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EDITOR'S NOTE



We say thank you very much to all those who have made comments and suggestions on UNISWA Insider Issue Number 1. We received an overwhelming number of comments and this will go a long way in improving your bi-monthly newsletter. In this Issue we introduce new columns which will be a feature of the newsletter like the Vice Chancellor's Corner and a profile of a UNISWA graduate.

UNISWA Insider extends a warm welcome to all staff that joined the UNISWA family in the past few months. We say welcome back to Dr Miranda Miles, Chief Executive Officer of the UNISWA Foundation who was a Lecturer in the Department of Geography in the past 20 years or so but left UNISWA to pursue other interests. Snippets of her bio data which show her illustrious career are on age ----. She was also featured on the University's radio programme with the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services on Saturday, 10 November, 2017 much to the delight of the Swazi Nation. The 15-minute programme begins at 9.15 each Saturday; please let us know if your faculty, institute, department,

unit or society wishes to be featured in this programme.

The Vice Chancellor's Corner will feature engagements that the Vice Chancellor had the previous two weeks in each Issue. We are grateful to staff who have contributed articles for this Issue and we encourage others to do so. In the profile of a UNISWA graduate this week we feature His Lordship, Justice John Sipho Magagula, Judge of the High Court of Swaziland. He responds to a questionnaire that had been sent to him.

On a sad note, we publish the obituaries of two distinguished scholars who have passed on; Mr Eric Sandile Sibanda, African Languages and Literature Department and Dr David Manyatsi of the Curriculum and Teaching Department.

May their souls rest in peace!

Enjoy your read!

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Welcome aboard Dr Miranda Miles!

On Thursday 19 October 2017, the UNISWA Management together the University Foundation held a ceremony to welcome and introduce the UNISWA Foundation Chief Executive Officer to the Senior Management of the University and Deans and Directors. The gathering was held in the Main Conference Room at Kwaluseni from 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 pm. and was attended by some members of the Board of Trustees of the UNISWA Foundation and the UNISWA Management. The Programme Director was Mr Vulindlela Simelane, the Manager, Regional Initiatives in the UNISWA Foundation who asked the University Bursar, Mr Mfanzile Dlamini to make the opening prayer. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the UNISWA Foundation, Mr T. Du-Pont introduced Dr Miranda Miles to the gathering. The Registrar, Dr Salebona Simelane read Dr Mile's bio data and the Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula made the welcome remarks.

The Vice Chancellor and the Pro-Vive Chancellor, Professor Mgidi Dlamini introduced all those that were present to Dr Miles. The Chief Executive Officer, Dr Miles was then called to make remarks. The Closing prayer was said by the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the UNISWA Foundation, Mrs Bella Katamzi. Below is a brief intended to introduce Dr Miranda Miles to the University community.

ABOUT Dr. MILES

After two years of vigorous hunting and searching for a suitable candidate to fill the above position at the University of Swaziland, Dr. Miranda Miles has been selected and assumed duties on 16 October 2017.

Dr. Miranda Miles, a citizen of Swaziland, attended her primary and high school education at St Michaels Girls School till 1982. She was one of the few selected in the prestigious Science Pre-entry Course of UNISWA (SPEC) which chose Form V high achievers from across the country to enter the Faculty of Science through a 6 month course prior to the beginning of the university academic year.

She went on to graduate from UNISWA with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1987, majoring in Maths and Geography. Being the only one with this unique combination, she was recommended by UNISWA to join the Office of the Surveyor-General who at the time was looking to groom a Swazi

professional in land surveying. Her first job with the Surveyor-General lasted only for three months when she decided this career path was not for her.



Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula making his remarks during the Welcoming Ceremony.





UNISWA took her back as the second teaching assistant of the Department of Geography. A month on the job, she approached the Vice Chancellor herself, Professor Lydia Makhubu, to ask her to assist her go to school to do her Master's degree. Back then a teaching assistant did not approach the VC easily, but she did.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Makhubu recommended her for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Scholarship programme which saw her do her Master's Degree at Queens University of Kingston in Canada. She went on to do her PhD at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1997 after which she left UNISWA to teach at Wits, then the University of Pretoria before joining the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in Pretoria.

