

To: President of the Stellenbosch Convocation, Adv Jan Heunis SC
Secretary of the Stellenbosch Convocation, Mr Frederick van Dyk

From: Dr Louise van Rhyn, Convocation member

Cc: Registrar of Stellenbosch University, Dr Ronel Retief
Convocation Executive and Council Members
Chairperson of Council, Dr Nicky Newton-King

Re: REQUEST FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONVOCATION

2 May 2023

Dear Adv Heunis SC

REQUEST FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONVOCATION

We, the undersigned, acting in terms of clause 50(3) of the Institutional Statute of Stellenbosch University (as read with paragraph 5.2 of the 'Convocation Mandate', and paragraph of 3.1 of the 'Convocation Meeting Procedures') hereby submit a written request for an extraordinary meeting of the Convocation to be called urgently.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Convocation to consider and vote on the following motion.

MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE CONVOCATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS

(A) the Institutional Statute of Stellenbosch University ("Statute") records:

48(1): The objective of the Convocation is to promote the welfare of the University by maintaining a mutually beneficial relationship between the University and the members of the Convocation, and may advise the Council, and the Senate when applicable, in this respect.

51(6): The executive committee assists the Convocation in the achievement of its objective and the performance of its functions referred to in clause 48 and gives

effect to decisions of the Convocation, and must report to the Convocation at its next meeting.

63(1): A body or office bearer on whom a power or function is conferred by or in terms of this Statute may delegate, on such terms or conditions as such body or office bearer may determine, that power or function to another body, office bearer or staff member of the University, unless the Act or this Statute precludes the delegation.

(B) the Mandate of Convocation notes that:

4.1.1 The Convocation Executive Committee helps the Convocation achieve its objective and perform its function. It gives effect to decisions of the Convocation.

6.1 The Convocation takes decisions on majority vote.

6.2 Each member has one vote. Each ballot paper and electronic vote carries equal weight.

6.3 In the event of a tie, the Chairperson may exercise a casting vote.

6.4 The Registrar must submit advice received from the Convocation to the Council and the Senate.

(C) the Convocation Meeting Procedures requires that:

2.6.2 The Secretary of the Convocation will submit the preliminary record of the meeting, approved by the Executive committee of the Convocation, to the Registrar within thirty business days after the meeting, highlighting the advice that the Convocation wishes to submit to the Council and Senate.

2.6.3 At the next available Senate and Council meeting, the Registrar must submit the advice received from the Convocation.

(D) the Convocation Executive Committee announced:

a decision purportedly taken on 14 April 2023 by Convocation to call for the resignation of the:

(i) Rector and Vice-Chancellor and

(ii) Registrar of Stellenbosch University.

WE PRESENT HEREBY AGREE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Convocation Executive Committee acted in an undemocratic and unconstitutional manner in circumstances where the Convocation had not taken the purported decision in Recordal (D) above.
2. The Convocation Executive Committee acted in bad faith and contrary to the Statute and Rules governing Convocation which requires the Convocation Executive Committee to give effect to decisions of Convocation.
3. Accordingly, the Convocation Executive Committee acted without any mandate and contrary to the express provisions of the Statute which records the object of the Convocation as maintaining a mutually beneficial relationship between the University and the members of the Convocation. This unlawful decision caused serious harm to the University's reputation and integrity.
4. Convocation has lost confidence in the Convocation Executive Committee (with the exception of the Vice President, Dr Rudi Buys) and the remainder of the Convocation Executive Committee should vacate their offices forthwith.
5. The Vice President should perform the functions of the Convocation Executive Committee until a new Convocation Executive Committee is elected.
6. The behaviour and utterances of Convocation's elected members to Council, specifically Jan Heunis and Leon Schreiber, is questionable and Convocation calls upon the institutional bodies, particularly Council, to take steps to discipline and, to the extent that it is within its power to do so, to relieve Jan Heunis and Leon Schreiber of their roles and duties as Council members, including through removal, as a matter of urgency.

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Motion tabled:

1. Dr L van Rhyn, MBA, 1994

Motion seconded¹:

2. Prof (Emerita) JJ Blitz, PhD, 2018
 3. Prof D Brink, PhD, 2004
 4. Prof R Carolissen, DPhil, 2008
 5. Prof JM de Villiers, BSc Hons, 1970
 6. Prof A-M Engelbrecht, Department of Physiological Sciences
 7. Prof A Fataar, Department of Education Policy Studies
 8. Prof PF Fourie, PhD, 1988
 9. Prof P Gobodo-Madikizela, SA Research Chair in Violent Histories and Transgenerational Trauma, SU
 10. Prof A Gouws, Distinguished Professor of Political Science
 11. Prof JD Jansen, Distinguished professor of Education
 12. Prof JF Kirsten, BSc Hons, 1985
 13. Prof JD Krige, MComm, 1973
 14. Prof E Pretorius, Department of Physiological Sciences
 15. Prof A Schoonwinkel, MEng, 1981
 16. Prof MJ Smith, Director, Business school
 17. Prof Herman Wasserman, Chair: Department of Journalism
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18. Dr HC Botha, PhD, 1993
 19. Dr C Bester, PhD, 2009
 20. Dr AP Cilliers, DTh, 2000
 21. Dr J Cilliers, PhD, 2020
 22. Dr JP De Vries, BSC Hons, 1982
 23. Dr J De Villiers-Strijdom, PhD, 2021
 24. Dr L Dick, MPhil, 2008
 25. Dr M Du Preez, PhD Honoris Causa, 2018
 26. Ms BP Dyani, BEng, 2021
 27. Dr C Ekron, PhD, 2015
 28. Dr JL Farmer, PhD, 2021
 29. Dr BN Fortuin, PhD, 2015
 30. Dr ME Geustyn, MA, 2014
 31. Dr JH Groenewald, PhD, 2017
 32. Dr E Hertzog, MMed (née Anest), 1979
 33. Mr ZC Horn, MEng, 2018
 34. Dr FP Hugo, BA, 1969
 35. Dr D Human-Van Eck, PhD, 2016
 36. Ms S Jingqi, BA, 2014

¹ Members identified with details: Title, Name, SU Qualification and year obtained, or Academic Department.

37. Dr TR Joseph, DPhil, 200
38. Dr AP Kilian PhD, 2015
39. Dr GP Kirsten, MSc, 2018
40. Dr JM Kruger, DLitt, 2009
41. Dr BF Loubser, MEng, 1985
42. Dr M Lyner-Cleophas, PhD, 2016
43. Dr NN Makaluza, PhD, 2019
44. Dr L Maya, MBChB, 2011
45. Dr W Mbao, PhD, 2013
46. Dr S Meyer-Nell, MBChB, 1997
47. Dr AH Molotsi, PhD, 2017
48. Dr DJ Nell, MMed, 2005
49. Dr M Petersen PhD, 2016
50. Dr E Pieterse, PhD, 2006
51. Dr WSP Schoombee, MBChB, 2012
52. Dr E Sinclair, PhD, 2019
53. Dr J Stimie, PhD, 2015
54. Dr PDF Strijdom, DTh, 1996
55. Dr CS Theron, PhD, 2000
56. Dr EA Turner, DTh, 1998
57. Dr CE Van Den Berg, MMED, 2009
58. Dr RA van den Berg (née Van Zijl), MBChB, 2005
59. Dr A Van Der Merwe, PhD, 2013
60. Dr IJ Van Der Merwe, DTh 2000
61. Dr L Van Rooi, DTh, 2009
62. Dr A Van Rooyen, MMed (O&G), 1993
63. Dr CD Von der Heyden, MBChB, 1993

64. Mr JL Aiyer, BA, 2023
65. Mr AJ Allers, BAcc, 1985
66. Mr FP Avenant, MTh, 1977
67. Mr DBR Badenhorst, BA (Law), 1971
68. Ms L Badenhorst (née Theron), BA, 1971
69. Mr N Bekkers, BPubl Admin Hons, 1990
70. Ms M Bester, BSc High Ed Dip, 1996
71. Mr AC Böhmer, MA Psychology, 1998
72. Ms S Booyens (née Cronjé), BSc, 1959
73. Mr JG Brink, MA Psychology, 2013
74. Mr V Brink, BSc Hons, 1976
75. Ms PK Brown, BA (Law) 2021
76. Ms NJ Bruns-Bergsteedt, MA Journalism, 2018

77. Ms LM Botha, MEd, 1996
78. Ms F Bubenzer, BA Hons, 2001
79. Ms EJ Burger, BSc HEd, 1980
80. Ms N Christians, MA Journalism, 2023
81. Ms S Cilliers BA, HEd, 1985
82. Mr GM Cornellisen, MPhil, [2003 2004] student #: 11586952)
83. Mr LA Cuff, BSc, 2013
84. Mr W Davidse, MPhil, 2008
85. Mr J De Clercq, BCom, 1991
86. Ms C De Clercq (née Kohlberg), MCom, 1986
87. Mr N De Clercq, BCom Hons, 2020
88. Mr WB De Clercq, BAcc Hons, 1986
89. Mr CWLR De Villiers, BCom, 2022
90. Mr W Davidse, Mphil, 2008
91. Ms L De Villiers (née Oosthuizen), BA, 1970
92. Ms L De Villiers, BA LLB, 1996
93. Mr PD De Villiers, BAcc, 1996
94. Mr WA De Wit, MPhil, 2021
95. Mr KM Dijkstra, BA LLB, 1985
96. Ms E Dippenaar, (née Maas), 1973
97. Mr SSR Dube, BSc Hons, 2019
98. Ms I Du Plessis, BA LLB, 1984
99. Ms L du Plessis, BA, 1997
100. Mr WJ Du Plessis, BA, 1982
101. Mr J Du Toit, BAcc, 1996 (Student nr 9410384)
102. Ms M Du Toit, MA Psychology, 2003 (Staff nr 11550619)
103. Mr S Dyan, PGDip, 2022
104. Ms IS Dyantyi, LLM, 2021
105. Mr S Elson, BA, 2022
106. Mr AM Emsley, BA, 1995
107. Mr JJ Erwee, BEcon, 1988
108. Ms MG Fouché, MSc Agric, 1996
109. Mr S Foster, LLB, 2023
110. Ms F Fredericks, BA Hons, 2010
111. Mr BT Frolick, LLM, 2022
112. Mr LLB Gaum, BTh, 1995
113. Ms A Gazendam-Schulze, MA, 1998
114. Ms AM Gerber (née Victor), BCom, 1996
115. Mr JG Georgiades, BA, 2012
116. Mr KCG Gilbert, BSc Hons, 2022
117. Ms CH Hartley, MA, 2011

118. Mr B-C Havemann, BComm, 2003
119. Ms A Havemann-Serfontein, MA Psychology, 2002
120. Ms DEA Hendricks, BEng, 2022
121. Ms S Human (née Croeser), LLB, 1987
122. Mr T Hlatshwayo, BCom Hons, 2023
123. Mr M Jamba, BEd Hon, 2018
124. Ms CR Jansen, BA Hon, 2017
125. Mr MP Johannes, BEd, 2017
126. Mr CP Jordaan, BAcc, 1999
127. Ms J Jordaan (née Van Zyl), BAcc Hons, 2000
128. Me MM Joyce, BA Hons, 2021
129. Mr Y Keva, BTh, 2020
130. Ms N Kirsten, MCom, 2015
131. Ms AE Kloppers, BA Hons, 1987
132. Mr BJ Kloppers, MEng, 2022
133. Mr PW Kloppers, LLM, 2000
134. Ms CL Krige (née Meyer), BCom, 1969
135. Mr X Kritzinger, MMus, 2019
136. Mr A Krynauw, BEng, 1987
137. Ms GM Landman, HEdD, 1976
138. Mr NF Lees, LLB, 1981
139. Ms M Le Fleur, BA, 2023
140. Ms AM Lemmer, BA, 1978
141. Mr MC Leslie, MPhil, 2010
142. Mr GE Leukes, BEng, 2010
143. Ms M Loubser (née van Velden), BHome Eco, 1981
144. Ms DJ Louw, BSocial Work, 2013
145. Ms A Louw, BA, 1990
146. Ms S Louw, BA, 1986
147. Mr SAC, Louw, BEng, 1987
148. Ms L Mabitsela, BEng, 2021
149. Mr M Mango, LLB, 2019
150. Ms A Manuel, BCom, 2022
151. Ms H-L Marshall, LLM, 1998 (St nr 9238263)
152. Mr A Mangali, BSc Hons, 2021
153. Mr M Matiwane, BPublic Admin Hons, 2021
154. Ms BT Matuba, BA Hons, 2022
155. Ms L Mbatha, Masters Urban and Regional Planning, 2018
156. Mr LT Mboko, MCom, 2022
157. Mr KD Meyer, BCom Hons, 2017
158. Mr B Mgijima, MPA, 2018

