

3. COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ON GOVERNANCE

3.1 Introduction

Mangosuthu University of Technology is committed to the principles of discipline, transparency, independence, accountability, responsibility, fairness and social responsibility as advocated in the King III Report. Accordingly, the Council endorses, and during the period under review, has applied the Code of Practice, Conduct and the Code of Ethical Behaviour and Practice as set out in the King III Report. In supporting this Code, the Council recognises the need to conduct the business of Mangosuthu University of Technology with integrity and in accordance with generally accepted practices.

3.2 Statutory Governance Information

EFFECTIVE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

The composition of MUT Council membership in 2015 consisted of 30 members. All members were appointed in terms of Section 9 of the Standard Institutional Statute (SIS), 2002 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No: 101 of 1997), as amended. They were appointed in accordance with Section 8 of the SIS to govern MUT. With the end of the term of office of some members, new Council members had to be nominated and elected and were appointed in terms of Section 9 of the Standard Institutional Statute (SIS), 2002 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No: 101 of 1997), as amended.

The Council fulfilled its responsibilities for the ongoing strategic direction of MUT governance, approval of major developments, approval of operational policies and processes, and the receipt of regular reports from the Executive Management on the day-to-day operation of the University's business during the year 2015. It functioned in accordance with Section 8 of the SIS and hence responsibly delegated some of its powers to Standing Committees of Council and the Senate.

RECONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL

The Council of Mangosuthu University of Technology comprises academic and non-academic persons appointed

in terms of Section 9 of the Standard Institutional Statute (SIS), 2002 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No: 101 of 1997), as amended. They were appointed in accordance with Section 8 of the SIS to govern MUT. The majority (60%) of members are neither employees nor students.

The role of the Chairperson of Council is separate from the role of the Chief Executive Officer, the Vice-Chancellor. Matters reserved to the Council for decision-making are set out in the SIS. The Council is responsible for the ongoing strategic direction of Mangosuthu University of Technology, approval of major developments and the receipt of regular reports from Management on the day-to-day operation of MUT.

The Council meets at least four times a year and has several committees including the Finance and Remuneration Committee, the Audit and Risk Committee, the Human Resources Committee, the Resources and Planning, the Tender Committee, Senate, EXCO and the Institutional Forum.

In order to fully discharge its duty, Council ensured that Council was fully constituted as stipulated in the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997). The Council considered an extract from the Standard Institutional Statute relating to the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Council. Election of Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson was conducted by the Registrar. Both Mr S.J. Ngwenya and Mrs D. Hoorzuk were re-elected as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Council, respectively. The following new members of Council were introduced: Prof N.J. Ndlazi (Senate appointee) Prof L.D. Naidoo (Academic Staff), Mr A.K. Nzuza (Non-Academic Staff), and Mr P. Khomo (Non Academic Staff).

Full list of Members of Council in 2015 showing their constituencies and portfolios is attached as an appendix to this report.

The Council, each of the Standing Committees of Council; the Senate, and each of Standing Committees of Senate engaged in scheduled and unscheduled meetings for the year 2015.