In 2003, Dr. Miles joined the Government of South Africa working for Statistics South Africa, focusing mainly on the application of statistical, spatial and development data for evidence-based planning. Realising a gap in (a) skilled professionals in data analysis for policy making; and (b) the ability of policy makers and planners to use economic, social, demographic and spatial data for development planning and (c) a weak foundation in teaching and learning mathematics among school leavers fuels these gaps, she pitched a concept for national capacity building in

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South Africa to her Minister, who was then Minister Trevor Manuel.

Given the go-ahead, she conceptualised the ISIbalo Capacity Building Programme which sought to build capacity in research, in young statisticians, demographers and geographers; in maths

teaching and learning as a foundational subject, in women professionals and researchers and in building the capacity of policymakers and decision makers in the use of data

The ISIbalo Capacity Building Programme grew Africa-wide and today is implemented in 31 of 54 African countries, for which Dr. Miles was honoured with an award for African Capacity Building by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank in 2009.

This work led to her secondment to help establish South Africa's new Ministry of Department of Economic Development in 2009 which was established by President Jacob Zuma in response to the adoption of South Africa's first National Development Plan or Vision 2030. Dr. Miles role was to develop the key Policy Document titled the New Growth Path,



The Chief Executive Officer of the UNISWA Foundation, Dr. Miranda Miles making her maiden speech.





which formed South Africa's road map for employment-led economic growth and spatial development. She was then seconded to the Ministry of Department of Public Works to assist on its Young Professionals Programme and the Expanded Public Works Programme. With a keen interest also in the role of agriculture and food security as a mainstay for development, she also worked closely with NEPAD to facilitate South Africa's participation in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme.

Dr. Miles returned to Statistics South Africa in 2014 as Chief Director and Special Advisor to the now outgoing Statistician-General. Until then, Dr. Miles worked with many national, regional and international stakeholders, donor partners, UN Agencies, Foundations, Universities and governments to raise funds for development through capital injections and projects, research and development, training, scholarships and infrastructure development.

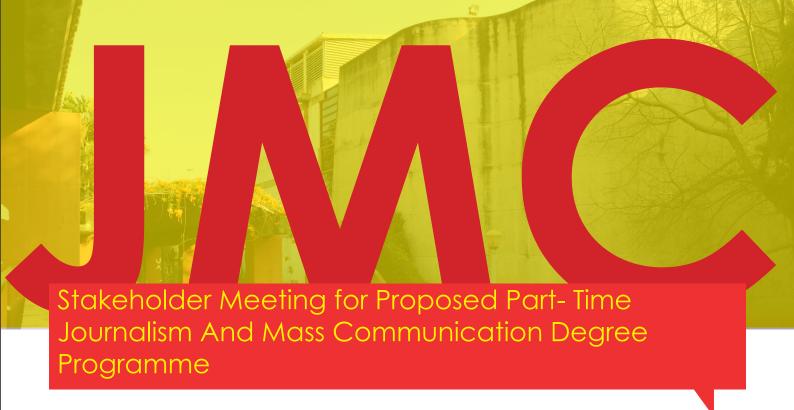
Throughout this professional journey, Dr. Miles remained unwavering in her desire to return to Swaziland to make good on the investment Swaziland made in her. Her first contribution in this regard was to facilitate the support of the Government of South

Africa and UNFPA in loaning the Government of Swaziland 5000 hand-held tablets and software licenses required to conduct Swaziland's first digital Population Census in 2017, which otherwise risked being delayed or postponed for lack of digital equipment, software and training.

Today she returns as Swaziland's first Female and Swazi Chief Executive Officer of the UNISWA Foundation to work with UNISWA in raising funding, building partnerships and capacity required to make the University Africa's University of Choice and provider of human capital to achieve Vision 2022.



Some of the attendies that were present during the welcome ceremony.



KWALUSENI - Plans are underway for the introduction of a Part-Time Bachelor of Arts degree programme in Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA).

The programme, which is expected to start during the 2018/2019 academic year, is targeting working journalists with a Diploma qualification.

Speaking during a Stakeholders Meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2017, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Mgidi Dlamini, said the proposed Part-Time Bachelor of Arts degree programme in Journalism and Mass Communication is in line with the University's Strategic Plan.

Professor Dlamini said the UNISWA Strategic Plan has a vision of making the institution a University of Choice in Africa.

The Pro-Vice Chancellor said that distance education programmes are one key area that needs full support from the institution's administration as they have been identified as a key aspect in the Strategic Plan.

Professor Dlamini said the JMC Department had already set the ball rolling and other Departments were also understood to be already in the process of reshaping their programmes or introducing new ones that are in line with the Strategic Plan.

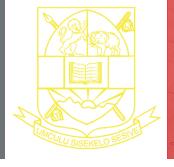
"The Strategic Plan is meant to ensure that there will be a clear delineation of responsibilities between the various units in terms of the introduction of new programmes, courses and their delivery," he said.

The Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Professor Hebron Ndlovu highlighted the importance of periodic review of on-going programmes in order to identify and fill possible gaps that might be affecting the delivery of quality education in the various Faculties.

"The only way to gauge our relevance is through such forums where we engage with stakeholders in order to find out about their needs," Ndlovu said.

Ndlovu said that the objective of the meeting was to inform external stakeholders about the proposed programme and further seek their input and views about the initiative.

Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) at UNISWA, Siphiwe Mohammed, said the duration of the proposed programme would be three years. The programme will be offered through a block release format, whereby





students would engage in intensive coursework during specified periods.

"The main goal of the programme is to produce JMC graduates who are critical thinkers, decision makers and problem solvers in the field of journalism and mass communication," she said.

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She said the proposed programme would meet the training needs of working journalists, who wish to upgrade their knowledge and skills in the journalism field. It would also assist communications practitioners in various sectors, such as those working on developmental issues within NGOs, who want to acquire more skills to help them execute their day to day duties.

Facilitator of the Stakeholders Meeting Dr. Maxwell Mthembu said the Part-time programme would run parallel with the current, on-going Full-time programme being offered by the Department.

He highlighted the advantages of the programme, stating that it would focus on ensuring that students acquire skills in new media, online journalism and digital broadcasting.

The Part-time programme will have four areas of specialisation namely: Advanced Broadcasting, Development Communication, Print/Digital Journalism and Strategic Communication (Public Relations and Advertising).

Meanwhile, Dr. Adidi Uyo, a Senior Lecturer in the JMC Department, presented findings of a Swazi Media Practitioner Training Needs Survey. Media practitioners from all the mainstream media houses and communication experts from the corporate sector and NGOs took part in the survey.

Stakeholders attending the meeting expressed excitement about the introduction of the Part-time journalism and mass communication programme at UNISWA.

They were of the view that the proposed programme would improve the standard of journalism and communication in the country and provide journalists with affordable and convenient training.

Present during the meeting were about 30 representatives from media houses in the country, government business, parastatals, and NGOs (local and international). Several UNISWA departments were also represented at the meeting.

They expressed appreciation for being considered by the University to make contributions on issues they believe can help inform the implementation of the proposed Part-Time JMC Degree programme.

Government spokesperson, Percy Simelane, thanked UNISWA for finally developing a programme that would suit the needs of media and communication specialists in the country. "I am excited to know that the University is doing something about this critical issues but I will be more excited when I see the first group of students graduate under the proposed programme," he said.

Director of Voice of the Church (VOC) radio station, Zachariah Mthethwa, said it was commendable to see that the university provided a platform for stakeholders to make inputs into the programme. "We will now be able to encourage our employees to enroll





in the Part-Time programme, because, to be honest, it was really hard to let them go for the Full-time courses because of the void they would have left behind," Mthethwa said.

Public Affairs Manager at the Swaziland Water Services Corporation, Nomahlubi Matiwane appealed for the introduction of short courses in JMC at Certificate level. "For some of us, we would like to attend short courses on specific courses that are media related, such as graphic design. We can be very happy if you could also consider introducing this option," Matiwane said.

The development of the programme is funded by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) through its International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC).

By Ms Siphiwe, Mohammed - Head, Journalism And Mass Communication Department



Professor A.M. Manyatsi Department of Agricultural Biosystems and Engineering



Professor M.B. Masuku Department of Agricultural Economics and Management

Congratulations to Four Staff Members who have been promoted to the rank of Full Professor!



Professor A.M. Dlamini Department of Animal Science



Department of Food and **Nutrition Science**

Promotion to this rank is considered a special achievement and only persons of distinguished scholarship, leadership and academic experience are promoted.



THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S CORNER



Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula making his remarks during the economic Conference.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula runs on a tight schedule. He is often called to speak at functions on various subjects. Among the functions he attended the past few weeks were:

- Her Royal Highness Inkhosikati laMatsebula's graduation party;
- The Swaziland Economic Conference;
- The First Technology, Innovation and Entrepre neurship Forum; and the
- Inauguration of the Police Academy.

Her Royal Highness Inkhosikati laMatsebula's Graduation Party

At this function the Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula praised the Inkhosikati for her humour, patience, humility and hardworking spirit. The title of her thesis was "The Royal Initiatives and the State in the Development of Educational Policies in Swaziland, 1903-1935." The Vice Chancellor noted

that the Department of History was excited with the thesis because it was an unprecedented breakthrough in historical scholarship. "Her Royal Highness also took her periodic assignments, tests and end -of-semester examinations very seriously and satisfied the Institute of Post-Graduate Studies. Professor Magagula mentioned that the thesis was unapologetically Swazi-centric; it placed the Swazi at the centre of their own history and not at the periphery. "Most importantly, she objectively, historically but laconically brings out the role of the Swazi Royal House in formulating educational policies in British Swaziland. We are very proud to have had such an outstanding stateswoman in our university.

THE SWAZILAND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

The Conference was hosted by the Central Bank, SERPAC, UNDP and UNISWA at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. In his address, the Vice Chancellor noted that the Conference had come at the right time, when the country was faced with a huge challenge on economic development issues. "The Conference will serve as a platform to enhance the national development dialogue," he noted. Professor Magagula mentioned that the University of Swaziland was ready to help the country with research that would inform policy for the betterment of the country. He also mentioned that the University had funded a number of ground-breaking studies that have informed policy over the years. The Conference was attended by academics, policymakers, the private sector and development partners and practioners







The honourable Minister for 9CT, Mr. Dumisani Ndlangamandla making his remarks during the Entreprenuership forum.

THE FIRST TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM

The University (through the Faculty of Commerce) and the Royal Swaziland Technology Park hosted the Forum at the Sports Emporium, Kwaluseni Campus. In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor noted that "the University remains at the hotbed of innovation and entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurship is one of the programmes which is now being offered across a number of faculties within the University." Professor Magagula mentioned that as an institution they had seen students from the Faculty of Agriculture start a seed production project which they continued after completing their studies. He mentioned that EBDC would be strengthened as a business clinic. Students would provide assistance to aspiring entrepreneurs through drafting business plans, advising on book keeping and strategy formulation among other things. The Vice Chancellor also mentioned that the Faculty of Commerce had started a programme that allows students to go to the different tinkhundla (constituencies) develop Tinkhundla Business Plans.

INAUGURATION OF THE POLICE ACADEMY

Professor Magagula began his speech by appreciating the invitation to a ground-breaking ceremony, the inauguration of the Police Academy. He mentioned that the relationship between UNISWA and Police Service started in 2011. "The two institutions held a number of meetings discussing how they can collaborate in order to keep up with the changing challenges that had been brought about by the use of Information and Communication Technology. The continuous discussions culminated into the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 23 December 2016." He noted that since the signing of the MoU, both parties were in constant consultation and the University of Swaziland, through its through its structures was able to get the joint programmes to be offered approved internally and some teaching staff identified to teach them. Professor Magagula mentioned that the University of Swaziland was committed to assisting the college as it embarked on a journey to become a college.



"9f you just work on stuff that you like and you're passionate about, you don't have to have a master plan with how things will play out." - Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Facebook,

By Mr B. S. Shongwe
- Academic Projects Officer



On Friday I December 2017, the University Council hosted a sumptuous dinner for seven Council members who had served in the University Council at different periods. The dinner which was held at the New Wing, Refectory was in honour of: Mr Cleopas Dlamini, His Lordship Justice Majahenkhaba Dlamini, Professor Carolyn Harford, Mrs Nomathemba Hlophe, Professor V.S.B. Mtetwa, Professor Nonhlanhla Sukati, Mr Sipho Vilakati and Proessor A.M. Zamberia. The Guest Speaker was the Chairman of Council, HRH Prince Phinda and the Programme Director was Mr Wandile Mathonsi.

In his address, the Chairman first acknowledged the gratitude and accolades given to him by other speakers and mentioned that without their support he would not have done it. He noted that he was old and guiding young energetic members has not been easy. He thanked all members for their respect. He further gave special recognition to His Lordship Justice Majahenkaba Dlamini as a former lecturer and former Attorney General on his advice even on academic issues, and also the former Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Public Service, Mrs Hlophe. He mentioned that the Principal Secretary was not in the University Act, in terms of Council membership, but when the Government scholarship was moved to her Ministry, she willingly joined the Council and was always present for meetings and that always made the work of the Council easy.

