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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT No. 101 OF 1997) ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

SEFAKO MAKGATHO HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, in terms of section 20 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997), and after consulting with the Council on Higher Education, hereby establish the new university in the Gauteng province. The date of the establishment of the new institution, the type and name of the new institution, the physical location and official address of the new institution, the composition of the interim council and the transitional arrangements required to ensure the effective implementation of the establishment process are set out in the Schedule hereto.

Dr BE Nzimande, MP

Minister of Higher Education and Training

Date: 15/05/14

SCHEDULE 1

The date of the establishment of the new institution is effective upon the signature of this gazette.

The type and name of the new institution

A comprehensive university to be known as Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, Gauteng

The physical location and official address of the new institution

The physical location and seat of the new university will be in Ga-Rankuwa. The official address is:

Moletlegi (Old Brits) Road, Ga-Rankuwa

Gauteng

2000

Establishment of Interim Council

An interim council is established for a period not exceeding six months, to perform the functions relating to governance of the institution, except the making of the institutional statute.

The Interim Council must in particular -

- appoint an interim body to manage the day-to-day activities of the institution;
- ensure that a council is constituted in terms of the standard institutional statute; and
- ensure the establishment of such other structures as may be determined in the standard institutional statute

The composition of the interim council including the chairperson is:

- Prof Olive Shisana (Chairperson)
- Prof AM Segone
- Dr N. Simelela
- Mr Paul Slack
- Ms Sizo Mchunu

The transitional arrangements

A report compiled by the Joint Technical Task Team aimed at advising the Interim Council and the management of the new institution on processes of unbundling the Medunsa campus of the University of Limpopo and establishing a new university incorporating the Medunsa campus will be handed over to the Interim Council of the new university. The report proposes, inter alia, a distinctive academic model and Programme Qualification Mix for the new university, situates these in terms of the local, national and international health care and training contexts, examines infrastructure, facilities, space and clinical training platforms are likely to be required, together with the projected costs thereof, and suggests various transitional arrangements to facilitate the incorporation of the Medunsa campus of the University of Limpopo into the new university.

The Department of Higher Education and Training has developed a set of comprehensive and integrated policies and procedures in a form of guidelines for the establishment of a new university in South Africa. The guidelines are broad in scope and deal with among other areas of work: institutional governance; the office of the registrar; student governance; academic programmes; human resources; Information and Communication Technology (ICT); finance; library and information sciences; and facilities management.

The Interim Council may use these guidelines for the establishment of the new university to develop the systems and practices that will support high quality teaching and learning, academic programmes and productive research, and community engagements activities for the comprehensive health and allied sciences university.

The Protocol of Engagement that provides a framework to facilitate the incorporation of the Medunsa campus into the new health and allied sciences university has been developed. The Protocol seeks to provide a framework for effective communication, interaction, planning, preparation, implementation and mutual support between the University of Limpopo and the new health and allied sciences university during the transitional period in which the Medunsa campus is being separated, de-linked and unbundled from the University of Limpopo and being joined, linked and incorporated into the new university, leading up to the date of incorporation; and to ensure that operational decisions by any of the parties in this period do not adversely impact on the operational and organizational integrity of either the parent institution, the subdivision or the new health sciences university.

The Department of Higher Education and Training will provide technical support to the institution to ensure that the new university is fully established.

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