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2015/16 SRC ELECTIONS CONFIRMED FOR 1ST OCTOBER 2015

On 28 September 2015 the University community was informed of the following decision of the University Council of 23 September 2015:

“That the 1st of October 2015 will remain the designated date for the 2015/16 SRC elections, but that the Interim Vice-Chancellor and the Chairperson of the TSRC must jointly call a meeting of representatives of all associations and formations on campus by no later than Tuesday 29 September 2015, with a view to conducting a further and final consultation with associations and formations.”

The meeting of the associations and formations as requested by the Council took place on 29 September 2015. A total number of 24 associations and formations (out of a possible 29) attended the meeting. The associations and formations unanimously advised the Council to confirm the 1st of October 2015 as the designated date for the 2015/16 SRC election.

The advice of this consultative meeting was submitted to the Chairperson of the Council with a view to guiding the Council on the way forward regarding the 2015/16 SRC election.

The advice from the consultative meeting was noted and the Chairperson of the Council (on behalf of the Council) decided to confirm the 1st of October 2015 as the designated date of the 2015/16 SRC election.

It was also resolved to request the Interim Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate steps, with due consideration of the approaching end year examinations, to convene a Constitutional Summit of relevant stakeholders with a view to developing and drafting a new SRC Constitution before the end of the first quarter of 2016.

The Council herewith call upon all associations, formations and the entire student community to accept this decision of the Council in the spirit of enhancing the future legitimacy of student governance at the SMU, and to refrain from any action that may impact negatively on the stability, academic atmosphere and the good name of the University.

NM MAVUNDLA (CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL)