

Unisa Council has finalised its response to Minister Nzimande on the report of the Independent Assessor

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The Council of the University of South Africa (Unisa) sat yesterday (07 June 2023) to conclude some outstanding matters of governance and oversight, and finalise its response to the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, on the report of the Independent Assessor.

Council proceeded to ratify the filling of existing vacancies, thus completing a process that commenced several months ago in anticipation of the pending end of the terms of certain members as well as the need to fill other vacancies that already existed at the time. Two other vacancies, occasioned by recent resignations, have also been filled.

Council also finalised and approved its response to the report of the Independent Assessor appointed by Minister Nzimande to look into the affairs of Unisa. The response will reach the Minister's office within the stipulated time frame agreed to between the Minister and Council.

Council looks forward to the response and guidance of Minister Nzimande and is committed to any further engagements with him should the need arise.

Meanwhile, Council expressed serious displeasure and exception with the leaking of its documents, including its draft response prior to the meeting of yesterday. It called for serious action to be taken against those found to be involved in this act of misconduct.