He appreciated the cooperation he received from the former members of Council and former

officers of the University. "I would like to take this opportunity to let you know, what a pleasure it was to work with you all at this institution. Thank you so much, you were all so kind, accommodating and extremely professional," he said. He further mentioned the progress that was made during the term of the outgoing Council members. He acknowledged that their tenure was blessed with unprecedented growth in the University of Swaziland. The Chairman thanked the members for their contribution especially to His Majesty and Chancellor's national vision of attaining the first world status by 2022. HRH Prince Phinda noted that they joined the Council during different times, but all embraced the Council's broad vision of taking higher education to greater heights.

The Chairman went on to highlight, some of the outcomes of the good decisions they took while



Chairman of the Council HRH Prince Phinda making his remarks

while in Office. These included among others;

- Adoption of the Institute of Health Sciences into the University of Swaziland;
- Establishment of the UNISWA Foundation which has raised





funds cash and in kind for the University;

- Growth in the number of faculties within the University, the latest being the Faculty of Consumer Sciences;
- Infrastructural developments, for example the Crop Production Centre at Luyengo Campus and the Sport Emporium.

The Prince went on to assure the current members of the Council, that the road ahead was exciting but full of challenges. One of the conspicuous challenges was the new vision of the University, which is the "University of Choice in Africa." It will be a mammoth task to attain such a status and would require well thought through decision making processes.

The Chairman pleaded for Government cooperation when request are made by the institution. He cited that several times, the Council had averted looming strikes by the staff, in the institution. In conclusion, he encouraged open discussions on issues, especially because the times had changed freedom of speech and liberal thinking was allowed.



Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula making his remarks

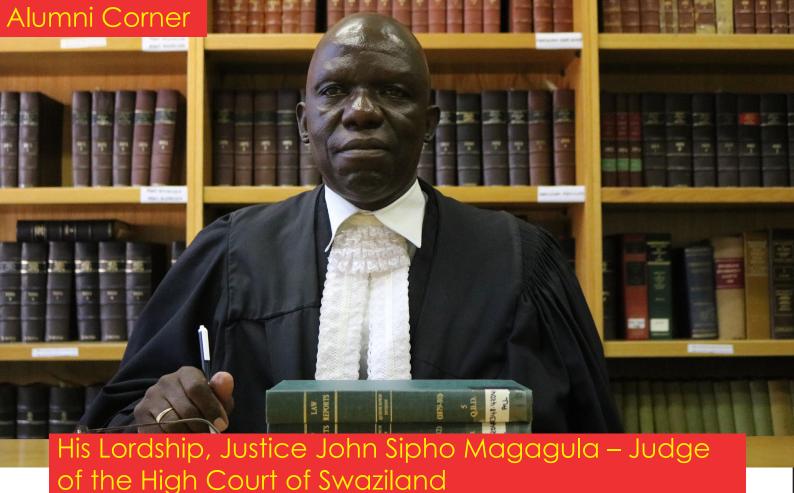
In introducing the Chairman of Council, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula thanked the former Council members for their contribution to the University of Swaziland and noted that their work was evident. Professor Magagula went on to thank the Chairperson and the current Council for organising such an important event of appreciating people while they were still alive. He quoted the Siswati saying: "Emaswati atsi kuhle kumbonga umuntfu asaphila, asakhona kutivela" (Swazis believe in thanking people while they are still alive so that they hear what is said about them). He quoted one difficult moment the former Council members contributed-to and a ground making decision of Semesterisation was taken under the good guidance of the Chairperson.

Speaking on behalf of the former Council members was the former Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mr Pat Muir. He thanked the Chairman of Council and the Council for organising such an event. He noted that it was not common for people to make farewell functions. He mentioned that he had served in the University Council for over 20 years. He highlighted the journey of being a Council Member under the guidance of the Chairperson, HRH Prince Phinda. He noted that they learnt a lot from him as a Chairperson. He emphasized the importance of unity when in a committee. He went on to highlight some of the challenges they faced and had to deal with. This include amongst others:

- Pre- service Government scholarship being moved from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Public Service;
- The current challenge of Government Policy to pay all funds to student directly, instead of going via the University; and
- Issues of dwindling Government subvention to the institution.

Entertaining the guests during the function was the Afro Tenors who performed superbly. The former Council members were presented with gifts by the Chairman of Council.

