

MINUTES OF BUSINESS SCHOOL MEETING

Potchefstroom Site of Delivery

6 MAY 2019 – Building E3

Present

1. Prof Fulu Netswera (Chair)
2. Ms Mara Boneschans (secretarial)
3. Mr Albrecht Strydom
4. Mr William van der Merwe
5. Prof Anet Smit
6. Mr Johan Coetzee
7. Ms Elma Senekal
8. Prof Raymond Parsons
9. Prof Christoff Botha
10. Ms Antonett Visagie
11. Ms Lizanné Smit
12. Prof Ronnie Lotriet
13. Ms Tsidi Khumalo
14. Mr Johan Jordaan
15. Mr Theo Venter
16. Ms Retha Scholtz
17. Prof Christo Bisschoff
18. Ms Aifani Tahulela

Apologies

1. Rhonda Ferreira (Vanderbijlpark)
2. Ms Marilize Minne (Unavailable)
3. Prof Stephan van der Merwe (Sick leave)
4. Ms Anthea Gaanakgomo (Leave)
5. Prof Leon Jackson
6. Tebogo Tebejane

Opening and Welcome	Chairperson
Prof Fulu welcomed everyone. The attendance register was signed.	
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It is Raymond Parsons' birthday today. Happy birthday! Johan Jordaan's son is going for a very delicate operation. We wish him well and hopefully the operation is successful. Welcome to new staff, Aifani Tahulela and Christi Munro. Welcome to Johan van Zyl who is doing some work for us on an ad hoc basis, in the absence of Marilize. He will take care of newsletters and communication matters. Please talk to him regarding stories, Facebook and Web info. Mara will send his email address to staff. He compiled the 2018 Annual Report, which was circulated widely, but please forward to your networks as well. Prof Fulu requests Johan to upload the Annual Report or a link of it on our FB page as well. Theo mentioned that he will act as a specialist analyst for News24 during this week - before, during and after the elections mostly on eNCA, Channel 144, TV1, TV2 and TV3.	
Prof Fulu - General	Fulu
Anet mentioned that there is only a few CVs on our website. Hers for instance, is not there although she sent the info to Anthea. Christo replied that the University does not allow CVs on the web anymore. They are taking the CVs off. Ronnie asked what the official situation is with Marilize's position. Prof Fulu said there is not a definite response yet. There were 2 or 3 meetings, but they do not have answers. They are waiting on a directive of the law. The process should be finalised outside the University. Johan van Zyl will stand in for her in the meantime. Prof Fulu asked staff to try and attend graduation ceremonies relating to the Business School. The MBA Graduation will be on 29 May at 15:00 and the Gala dinner at Crista Galli at 17:30 for 18:00. Ronnie remind that the MBA graduation of 29 May will probably not be at the auditorium which is currently under	

construction. He also requested staff to attend the Gala dinner, especially the module lecturers, who will present the certificates to the best module students.

Prof Fulu informed staff of the Alumni dinner which will take place on 22 May in Midrand. There are about 297 students from that area – Centurion, Midrand and East Rand. The invite was only sent to the VC, the 2 DVCs and the Dean. Prof Dan will talk as well as Prof Raymond in his capacity of chairperson of the Board. The invitations to all staff will be send soon.

There is a Subsidy Information meeting scheduled for tomorrow (7 May) at 09:00 at Building K14 with Sanri Joubert. She will provide us with the formulas used for subsidies. Please attend. This meeting relates to the exercise we are doing now with University Management Team on autonomy. Albrecht done some work as well, so we can see how much money we make and spend.

Tentative figures show we are fine with R76 million income and R30 million spend on salaries.

The autonomy question: There was a UMC Task Team appointed to work on the matter. Proff Fulu and Raymond also serves on the Task Team. Prof Fulu went to 5 Business Schools (Namibia, Free State, Nelson Mandela, Gibbs and Stellenbosch) and got quite interesting information from them on their governance and financial issues.

The Task Team made a presentation to the UMC last week and was send back. Elmarie must do a financial report. Updated report and recommendations will be presented to Council probably on 13 June. Prof Fulu and Prof Raymond will see Prof Balfour on Thursday, 9 May regarding some reservations on the process.

We need an external facilitator with an independent view, like Nick Binedell to make it more inclusive. Unfortunately, the Task Team is made up of internal staff. Prof Fulu also write a letter to George, Dean of Strathmore, for a meeting. Prof Fulu will go to AMBA conference next week in Turkey. In the opinion of Prof Fulu, Task Team meetings of an hour are too short. It should rather be a full day meeting.

Tommy, Herman and William had meetings regarding the Small Business Advisory Bureau. Tommy present a very useful five-year trajectory report on what the SBAB can become. Prof Fulu will email the Report to familiarise

yourself.

André Coertzen was also contracted to do some work on promotion and marketing. There was a meeting last week at West Vaal. Tommy went with André as Prof Fulu was sick. The Department ministry of Small Business run a big survey on township economy in North-West and then will roll out to others. It is a meaningful income and need a lot of hands.

Theo mentions the Nation in Discussion project also encourage growth in rural areas. We can capture that as well as there is enormous growth. That can be within a 200 – 300 km radius from Potch.

Ronnie refers to the Agriculture Academy which will have online Small Business training. As a School we can use it as a total new niche.

Proff Christo, Ronnie and Raymond are planning for the prestige day on 25 July at the upcoming Study School. Theo suggested Wandile Shilobo to be considered as a guest speaker.

The Study School (22 – 26 July) will be held at the Elgro Hotel this year in Potch. Everything we need is there. They have a big auditorium as well.

Ronnie attended a NMAT meeting in Johannesburg. They agree to bring the testing centre to us in order for students to write in Potch. They partnered with Pearsons in Potch, about a block or two from us.

The Study Tour for students will be from 7 to 11 July in Cairo. The first 15 students can be accommodated.

Albrecht asked staff not to buy any electronic equipment out of their pockets. There are problems on certain areas with refunding. Talk to him first. Certain items are now described as assets.

Anet asked about the new research form lecturers received via email, which students also have to sign. Aifani explained that it is actually meant to track the progress of students. Ronnie says the biggest challenge now is Title registrations and ethics. The next Research meeting is booked for 14 May. Prof Fulu suggests we discuss the problem on that meeting and then take appropriate decisions.

Johan Jordaan on PGDIP: Feedback on distance programme is very positive. 65 Students were accepted and 10 fall out. The important thing is to redesign the Diploma for next year to contain 8 core modules and 2 electives. Distance and part time over 2 years. 5 Modules per semester is too much on part time. Ronnie mentioned it is the second last classes for MBA. The final marks must be calculated. Exam committee dates are booked. Please have the marks ready in time.	
Closure	Chairperson
The meeting was adjourned	
Date of next meeting	
Next staff meeting is 15 July 2019.	

Adoption of minutes

Secretary
Ms Mara Boneschans

Chairperson
Prof Fulu Netswera

Date

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