

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CONVOCATION TO BE HELD ON 06 APRIL
2024**

**REPORT OF THE OUTGONE CONVEXCO PRESENTED TO MUT
CONVOCATION AGM**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The report's purpose is to seek ratification by the MUT convocation to allow either the outgoing convocation President or an ex officio member of the CONVEXCO to deliver a report of the CONVEXCO to the Convocation AGM.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. Clause 18.3.3 of the MUT Convocation Constitution states that an annual general meeting (AGM) of the Convocation shall be convened by the Secretary in consultation with the President or vice-President of the Convocation, held at a date and time to be determined.

2.2 Clause 18.3.11 states that every AGM, the President shall present a report on the activities of the CONVEXCO and the Convocation for adoption by the AGM.

2.3 The term of office of the outgoing CONVEXCO was from 7 December 2019 and it expired on the 6 December 2023. Effectively, for the AGM that is to be held on the 06 April 2024, there is no President of the Convocation to deliver the CONVEXCO report as per clause 18.3.11, but this gap can be remedied and ratified by the Convocation at the AGM.



3. DISCUSSION

3.1. As per the Convocation Constitution, the fourth AGM becomes an elective one. It is customary that the CONVEXCO report delivered by the President of the Convocation in terms of clause 18.3.11 give an account of the work of the Convocation and CONVEXCO for the period of four years while in office.

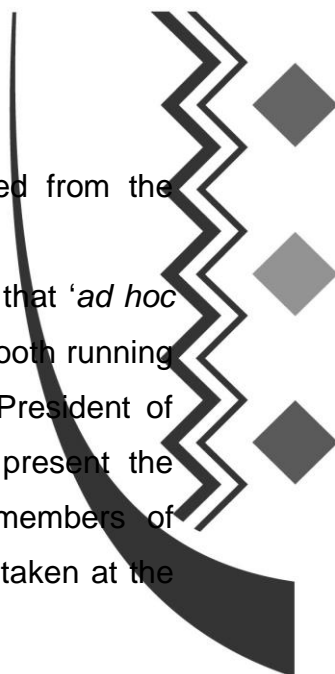
3.2 The lacuna that exists is that the Constitution of the MUT Convocation does not provide explicitly for who must deliver the CONVEXCO report where the same CONVEXCO is no longer in office, as is the case.

3.3 A legal opinion on the matter has been sought and it states that 'if the President's term of office has expired on the expiration of the four-year period, an *ex officio* member referred to in clause 15.2 may present such a report'.

3.4 The *ex officio* members of the CONVEXCO referred to above are

- (i) The Vice Chancellor;
- (ii) The Registrar;
- (iii) The Executive Sponsor of the Convocation;
- (iv) The Alumni Relations Officer;
- (v) Chairpersons of the Convocation Chapters, who are coopted from the Chapters of the Convocation Association to be *ex officio*.

3.5 Taking into account the above the legal opinion further states that '*ad hoc* decisions can be made early on in the meeting to allow for the smooth running of the elective AGM. A dedicated person for e.g. the erstwhile President of CONVEXCO, whose term has expired, may be authorised to present the CONVEXCO report at the AGM, alternatively the *ex officio* members of CONVEXCO may present such a report. These decisions can be taken at the AGM'.



4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1. That CONVOCATION ratifies the proposal to have the erstwhile President of Convocation to present the CONVEXCO report, or

4.2. That CONVOCATION ratify the proposal to have an *ex officio* member of CONVEXCO present the CONVEXCO report.

Dr PP Masala

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Registrar

28 March 2024