By Mr Bhekinkhosi Shongwe - Academic Projects Officer



Justice John Sipho Magagula hails from Mshing-ishingini in the northern part of Swaziland. He studied at the Kwaluseni Campus the Bachelor of Arts in Law and Bachelor of Laws degrees from 1980 to 1986. In addition to the law qualifications he received from UNISWA, he attended courses in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Lund University in Sweden and also in International Trade Law and Policy conducted by the World Trade Organisation in South Africa. He served his articles of clerkship with the Attorney General Chambers from 1986 to 1987.

His Lordship began his career at the Attorney General's Chambers in 1986 to 1996 where held these positions, Pupil Crown Counsel, Crown Counsel, Senior Crown Counsel and Principal Crown Counsel. In 1996 to 1997 he became a Professional Assistant at Bheki G. Simelane and Co. From 1997 to 2004 he operated his own law firm under the style JS Magagula and Co. In 2004 to January 2017 he went back to Government as Principal Crown Counsel. From February 2017 to date, he was appointed as a Permanent Judge of the High Court of Swaziland. Justice Magagula remembers fondly during his student days, some kangaroo court which was dubbed

"The Court of Injustice" which was manned by law students and before which anybody including lecturers could be hauled. Accused persons could face any charges including failure to break university rules or being too kind to students if you were a lecturer. There was nothing like winning a case. If you were charged you had to come with a fine to court. It was a fundraising initiative.

At UNISWA Justice Magagula learnt that "you are responsible for shaping your own future". In the world of work he has learnt that honesty, perseverance, respect and humbleness pay.

In conclusion, "put your trust in God and wait upon Him during challenging times; He will see you through." Justice Magagula is married to Lungile Nyamane – Magagula and they are blessed with children.



UNISWA ICT FAIR 2017





The honourable Minister for ICT, Mr. Dumisani Ndlangamandla at the Opening Ceremony of the ICT Fair

The University Of Swaziland in partnership with the Royal Science and Technology Park hosted at wo day ICT fair on the 27th and 28th of October at the Sports Emporium. The fair whose main objective was to raise ICT awareness in Swaziland was a huge success as it broughtout 18 companies that used the platform provided by UNISWA and RSTP to interact with each other and the public. The Opening ceremony which kick started the Two day ICT was attended by captains of the exhibiting companies, and other guests. Need For ICT The Pro-Vice Chancellor in his opening re-marks mentioned that the fair came about after UNISWA and RSTP realised the need to educate the public about the role of ICT in economic development. From his speech he highlighted that the fair was going to allow players in the ICT industry an opportunity to showcase their products and

services. The PVCs aid the words In-novation and entre—preneur-ship have been added to the universities mis—sion. he says the University has nowem—braced the terms to broad enits scope. He also thanked the department of computers ci—ence of the faculty-of science and engineer—ing for spear-heading the patnership with RSTP. The PVC added that this is a sign of growth by the department.

ICT DOMINANCE

Minister Of ICT Dumisani Ndlangamandla who was representing the prime minister DrSibusiso Barnabas Dlamini said society and the economy are increasingly dominated by the role of ICT. Reading the speech by the premier he saidany country that fails to recognise that will be left behind in all aspects of development. 'ICT in Swaziland plays a pivotal role in attaining the

King's vission 2022. There is therefore a need to concentrate on continually increasing ICT awareness in the counttry' he said. he added that there can be no better way to bring the public up to speed than to showcase the innova-tions in our ICT sector. ' The fair enables collaboration between individuals and companies for ICT skills developments and for ICT projects and innovations. let this ICT fair be a spark that lights the fire of enthusiasm and dedication among people to be ICT users and innovators' he added

The minister mentioned that the fair is a barometer which will indicate ICT development aswell as a potential catalyst for small companies and individuals to take interest in the potential of ICT up to the next level.

'This fair may well trigger such a degree of interest amongst the visitors that it sprouts the start of many future careers in the industry.

The theme of the fair being ICT FOR ALL highlights the importance of universal access to ICT thus enabling everyone to benefit



Some of the dignitories who attended the ICT Fair Opening Ceremony.



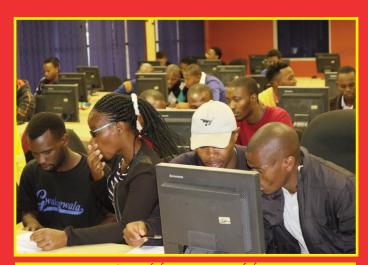


from its increasing prevelance in all sectors of society' he concluded.

