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UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 1993

AT 14H30 IN THE LOUNGE OF THE STAFF RESTAURANT

UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

PRESENT : Profs F A H Wilson (Chairman), S M E Bengu (Rector), E N Ngara (Deputy Rector), J R Seretlo, G Thom, J Dugard, Drs B A Khoapa (Registrar Academic), M M Mboya, D H Meiring, The Right Rev D Russell, Rev A M Mxekezo, Messrs G N Zide (Registrar Administration), M C Kashe, E N M Khumalo, J M Christopher, R Razavi (Director of Finance)

OBSERVERS : Mr T H Soga (DSA), M Madonsela (TASA)

APOLOGIES : Archbishop D M Tutu, Profs W L Nkhulu and C A Taylor, Adv T 1.1

L Skweyiya, Messrs M C O'Dowd, L Louw, L Borman and W N N gozwana.

OPENING

After the meeting was opened with a prayer by Bishop Russell, the Chairman welcomed Prof Ngara (Deputy Rector), Mr E N M Khumalo (Director-General of Education) and Mr M Madonsela (TASA) to their first Council meeting. It was reported that the Rector had visited the Tambo residence to express the University's profound loss of its Chancellor and leader. He delivered a speech at the funeral where Prof Wilson and Dr Mboya were also in attendance. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, 28 April 1993 at 13h30 which was led by Dr Mboya.

Council agreed that Prof Wilson forward a formal motion, on behalf of the University Council, of the University's loss and to express our condolences. Supplementary items

Items 2.2, 2.3, and 6 were accepted for discussion.

RECTOR'S REPORT (200)

The Rector introduced his report and the following items emerged and were discussed or noted:-

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#### Finances

Of the original request for R20m plus R2,8m from the Ciskei Government, R5m has already been received and a further receipt of R5111 is projected to be received in August 1993.

CUP supported UFH,s request for additional funding from the Government, but the response from DNE was discouraging referring to the altered mission statement of the University as well as the ambitious building programme. The Rector however pointed out that the revised Mission statement (S / 107 / 93) is before Council today for acceptance as it had only been accepted by Senate at its meeting held on 5 April 1993 subject to minor language editing. The Interim Mission Statement was accepted by Council.

Closure of Universigz on 25th March 1993 (supplementary item)

The Rector reported about events leading to the early closure of the University and reported that the campus had been evacuated peacefully within a 3-hour period and that all students have been re-admitted to campus in the beginning of the second quarter after they had each signed an agreement drawn up by Management.

Suspension of Students (supplementary item)

Council confirmed the sentences of the following students who had been found guilty of misconduct in that they had been found in possession of foodstuffs obtained from the Main Kitchen of the University during the looting which took place on 19 March, namely:-

Mr Mbulelo Nkomzombi

Mr Peter Mokoena (90038292)

Mr Dumisani Magadla

Miss T C Maholela (88032403)

The sentence passed on each of these students was as follows:-

A fine of R500 and suspension from the University for the rest of the 1993 academic year.

Miss Nolzameko Lungapi was also found guilty and the following sentence was imposed:

1. A fine of R100 which has to be paid before the end of this semester.
2. Suspension from the University for one year, such suspension to be suspended for two years on condition that she is not found guilty of misconduct during the period of suspension.

Council noted that the students, at that stage, were still entitled to apply to the Rector for leave to appeal to EXCO against their sentences.

Mr M Zondi (93490983) was found guilty of assaulting Miss B Kondleka on 14 March 1993 and was suspended for one year. Appeal to EXCO was refused by the Rector on insufficient grounds.

Council noted that Miss Z Mzileni was found guilty of assaulting Miss Mama on 16 February 1993 and breaking her spectacles in the course of the assault. Miss Mzileni was suspended for the rest of the 1993 academic year. The suspension was made conditional on Miss Mzileni paying a fine of R300 and paying an amount of R651 being the replacement costs of the spectacles. Miss Mzileni has paid the fine and the amount required, except for R21, and . her suspension has been lifted.

#### 2.4 International RelationsZLinkages Committee

The proposed establishment, terms of reference, policies, procedures and structure of this Committee was accepted by Council.

#### 2.5 Research Committee (S/29 / 93)

The following recommendations were accepted by Council:-

(a) A full-time Dean of Research to be appointed.

(b) That Professor Brand be seconded to the position of Dean of Research from Biochemistry for the remainder of this year, his presently elected period.

(c) That a new Full-time Dean of Research should be appointed (not elected) for a period to be decided upon at a later stage.

. ((1) That the name of the Research Committee be changed to: Research and Development Committee

(e) The proposed composition of this committee, its executive committee and the research policy and management.

#### 2.6 Rationalization of the Budget Process

Prof Ngara introduced the new committee structure and it was accepted by Council.

#### 3. FUNDRAISING REPORT : ADV T L SKWEYIYA AND PROF G T SIRAYI (300)

Noted. Further noted that a comprehensive report on all fundraising drives will be submitted to the next Council meeting via the Fundraising Committee.

#### 4. FINANCE REPORT

Prof Ngara reported that the auditor's report has not been completed as yet, but that they have submitted a draft report. This year is the first year that UFH is actually doing its own accounting and the Auditors are only responsible for the auditing of the books.

#### 5. EXCO REPORT TO COUNCIL : MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 1993 (500)

The following report was approved by Council:

##### 5.1 Honorary Degree

EXCO approved Senate's recommendation on the awarding of an Honorary Degree in the Humanities to Dr Niara Sudarkasa of Lincoln University, USA, Prof Bengu reported that a fax was received on 26/04/1993 from Dr Sudarkasa accepting the awarding of this degree, which will be conferred on her on Saturday, 8 May 1993.

##### 5.2 Appointment of new Associate Professors

EXCO approved the Senate's recommendation on the promotions of the following persons to Associate Professor w.e.f. 01/07/1993.

Mr A K Etsiah - Department of Political Science

Dr S Abrahams - Department of Old Testament & Hebrew

Dr G de Wet - Department of Communication

##### 5.3 Change of name of Department of Curriculum Studies and Didactics

Proposal:

The present designated name : Department of Curriculum Studies and Didactics, to be changed to : Department of Curriculum Studies.

Motivation:

1. Since the change of paradigm in the Faculty of Education from Pedagogics to Education, the present name of the Department creates the illusion that this Department still ascribes to the paradigm of pedagogics, therefore the "Didactics" designation should be deleted.

2. The proposed change of name is in line with changes at other South African Universities.

3. The present name is not only unnecessarily long but also contains within it repetition since Didactics or the Theory of Teaching is already implied in the concept of Curriculum Studies.

4. All present subjects and courses offered by the Department remains the same. Recommended by EXCO.

5.4 Higher degrees were awarded to:

5.4.1 Faculty of Arts

Mr M Ally : D.Litt et. Phil.

Mr S Fourie : MA

Mr M S S Tsie : MA (with distinction)

5.4.2 Faculty of Science

Mr T T Bhengu : MSc

5.4.3 Faculty of 'culture

Mr W E Ristow : MSc (Agric)

Mr B S Jack : MSc (Agric)

6. REPORT ON ACADEMIC DIVISION (tabled)

The Registrar (Academic) introduced the report which was accepted with appreciation by Council. Council noted that an appendix will be circulated containing all donors, bursaries awarded, student names and numbers, the students academic record to date, etc., which will also be circulated to all donors.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Prof Thorn at 17h40.

DATE CHAIRMAN

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