

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**NO. 1222****07 OCTOBER 2016****HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)**

I, Bongikosi Emanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training in accordance with section 33 (1) of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997), hereby publish the amended pages of the Institutional Statute of Nelson Mandela University set out in the Schedule hereto.

**Dr BE Nzimande, MP****Minister of Higher Education and Training****Date:** 02/09/2016

**STATUTE
OF THE
NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY**

SCHEDULE

To introduce a Statute for the Nelson Mandela University to give effect to the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997), as amended, and to promote the effective governance and management of the University in respect of matters not expressly prescribed by the said Act.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Nelson Mandela University has come into being as a result of a name change of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

WHEREAS the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University came into being through the incorporation of the Port Elizabeth Campus of the Vista University into the University of Port Elizabeth and the subsequent merger of the University of Port Elizabeth and the Port Elizabeth Technikon by notices issued in this regard by the Minister of Education in terms of Sections 24¹ and 23(1)², respectively, of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997), as amended;

and

WHEREAS it is desirable for the Nelson Mandela University to be a dynamic African university, recognised for its leadership in generating cutting-edge knowledge for a sustainable future by offering a diverse range of quality educational opportunities that will make a critical and constructive contribution to regional, national and global sustainability;

THEREFORE the Council of the Nelson Mandela University has made this Statute in terms of section 32(1) of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997), as amended, to ensure the effective governance and management of the University in respect of those matters not expressly prescribed by the said Act in order to achieve its goals and values.

¹ Notice 1693, Government Gazette No 25737, 14 November 2003

² Notice 1701, Government Gazette No 25737, 14 November 2003

DEFINITIONS

“senior management” means, for the purpose of section 31(1)(a)(iii) of the Act and for such other purposes as determined by the council, the members of the management committee, the registrar, the dean of students, the executive deans of faculty, the campus head or campus heads and the senior directors of organisational units;

“student” means a person registered for a qualification at the University;

“students’ representative council” means the students’ governing body composed as contemplated in paragraph 41;

“students’ support services council” means the structure contemplated in paragraph 50;

“University” means the Nelson Mandela University and NMU has the same meaning;

“vice-chancellor” means the vice-chancellor and principal who is the academic head and chief executive and accounting officer of the University contemplated in paragraph 67;

“with the concurrence of” means that the relevant bodies or persons have to reach agreement on a matter;

“working day” means any day of a week, excluding a Saturday, a Sunday, a public holiday, or any day declared as a holiday by NMU in the University calendar for a specific year.

UNIVERSITY

Name, status and seat

2. (1) The name of the University is the Nelson Mandela University.

(2) (a) The official postal address of the University is:

PO Box 7700
Nelson Mandela University
Port Elizabeth
6031

(b) The physical address of the University is:

Nelson Mandela University
University Way
Summerstrand
Port Elizabeth
6001

STUDENTS' SUPPORT SERVICES COUNCIL

50. (1) In accordance with section 27(3) of the Act the council establishes a structure, known as the student support services council, to advise the management committee and the council, where applicable, on policies for student support services within the University.
- (2) The composition, functions and other matters related to the student support services council are determined in the Rules after consultation with the students' representative council.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Name of alumni association

51. The alumni association is known as the alumni association of the Nelson Mandela University.

Goals and functions of alumni association

52. (1) The goals of the alumni association are –
- (a) to enhance the image of the alumni association both inside and outside the University community as an important stakeholder body in the University and an asset to the University to support the realisation of the University's mission and goals;
 - (b) to foster loyalty to and pride in the University among members through effective communication so that they may positively influence others;
 - (c) to provide and foster the provision of opportunities for alumni to contribute in financial and other meaningful ways to the advancement of the University;
 - (d) to promote, protect and maintain the rights of the alumni association; and
 - (e) to promote the ideals and purpose of the University to constituencies and stakeholders of the University.
- (2) The alumni association performs the functions required to achieve the goals contemplated in subparagraph (1) and such other functions as determined in the constitution of the alumni association.