STIMULATE PROGRESS

The CEO of the Royal Science and Technology Park began by saying the fair is to stimulate interest in the public in ICT and stimulate school's interest in technology programmes, and further raise awareness about new and emerging technologies. She also mentioned that ICT's are enablers of progress in society and economy, they drive productivity and enable sophisticated disaster risk and environmental factors. the fair set off on a high note and it ran for two days.

Programming Contest



Some of the participants of the programming contest

Programming was also part of the fair, whereby teams were given problems that they had to solve in a period of two hours. The teams consisted of not more than three members who had to submit solutions to the problems using Python or Java or C++or R. The Programming was divided into two levels; the intermediate and profession—al level. Those in intermediate level. High School and University dealt with prob—lem solving analysis skills, linear equations, array, list functions and loop. Those in professional level were given real life problems.

EXHIBITIONS

The fair provided a platform for Information communication and Technology companies to come and showcase their products and ser—vices. Companies from the telecommunications Sector, Internet providers, Government and other sectors all came together to interact with each other and the public. The exhibitions lasted for the two days and the exhibitors interacted with the public and educated them about ICT.

Companies that exhibited included Swazi MTN, Swazi Mobile, Macmillan Education, Technosol, Data Net, Real Image, RSTP, UNISWA, Ministry Of ICT, Swaziland Communications Commission, SPTC, National Contact Centre, Swaziland Building Society, Swaziland ICT Teachers Association, Amusement Arcade, United General Insurance, KPMG, Cowell Technologies, First Lego League and IT Dynamic Business Solutions.



An ariel view of the exhibitions that showcased their products and services at the 9CT Fair

GAMING CONTEST

Gaming is one other sector that was attracted more attention in the fair. In the gaming corner were about 15 screens that we used for playing the different games that were available.







The UNISWA stall at the ICT Fair

The racing and fighting games were reserved for primary and high school kids and FIFA was open to all. 28 people participated in the FIFA tournament and the winner of the competition got E1000, while the runner up got E750. The tournament was an exciting one as it was joined by the young and the old, and all gave it their best in a bid to win the first price.



By Dr. A.S. Metfula
- Head of Department,
Computer Science

REST IN PEACE MR. ERIC SANDILE SIBANDA



Mr. Eric Sandile Sibanda was born of 27 December 1959 to the late Mr. Phillip Sibanda and Ms. Joanah Mayuso.

Eric did his education at Ebenezer Primary (Hlatsi) from 1967 to 1972. He did his secondary education at Ebenezer in 1973 – 1975 and his high school at Franson Christian from 1976 to 1977. He then proceeded to the University of Botswana and Swaziland where he pursued a Bachelor of Humanities degree & the Concurrent Certificate in Education between 1978 and 1982. From 1989 to 1990 he studied for a Master's degree at Ohio University in the USA.

He began his career as a teacher at Franson Christian High School in 1982. Mr. Sibanda also taught at Mbuluzi High School where he was also Deputy Head teacher at Velebantfu High School where he was Head teacher.

Mr. Sibanda joined the University of Swaziland in 1988 as a Teaching Assistant and was later appointed





as Lecturer in 1991. Eric worked diligently for the University for more than 29 years.

While working for the University, he was appointed to serve in national committees. He was a member of the Task Force on Regional Development in 1998 under the Deputy Prime Minister's Office. He was also part of the team that published Silulu-SiSwati/English Bilingual Dictionary. Mr. Sibandla also served as part of the team that translated the constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland from English to SiSwati. He served as a member of the SiSwati Panel and SiSwati Board for a long time.

Eric was a renowned author of Siswati books, such as Sihlatiya SiSwati, Chaza Ngive, and short stories in various publications such as Luswayi Lwemhlaba.

Mr. Sibanda participated in sports especially volley-ball. He was a volleyball player during his student days at UNISWA. Erick was President for the Swaziland Volleyball Association for a long time. He also served as Manager for Lomahasha Customs Volleyball Club.

In football, he served as a member of the Mbabane Swallows Supporters Committee in the mid 80s.

He is survived by his two children, Mfanelo and Nontsikelelo, five brothers and one sister.

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Rest in Peace Dr David Mkhumbuzi Manyatsi



Dr David Mkhumbuzi Manyatsi fondly known as "Magayiza" was born on the 29th May 1955 at Sigcineni. He was the first born of Lombono Tsela and Lushaba Manyatsi.

