawn to the following:

Election Date

My predecessor has previously proclaimed an announced to the student body that voting in the 2020 SRC elections was envisaged in **August 2020**, owing to an array of factors including delays in attaining a requisite ICT-enabled electoral system voting could not materialise. Hence I determine that voting in the SRC elections shall commence of **14 December 2020**; the Independent Electoral Commission shall decide on the closing date for the elections and accordingly advise the student populace.

Composition of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and Independent Electoral Tribunal

I am pleased to announced that the following members have been appointed and approved to constitute the IEC and Tribunal in respect of the **2020** UNISA SRC elections:

IEC Commissioners

1. Dr B Lekubu – Chairperson
2. Ms. M Ntsoane – Deputy Chairperson
3. Dr. O Mabusela
4. Ms. G Chauke
5. Ms E Makwakwa

Election Tribunal Members

1. Adv. S Mantula – Chairperson
2. Prof M Moleki
3. Ms. F Ndala
4. Mr. G Nkwe

The above mentioned members of staff, collectively present a balanced team and possess requisite expertise to perform in their respective roles in the SRC election project. The two bodies are respectively responsible for steering the 2018 UNISA SRC elections project and resolving arising disputes. The profiles outlining comprehensive background of each of the above stated members of the IEC and IET can be accessed on this link

It is my request that all students and student organisations fully cooperate with this two bodies to ensure the successful installation of the new SRC whose legitimacy is beyond reproach. I further request all colleague's and departments identified as interdependencies, that is, ICT, Internal Audit, SCM, DIA, Legal Services, Protection Services, regions as well as other departments; to provide high quality and timeous support towards this strategic project whenever called upon.

I also should hasten to also state that the department has ensured that the execution of the SRC election project interfaces well with the underway examinations, this is in order to avert any form of disruption to the fundamental reason behind student's presence at the University, that is, acquiring knowledge. To this end I wish all the students well in their examinations!

Best Regards



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