

Lapeng Student Centre

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Online conversation with the Dean of Students

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General students, staff, and alumni

Re: Announcement of results for the 2024/25 Students' Representative Council for the Bloemfontein and Welkom campuses

The Central University of Technology, Free State (CUT) is a public higher education institution that is governed by the Higher Education Act, and subsequently the CUT Statute, as important governance frameworks. These frameworks recognise the establishment of a student governance structure that must be elected democratically by the *bona fide* students of CUT at the university's respective campuses. This important task reaffirms CUT's commitment to meet the obligation of the statutory and legislative directives on an annual basis.

As part of the institutional arrangements, the Student Affairs Division is tasked to work collaboratively with various stakeholders, both internally and externally, to facilitate the renewal of the Students' Representative Council (SRC)'s mandate and structure by students. It is in this context that this online conversation with the Dean of Students is established, to convey a message of congratulations to the elected student leaders, and to thank the 41% of the student population that responded to this important civic call.

It also gives me pleasure to appreciate that all students who participated in the elections demonstrated discipline and respect for the democratic process, as we forge ahead to strengthen our systems to be formidable and more user friendly to students. It is in this regard that I take this moment to present the below letter to the university community, as we owe it to all, as mentioned, in inspiring openness and transparency. In conclusion, let me wish the newly elected Bloemfontein and Welkom SRCs a meaningful and impactful term of office, which would contribute significantly towards our pursuit of Vision 2030 and becoming a student centric university of technology in Africa.

Regards

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DECLARATION OF THE CUT 2024/25 SRC ELECTIONS

As the Chief Electoral Officer, I wish to affirm that the CUT 2024/25 SRC elections were conducted in accordance with the highest standards of transparency and fairness, with full adherence to the prescribed Election Rules based on the following grounds:

Voter and Candidate Engagement. Voters and candidates were kept fully informed both directly and through the election website. This ensured that all stakeholders had timely access to important information throughout the election process.

Issue Resolution. Voters and the Authorised Representatives of student organisations were allowed to raise any concerns during the election process. All issues raised were addressed fully and expeditiously.

Voter Participation. Out of 21,507 eligible students, 8,800 participated in the election, reflecting an overall voter turnout of 41%. Campus-specific voter turnout was as follows:

- **Welkom Campus:** 53% (2,994 out of 5,661 eligible students)
- **Bloemfontein Campus:** 37% (5,806 out of 15,846 eligible students)

Acceptance of Results. There were no objections filed indicating the acceptance of the results by all parties.

Transparency. CUT Internal Audit independently audited the entire election, and no irregularities were found.

Based on these factors, I am satisfied that the election was conducted in a free and fair manner, and I hereby declare the election results (appended) as final.

Thank you to all participants for their cooperation and commitment to upholding democratic values throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Chief Electoral Officer CUT 2024/25 SRC Elections

Bloemfontein Campus SRC 2024/25

Name	Surname	Portfolio	Organisation
METSING ISAAC	MATLHAKU	Campus President	EFFSC
JEMINA	MOKOENA	Deputy President	EFFSC
MBULELO MOYAKE	MOYAKE	Sabbatical/Secretary General	SASCO
ZIZIPHO	QULUBA	Finance Officer	EFFSC
MADIA BRIDNEY	KGAPHOLA	Academic and Quality Enhancement Officer	EFFSC
TSHENOLO	SALI	Sports and Recreation Officer	EFFSC
NOMITHI CHARLOTTE	NZAPHEZA	Public Relations Officer	SASCO
REABOKA	KHASAKE	Health and Welfare Officer	SASCO
NALEDI	KOENANE	Constitution and Legal Affairs Officer	SASCO
NWABISA SWEETNESS	MAGEQE	Projects and Campaign Officer	EFFSC
SIYABONGA BAYANDA	ZULU	Residence and Accommodation Officer	EFFSC
SEITHATI	MOKOENYANA	Student Affairs Officer	EFFSC
VUYELWA INNOCENTIA	NUNU	Transformation, Equity and Diversity Officer	EFFSC
LIYABONA	NKATSHASE	Art, Culture and International Students Officer	EFFSC

Welkom Campus SRC 2024/25

Name	Surname	Portfolio	Organisation
TSHEPISO THOBANI	ZUNGU	Campus President	PASMA
TLALE THOMAS	MAKOKO	Deputy President	PASMA
MTHANDEKI THAMSANQA DARLINGTON	MATUNDA	Sabbatical/Secretary General	PASMA
VUSIMUZI DONALD	KHOUTHA	Finance Officer	PASMA
MOEKENG	BANKIES	Academic and Quality Enhancement Officer	PASMA
THABANG	MACALA	Sports and Recreation Officer	PASMA
PHIWOKUHLE	JOYI	Public Relations Officer	PASMA
OKUHLE	MAGADLELA	Health and Welfare Officer	PASMA
TEBOHO KENNETH	TLHONE	Constitution and Legal Affairs Officer	PASMA
SINETHEMBA MOSES	SONKWALA	Projects and Campaign Officer	PASMA
ZIZIPHO	ZITHA	Residence and Accommodation Officer	PASMA
DAVID RATLADI	SHUPING	Student Affairs Officer	PASMA
KELEBOHILE PERTUNIA	TSOMELA	Transformation, Equity and Diversity Officer	PASMA
SOMILA	MTI	Art, Culture and International Students Officer	PASMA

Voter Participation

CAMPUS	ELIGIBLE		PERCENTAGE (%) VOTER TURNOUT
WELKOM	5 661	2 994	53%
BLOMFONTEIN	15 846	5 806	37%
TOTAL	21 507	8 800	41%