159. Mr L Mgobozi, BAcc, 2022
160. Mr TM Mlangeni, BSc, 2021
161. Mr NBS Mncube, PGDip, 2023
162. Ms DN Mokone, LLB, 2021
163. Ms A Molebatsi, BSc, 2021
164. Ms J Momberg, BA Hons, 1990
165. Mr BJS Momberg, BA, 1990
166. Mr JH Momberg, BCom, 2019
167. Ms AL Moolman, BA, 1994
168. Ms P Moolman, BSc Hons, 2022
169. Ms MP Mostert, MBA, 1996
170. Ms F Mubaiwa, BCom Hons, 2016
171. Ms U Mubaiwa, MA (Research Psychology), 2022
172. Mr TK Nair, PGDip, 2022
173. Ms JP Naude, MCom, 1986
174. Mr FP Ndebele, LLB, 2021
175. Ms A Ndudula, BAcc, 2018
176. Ms A Nel, MSc, 2006
177. Mrs E Nel, BSc, 1981
178. Mr S Ngxowa, BEng, 2022
179. Ms P Nhamo, BCom, 2023
180. Mr X Njengele, BA, 2019
181. Mr C Nolte, MA, 1997
182. Mr MJ Nyakatya, MSc, 2006
183. Ms NS Nyongo, Hons, 2021
184. Ms RD Olivier, BA Hons, 2016
185. Mr C Otto, BCom LLB, 1972
186. Ms Z Otto Ladbrook, BA Hons, 2003
187. Ms BC Ottermann, BA Hons Journalism, 1997
188. Ms PS Qabaka, Bcom, 2022
189. Mr L Phakade, BA, 2019
190. Mr J Pijl, MBA, 2018
191. Mr A Pinzi, MPubl Admin, 2017
192. Ms GJ Prekel (née Immelman), BA, 1960
193. Mr NA Pretorius, BEng, 1991
194. Mr M Ramaisa, BCom Hons, 2021
195. Mr DJ Retief, BSc BEng, 1967
196. Mr DJ Retief, BSc Hons, 2000
197. Ms CE Retief, BA, 1967
198. Mr D Richfield, MSc, 2008
199. Ms CJ Robertson, MA, 2013

200. Ms S Roux, BEng, 2006
201. Mr A Sandaza, LLB, 2022
202. Mr A Serfontein, MTh, 2012
203. Mr T Seyisi, LLB, 2021
204. Ms A Shaikh, MSc, 2021
205. Ms KA Sharpley, MA, 2020
206. Mr WA Smit, MBA, 1994
207. Mr M Smorenburg, BCom, 2010
208. Mr C Spies, MTh, 1982
209. Mr HM Spies, MBA, 2012
210. Ms J Stassen, MBA, 1995
211. Ms KL Step, MSc, 2022
212. Ms EJ Strijdom, BHomeE, 1970
213. Adv H Swanepoel, BCom Econ, 1984
214. Mr H Swart, MAcc, 1992
215. Ms R Terreblanche-Brand, BPrimEd (Mus), 1996
216. Ms UK Tlhopane, BSc Agri, 2021
217. Ms AC Tobo, PGDip, 2017
218. Ms EJ Toerien, MEng, 1987
219. Ms AJ Tremeer, BPhil, 2000
220. Ms Z Trollip, BScAgric, 2022
221. Mr TB Tshauambea, BA (Law), 2020
222. Mr MT Ukena, BA Law, 2021
223. Mrs M Van Den Worm, BSc, 1980
224. Adv DJ Van Der Merwe , BCom LLB, 1998
225. Ms M Van Der Merwe, HPOD, 1967
226. Ms AJ Van Der Westhuizen, MPhil, 2013
227. Mr CA Van Dyk, BEng, 2021
228. Mr DC Van Dyk, BTh, 1981
229. Ms S Van Dyk, MMus, 2001
230. Mr G Van Rhyn, BAcc, 1985
231. Ms H Van Rhyn, BEng, 2021
232. Ms L Van Rhyn, BSc, 2023
233. Ms E van Rooyen, Hons Bcom, 2022
234. Ms M van Rooyen, BCom, 2019
235. Ms E Van Wyk, BA, 2021
236. Ms M Van Wyk, HonsBA, 1987
237. Ms B Van Zyl, MEd, 2018
238. Ms MS Van Zyl, Hons Eng, 2001
239. Mr PJ Venter, BEcon Hons, 1989
240. Mr P Visage, BAcc LLB, 2022

241. Mr JH Visser, MCom, 1978
242. Ms LM Visser, MA English, 2014
243. Ms S Walbrugh-Parsadh, MA, 1996
244. Ms C Wassenaar (née Grant), BEng, 1987
245. Ms M Wassenaar, BA Law, 2021
246. Ms MA Wevell, BCom, 2023
247. Ms L Wilkinson, PGCE, 2021

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