

7.7 The Quality of Information Available to Management and the Administrative Processes Involve

The provision of internal management information is the responsibility of MUT's Directorate for Institutional Planning and Research (DIPR). The Directorate is also tasked with the compilation and submission of HEMIS reports to the DHET. Such reports, which constitute the official statistical record of the University, are subject to audit before submission.

DIPR provides a wide range of management reports to internal stakeholders for operational and audit purposes. The Directorate accesses data from the ITS system, which is the University's core administrative system, and makes use of the PowerHEDA system for providing business intelligence, or management information. Great care is taken by DIPR and the Office of the Registrar to ensure the reliability of the data recorded and generated by the two systems.

The ITN Department (Information Technology and Networks) initiated a process to relocate the MUT server room for disaster recovery, after the 2016 ITN audit report found that the existing server room was not compliant. MUT's current international bandwidth is low in comparison to other universities and the internet speed is slow. ITN is working with the internet service provider, TENET, to resolve the problem.

7.8 Student Services and Extra-curricular Activities

The Student Affairs Department organised various training workshops and engagements during 2017 in support of the University's student and leadership development objectives. The following are some of the highlights:

- Three events to promote social cohesion among students and three student leadership events were held during 2017.
- The University succeeded in ensuring that all student events were alcohol-free and without incident.
- All students with declared disabilities were supported.
- The SRC elections were successfully concluded in September, with minimal tension.
- A comprehensive student health and wellness programme was coordinated, including enhanced HIV intervention programmes.
- A women empowerment workshop was held, in which new students participated.
- Various sporting events were held and MUT participated in the University Sports South Africa (USSA) Championships.

7.9 Relationships with the Community, both Academic and Service

The University's Institute for Rural Development and Community Engagement (IRDCE) had 16 registered community engagement projects by year end, against a target of 14. Project activities include educational support for schools, literacy and numeracy programmes, special education, skills development and empowerment, agricultural initiatives, waste management, ecosystems rehabilitation, and countering xenophobia.

MUT's Marketing and Communications (MarComms) Directorate again hosted the annual Circle of Excellence Awards, supported by the Umlazi District of the Department of Education, in which outstanding high school teachers are recognised. More than R300,000 in sponsorship was received and prizes were awarded to the top achieving schools in Maths, Science, and Accounting.

MarComms worked with four local primary schools to assist 20 academically deserving Grade 7 girls from financially disadvantaged families to submit applications to the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for the 2018 intake. More than 10,000 girls from all over South Africa applied for the 60 places available. Ten of the local girls were shortlisted for an interview and one of them was accepted into the programme.

An empowerment conference for administrators was hosted in September, attracting 160 delegates from universities, Transnet and the Umngeni and eThekweni municipalities.

MUT became a recipient of community generosity after the flooding experienced in October 2017. Gift of the Givers and SAB provided food parcels for 150 students, Transnet provided blankets, and the Red Cross provided support for 300 students. Gift of the Givers donated computers worth R250,000 and re-established an Electrical Engineering laboratory.

7.10 Changing Patterns in the Provision of Academic Courses

The process of aligning MUT's academic programmes with the Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework (HEQSF) continued in 2017. New Advanced Diplomas need to be approved to replace the existing B.Tech degrees, which may admit new students for the last time in 2019. New Postgraduate Diplomas will be required for students articulating from a Diploma and Advanced Diploma to a Masters qualification.

In 2017 at total of five new programmes were submitted to DHET for PQM clearance. Those programmes were the following:

- Diploma in Public Municipal Financial Management, for which PQM clearance was granted on 30/05/2017;
- Advanced Diploma in Public Finance and Accounting, for which PQM clearance was granted on 30/05/2017;
- Advanced Diploma in Public Management, for which PQM clearance was granted on 29/05/2017;
- Advanced Diploma in Local Government Management, for which PQM clearance was awaited;
- Advanced Diploma in Supply Chain Management, for which PQM clearance was awaited.

In 2017 the institution submitted seven new PQM-cleared programmes to the CHE. The table below indicates the seven programmes submitted.

DEPARTMENT	PROGRAMME SUBMITTED	DATE ACCREDITED
Chemical Engineering	Advanced Diploma in Chemical Engineering	Accredited 27/10/2017
Community Extension	Advanced Diploma in Agricultural Extension & Community Development	Accredited 6/03/2017
Agriculture	Advanced Diploma in Agriculture in Crop Production	Accredited 6/06/2017
Biomedical	Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences	Accredited 2/11/2017
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Accounting & Law	Advanced Diploma in Cost & Management Accounting	Accredited 27/10/2017
Accounting & Law	Diploma in Local Government Finance	Accredited 8/05/2017
Human Resource Management	Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management	Accredited 10/03/2017

In 2017 the institution had two CHE programmes registered by SAQA. The table below indicates the two programmes SAQA registered.

NAME OF PROGRAMME	SAQA ID	SAQA REGISTERED DATE
Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management	101558	26/10/2017
Advanced Diploma in Agriculture in Crop Production	99750	27/09/2017

7.11 A Statement of Self-assessment of the Achievement of the Principal

The following self-assessment from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal is based on the Annual Performance Assessment Report which is the first part of the comprehensive report to DHET, and it represents a summary of the extent to which the goals and strategic objectives of the university have been achieved.

Enrolment Performance for 2017 against Ministerial Approved Targets

Access

MUT achieved its 2017 headcount target of 11,500 students (excluding WIL registrations), with enrolments of 11,586 (2016: 10,508). All three Faculties saw an increase in enrolments from 2016 to 2017. With regard to Major Field of Study, MUT has achieved a total of 6 705 headcount enrolments for SET and 3 970 for Business and Management Sciences. For Other Humanities, the total headcount enrolment was 911.