He began his primary education at Sigcineni Primary School and finished at Salesian Primary School. He went on to do his High School

at selesian High School and completed in 1973.

He worked briefly for Barclay's Bank at Bulembu before proceeding to do his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Sierra Leone where he met his wife.

On his return, he began teaching at St. Joseph Secondary School where he was promoted to be the Deputy Head Teacher. He then joined the University of Swaziland in 1986 where he was initially employed as a Teaching Assistant. He went on to do his Master's degree at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia. He returned home and joined UNISWA as a Lecturer in 1991. He was then promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer in 2008. In 2016, he graduated with a PhD from the University of KwaZulu Natal.

During his tenure at UNISWA, he served as the Faculty Tutor of the Faculty of Education and as Head of the Curriculum and Teaching Department. He also served in various committees including the MESA Implementation Committee, EEASA Organizing Committee (in 2000, 2008 and 2015) and he was also the Chairperson of the Environmental Education and Public Awareness Programme since 2008.

He also supported the ANC Cadres during their struggle in the 1970s and early 1980s.





He will be remembered for being a peoples' person, kindness, warm heartedness and his love for his "BIG" family.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs Dumsile Manyatsi, his five children (Bhekisisa, Mlungisi, Lindelwa, Toti and Mveli), five grandchildren Wethu, Zena, Bhutiza, Sandza and Waba). He also leaves behind his mother, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Lala Ngekuthula Manyatsi, Scandza,

Mphumaphi, Mnguni, Mdaka LoluhlataLonjengencoshane Lodlela Enyezini Njenge Bantfwabe

Nkhosi Zide Wakoyanga.

New Academic and Administrative Staff

Welcome to Academic and Administrative Staff who have joined UNISWA in the recent past!

| Name | Position | Department/Institute |
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| Dr J.O Ajetomobi | Lecturer | Agricultural Economics & Management |
| Dr H.P Dlamini | Lecturer & Coordinator | Institute of Distance Education |
| Ms P.S. Dlamini | Assistant Coordinator | Institute of Distance Education |
| Dr H. Kabir | Lecturer | Accounting & Finance |
| Dr N. Karie | Senior Lecturer | Computer Science |
| Mr M.J Khumalo | Lecturer | Electrical & Electronic Engineering |
| Mr B. Kunene | Assistant Dean of Student Affairs | Student Affairs |
| Dr F. Kwenda | Senior Lecturer | Accounting & Finance |
| Ms C.M. Lunga | Lecturer | Journalism & Mass Communication |
| Dr V. Magagula | Lecturer | Mathematics |
| Mr W.F Mamba | Teaching Assistant | General Nursing |
| Mr E. Mbunge | Lecturer | Computer Science |
| Dr J. B. Mpoza | Lecturer | Educational Foundations & Management |
| Dr N.A Ngozwa- | Lecturer | Adult Education |
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| Mr K. Nxumalo | Lecturer | Horticulture |
| Prof C.I.O Okeke | Professor | Educational Foundations & Management |
| Dr W. Okullo | Senior Lecturer | Physics |
| Prof L. Rakot- | Associate Professor | Theology |
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| Dr L. Rugube | Senior Lecturer | Agricultural Economics & Management |
| Dr G. Tseboeng | Lecturer | Biological Sciences |
| Ms N. Zwane | Lecturer | Physics |



On Friday 15 December 2017, the last day of work for the University of Swaziland, the Registrar's Office held an Open House from 9 – 11am. The event was attended by all staff in the three campuses of the University.

On arrival staff were met and greeted by staff from the Registrar's Office and high tea was served. While having tea members of staff were able to mingle and chat on various things.

At around 10 am a mini formal gathering was held. The Registrar, Dr. Salebona Simelane welcomed all staff and mentioned that this was the first series of such gatherings that would be held. He mentioned that it was

hoped that this would be an annual event which would eventually be bigger and better. He then welcomed the Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Mgidi Dlamini to address the staff.



The Registrar, Dr. Salebona Simelane welcoming staff members to the Open House.

Professor Dlamini said he did not intend to make a speech but thank them for all the hard work during the year. He mentioned that in addressing its financial challenges, the University will introduce short courses and had established a holding company. He wished staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.







Staff members who attended the Registrar's Office Open House listening to the Acting Vice Chancellors's remarks





