

## Convocation AGM: 7 December 2023

### Motion 1

Proposer: Evariste Umba

Secunder: Sabakhe Mahlangu

*I move that the proposed 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) be postponed pending the holding of the Special General Meeting (SGM) as per the resolution of the 2022 AGM.*

*Rationale:*

*The 2022 AGM resolved that the SGM should be held after the Panel report released its findings in order to deal with the UCT governance issues that could not be attended to since they were under investigation at the time. The proposed sitting of the 2023 AGM would be irregular because it would not be in compliance with this resolution and not taking into consideration the vote from the 2022 Convocation.*

*I will provide more details on this matter at the AGM 2023, should it be held before the SGM.*

### Motion 2

Proposer: Martin Plaut

Secunder: Nicoli Natrass

*Convocation acknowledges and applauds the work of the library staff in their herculean task of recovering from the fire that destroyed so much, with an appalling effect on Special Collections. Some unique material has been permanently lost, although much was saved and is being restored. We note with great sadness that this blow to the library might have been avoided if basic maintenance had been carried, including clearing the gutters from which the fire spread. We urge the University administration to ensure that the fabric of UCT is properly maintained and that this risk does not recur. Convocation calls on the Vice-Chancellor to conduct a full and transparent inquiry into the destruction of the library in order to learn lessons and prevent any further disasters, and urges the university to commit the resources (in terms of funding and staffing) to rebuild and re-open the Special Collections as rapidly as possible.*

Motion 3

Proposer: Seán Muller

Seconder: Thembelani Mazibuko

*University management should report back to Convocation on its recent meeting with the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Parliament of South Africa.*