

4. COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY

Students Number and Throughput

The need for production of graduates with technical skills especially from historically disadvantaged backgrounds led to the establishment of Mangosuthu of Technology in 1979. This need still remains as relevant today as 36 years ago. Each year, MUT receives overwhelmingly more applications from prospective students than available spaces.

Table 4.1: Student Enrolments and Throughput

	STUDENT HEADCOUNT	FTE ENROLLED	FTE PASSED	FTE % PASS	GRADUATES
2014	11,377	7,669.8	6,334.0	82.58%	2,445
Baccalaureus technologiae degree	424	253.8	215.7	84.99%	242
National diploma	10,953	7,416.0	6,118.3	82.50%	2,203
2015	11,512	7,728.1	6,385.7	82.63%	2,491
Baccalaureus technologiae degree	430	278.1	240.7	86.54%	221
National diploma	11,051	7,429.1	6,128.2	82.49%	2,262
Postgraduate Diploma	31	20.9	16.8	80.70%	8

NB: The figures in the table above and the paragraph below include WIL registrations.

In 2015, MUT recorded headcount enrolment of 11,512 students (including WIL), a marginal increase from 11,377 students in 2014. FTE enrolled total in 2015 was 7, 728.1 and FTE success rate was 82.63% as shown in Table 4.1. In 2015, MUT produced a total of 2,491 graduates, again a marginal increase from 2,445 in 2014. MUT exceeded targets in terms for FTE enrolled success rate and graduation rate for 2015.

MUT introduced the post graduate diploma programme in Nature conservation, the first of such in sector in 2015. The programme will provide the pipeline for planned enrolment into the first M.Tech programme at MUT in 2017.

MUT's enrolment trend suggests that the University is well positioned to achieve planned headcount enrolment growth to 12,500 students in 2019 in accordance with the current cycle of enrolment planning in the sector. Therefore, there is a realistic expectation of planned funding subsidy from Teaching Inputs and Outputs units accruable from our pipeline of students.

Inclusivity of Stakeholders

MUT follows standard democratic processes for decision making through active participation of individuals and internal stakeholders on various statutory structures of decision making at the University. Programmes and events have been put in place at MUT to promote inclusivity and awareness of stakeholders on issues pertaining various operational aspects of the University. Annually, the Vice Chancellor commences the academic year with the VC's State of the University address to MUT community. This gesture has been extended to the VC's annual engagement with parents, guardians and neighbouring communities. In this event, MUT management inform the audience about MUT successes and challenges. Remarks from participants indicate that this initiative is well-received.

MUT greatly values that importance of maintaining a disciplined, well-informed and cohesive body of students irrespective of social status and political affiliation. The management of MUT constantly engages MUT students particularly the leadership of various student formations.