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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NO. 511

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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997)**APPOINTMENT OF A NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE**

I, **Dr BE Nzimande**, MP, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, in accordance with Section 49H of the Higher Education Act (Act 101 of 1997, as amended) (the Act) hereby appoint Mr Nhlanganiso Dladla as the Administrator for the University of Fort Hare to take over from Professor Loyiso Nongxa. The terms of reference of the Administrator are as per the Schedule below.

1. Background

1.1 My predecessor, Dr GNM Pandor, MP appointed Professor Loyiso Nongxa as the Administrator of UFH in order to restore proper governance at the University. The appointment was published in a Government Notice No. 618, Government Gazette No. 42425 of 29 April 2019. The specific terms of reference for Professor Nongxa were to:

- (a) Take over the role, powers, functions and duties of the Council for a period of 12 months.
- (b) Initiate processes and initiatives that will restore proper governance at the University.
- (c) Ensure that an independent investigation is conducted into the affairs of the University particularly in light of, amongst other things, the resignations, suspensions and dismissals that have taken place; alleged financial irregularities and other related matters that have contributed to the current state of affairs; and the collapse of governance at the University.
- (d) Implement the process of reviewing and revising the current Statute of the University in terms of Section 32 of the Higher Education Act, No 101 of 1997, as amended (the Act) and its approval in terms of Section 33.
- (e) Review the Office of the Registrar, identify and initiate processes to address any deficiencies to ensure its optimal functioning in order to support the Governance and Management delivery of the University.
- (f) Reconstitute the Council in terms of the new Statute.

1.2 Professor Nongxa has performed the work as per the terms of reference, and reported to me on a quarterly basis. The outstanding task is the constitution of the Council in terms of the newly developed Statute.

1.3 Given the expiry of his term of office, I have appointed Mr Nhlanganiso Dladla as the new Administrator of the University of Fort Hare in terms of section 49H of the Act.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 The specific duties of the new Administrator will be to:

- a) carry out the role, exercise the powers, perform the functions and execute the duties of the council to the extent that such role, powers, functions and duties relate to governance; and
- b) ensure that a new council is constituted in accordance with the institutional statutes within a period not exceeding six months.

2.2 The period of appointment is for a period of six months.

2.3 The Administrator will commence duties on the date of publication of this notice.

2.4 For continuity, the Administrator will utilise the services of the already established advisory governance committees.

3. Remuneration

3.1 In terms of Section 49D of the Act, the remuneration and allowances to be paid to the Administrator are subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance.

3.2 All costs associated with the appointment of the Administrator are for the account of the public higher education institution concerned.

4. Completion and Report

4.1 The Administrator must at the completion of the appointment period, submit a written report to the Minister through the Department within 30 days.

4.2 Should the constitution of the Council occur within a shorter period than the stipulated period of appointment, the term of office will come to an end.



Dr BE Nzimande, MP

Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology

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