



**Tshwane University
of Technology**

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

(Hereinafter referred to as “MoA”)

Entered into between:

THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Duly herein represented by

Professor Lourens van Staden

In his capacity as Vice-Chancellor and Principal

AND

THE INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Duly herein represented by

**Mr Hendrick Kosamo Masunda in his capacity as the President-
General**

**(Hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually
the “Party”, as the context may indicate)**

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BACKGROUND

On 19 September 2016, the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, announced a fees adjustment of up to 8% for the 2017 academic year. The Minister also announced that government would provide support to higher education institutions to ensure that NSFAS qualifying students, as well as the “missing middle” from households with an income of less than R600 000 per year, will not be exposed to any fee adjustments in 2017. In the announcement, the Minister indicated that students who will be affected by a fee adjustment of up to 8% in 2017 are only those from households above the R600 000 threshold. Administrative mechanisms to determine categories will be determined by the Ministry. Authority for determining fee adjustments resides with University Councils.

The ISRC met with the EMC on 11 October 2016, chaired by the Acting Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr RE Moraka, to address the current issue of the 2017 fee adjustment. The ISRC took the position that no student should experience any fee adjustment, on the basis that exact figures for the “missing middle” at the institution were not available at the time. The University is in the process of collating accurate data on this category.

TERMS

The purpose of this MoA is to ensure that the decisions agreed upon between the two parties are not misinterpreted.

The agreement is as follows:

- The University’s Council has taken a decision that no student, including the self-funded, will pay any fee adjustment in 2017.
 - The fee adjustment for 2017 for NSFAS qualifying and missing middle students will be subsidised by the DHET.
 - The University will absorb the remaining fee-adjustment percentage of the self-funded students.
- All financially needy and academically deserving students will not be excluded because of historic debt.
- Classes will resume without delay and the academic year will be completed without interruption.
- Any student who wishes to retake a test, or any student who has missed a test between 17 and 27 October 2016, will be given another opportunity to do so.

The EMC and ISRC are committed to ongoing engagement to resolve any other challenges faced by students.

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FOR THE EMC:


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Prof LR van Staden
Vice-Chancellor & Principal


SIGNED AT PRETORIA ON THIS 24 DAY OF 09 2016

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FOR THE ISRC:

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Mr HK Masunda
President-General: ISRC


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Mr MF Sikhosana
Secretary-General: ISRC

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