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**UKZN BEGINS THE PROCESS TO RECRUIT A NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR**

The term of office of Professor Malegapuru Makgoba Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), who served two terms in office, will expire at the end of 2014. The Council of the University of KwaZulu-Natal has begun the process to recruit a new Vice-Chancellor and Principal. At its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Council requested the Chair to appoint an external advisory working group of highly accomplished and respected individuals to lead the process. The group has begun its work and through a process of consultation will 'define the leadership vision for UKZN, with particular reference to the roles, responsibilities and characteristics of the new Vice-Chancellor'. The stakeholders to be consulted will include students, staff, donors, unions and alumni which will ensure an inclusive process.

The recruitment process will be undertaken in two phases. The first phase will elicit comment and recommendations from the University's key stakeholders on the profile of the new Vice-Chancellor. Submissions will be consolidated and a final report presented to Council in December this year. The second phase which will begin early next year will focus on the recruitment process – the post will be advertised nationally and internationally and it is envisaged that a candidate will be selected by June 2014.

The Chair of Council Mrs Phumla Mnganga paid special tribute to Professor Makgoba, "UKZN is a diverse and dynamic organization. Under Professor Makgoba's leadership the University has made significant strides, particularly in the standing of the organization, transformation and research achievements. The University is recognized as the most transformed institution in the country and is ranked in the top 3% of the world's universities. Indeed, under Professor Makgoba's leadership UKZN is respected as a global repository of scientific knowledge production and innovation in the higher education sector. In this regard three multi – million rand research institutes have been established at the University - the KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH), the Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies and the

Doris Duke Medical Research Institute (DDMRI). We are looking for an exceptional academic leader who will take the University further on this trajectory of success."

**Members of the External Advisory Working Group:**

- Mrs Phumla Mnganga, Chair of the UKZN Council;
- Mr Karl Schmidt, Chair of the UKZN Senior Appointments Committee;
- Professor Loyiso Nongxa: Retired Vice-Chancellor of the University of Witwatersrand;
- Justice Zac Yacoob, Retired Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and the former Chair of Council of the former University of Durban-Westville;
- Mr Fanle Sibisi, President of the UKZN Convocation and former President of the SRC (Westville campus);
- Professor Ronnie Miller, Retired UKZN Academic and former member of the Executive;
- Dr Alan Aderem, President and Director of the Seattle BioMedical Research Institute;
- Ms Phumelele Nzimande, Public Service Commissioner, former long-serving member of the UKZN Council, former member of the UKZN Governance and Academic Freedom Committee and member of the UKZN Senior Appointments Committee.

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