

Brief Curriculum Vitae: Annette Louise Combrink-Loots (4409140019083)

Annette was born on 14 September 1944 in Johannesburg. She spent her childhood years in Linden, Vredefort and ultimately Vereeniging. She matriculated at Vereeniging High School, where she was head girl and Dux pupil. She enrolled at the erstwhile PU for CHE and obtained the degrees BA, BA Honours in English and MA in English (all cum laude). In 1971 she obtained the Higher Education Diploma from UNISA. Initially she taught at Wonderboom High School in Pretoria and Girls' High in Potchefstroom. In 1972 she was appointed to a lectureship in English at the PU for CHE. In 1979 she completed a D.Litt in English at the PU for CHE and was promoted to senior lecturer. In 1986 she became associate professor and in 1988 Professor and Head of the Department of English Language and Literature. In 1994 she became deputy dean of the Faculty of Arts and in 2001 Dean of the Faculty. As an academic she published widely and served on many academic committees. She was also very involved with the editorial boards of various academic journals, and at present edits *Koers*.

With the merger of the PU for CHE and the University of the North-West and the establishment of the North-West University in 2004 she became Rector of the Potchefstroom Campus. She retired as Rector at the end of 2009 and continued working at the University as Director of International Relations. She is at present still involved at the University as a research fellow. Outside the University she has been very active in a number of institutions. She was chairperson of the South African Translators' Institute for ten years, and is a director of the Board of Directors of Aardklop (having been chairperson and vice-chairperson). She has also been

Following retirement she became involved in local politics, and was elected as city councillor in 2011. Within the context of the present political unrest, she was twice mayor of Potchefstroom for a short period. She is also involved in some other activities, such as CANSA, the Service Centre for the Aged, Akademia in Pretoria, North-West Cricket and Rotary (of which she is the President of the Potchefstroom Rotary Club). She has since 2014 also served as a member of the Council of the Sol Plaatje University in Kimberley.