

A Social Cohesion workshop was held from 29th to 30th August 2015 in preparation for the SRC elections.

A farewell function was held on the 17th August 2015 at Coastlands to acknowledge the contribution and support of the current SRC in the governance and administration of the university.

### IMPROVING SUCCESS RATES

The Vice-Chancellor informed Council that the University has a number of initiatives to assist students improve academic performance, even in the Student Residences. These included the 'Masifunde' campaign where the SRC plays a major role in encouraging a learning culture on campus.

Student Leadership and Cultural Immersion visit to Tanzania – A delegation, led by the Dean of Students visited Tanzania from 26th September 2015 to 6th October 2015.

## 3.12 Statement on IT Governance

The MUT Information Technology and Networks (ITN) directorate reviewed IT governance structures and processes and prepared the following recommendations and submissions for consideration and implementation:

### GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

The ITN directorate identified COBIT5 and ITIL V3 frameworks as suitable governance frameworks for adoption and phased implementation at MUT. The implementation of Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology (COBIT) framework for information technology (IT) management and IT governance will enable council and management to bridge the gap between control requirements, technical issues and business risks. The ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) framework will provide best practices and align IT actions and expenses to business needs and change them as the business grows or shifts direction.

### DIRECTORATE STRUCTURE

The ITN directorate proposed a new structure to address deficiencies of old structure and to create new capabilities

as recommended by COBIT and ITIL governance frameworks. The proposed structure was submitted for consideration by the relevant HR Committee.

### REPRESENTATION AT HIGHER LEVEL

The DVC resource and planning tasked the ITN directorate to consult and benchmark with other universities on possible and appropriate IT governance and representation within council or suitable sub-committee. The process was started late in 2016 and initial input has been obtained. A recommendation is planned for completion and council consideration mid-2016.

### MONITORING OF IT ASSETS

The ITN directorate implemented a new platforms and processes for the purpose of monitoring IT assets. The platform has been successfully commissioned to monitor and manage IT contracts, services and assets.

### SIGNIFICANT IT INVESTMENT

The ITN directorate proposed that in order to address financial resources constraints and effective IT asset lifecycle management, MUT must start leasing of appropriate IT equipment (such as PCs and laptops) instead of outright purchase thereof. This recommendation obtained approval from relevant council committee.

### IT RELATED POLICIES

The ITN directorate reviewed current policies and submitted to the relevant structure a recommended list of IT policies for council approval and thereafter implementation in 2016 onwards.

### COMPUTER COMMITTEE

The computer committee met 4 out of 4 times to deliberate on ITN matters and submit reports to the Senate.

This report is signed by:

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Judge J Ngwenya  
Chairperson of MUT Council

2016-06-29.  
Date