



The Convocation of the University of Cape Town

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Convocation to be held on Thursday, 5 December 2024 at 17h00. This is a hybrid meeting, taking place on the Microsoft Teams platform and in person in the Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus, Lecture Theatre 1.

Meetings of Convocation are restricted to members of Convocation and to facilitate access to the meeting (online and in-person) members will be required to register for this purpose and to do so by Friday, 15 November 2024 (details provided in the notice of meeting).

Agenda:

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes for approval
 - 2.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 December 2023.
 - 2.2 Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 28 May 2024.
3. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - 3.1 The 7 December 2023 AGM considered the following motion.

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.

The above motion was adopted with the following amendment:

The results of the enquiry should be reported to the next AGM of Convocation either in writing or by other suitable means.

- 3.2 The 28 May 2024 Special General Meeting of Convocation adopted the following motion.

The President and Executive Committee of Convocation should revert to Convocation with proposals for the reform of Convocation's processes at the next AGM.

4. Report of the President of Convocation
5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor on the state of UCT
6. Motions, where prior notice was received by the Secretary of Convocation at registrar@uct.ac.za by Friday, 15 November 2024.

Royston Pillay
Registrar and Secretary of Convocation
22 October 2024

Note:

The Convocation consists of -

- (a) the graduates and all holders of diplomas and credit-bearing certificates of the University;
- (b) the vice-chancellor, the deputy vice-chancellors and the academic staff; and
- (c) those former professors and associate professors elected by the senate to be emeritus professors or emeritus associate professors.