Corporate Services

9 April 2026

Dear Convocation member,

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE RANKS OF THE NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY'S CONVOCATION

According to paragraph 33(1) of the Statute of the North-West University (NWU), every graduate of the university or its predecessors is eligible to be nominated to become a member of the NWU Council and to vote in an election of such Council members in accordance with paragraph 6.

The third and final term of Mr AM Sorgdrager will come to an end on 27 July 2026 due to the effluxion of time.

Members of the North-West University's Convocation are hereby invited to nominate an eligible person in terms of the Statute, paragraph 33(1), the Constitution of the Convocation, paragraph 5[1], as approved by Council on 15 April 2025 and the Rules for the nomination, election, designation and appointment of Council members,paragraph 8[2] as approved by the Council on 19 June 2025. Cognisance must be taken of specific provisions stipulated in the footnotes.

Please find enclosed a notice with the relevant details.

Nominations, signed by the proposer, at least two seconders and the nominee must be uploaded for the attention of the Registrar and Secretary of the Convocation, Prof Hennie Goede, on the following dedicated NWU QuestionPro platform at https://nwu.questionpro.com/2026Convocation2Council-Vanderbijlpark by 30 April 2026. An election will follow the nomination process if more than one valid nomination is received.

Yours sincerely

PROF H GOEDE

REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY TO THE CONVOCATION

[1] *Paragraph 5.11: When electing the members of the Convocation to join Council, the Secretary must ensure that due regard be given to gender, race and the multi-campus nature of the University.*

[2] *Paragraph 8.4: Of the four council seats, two seats would be allocated to the campus with the highest number of convocation membership, while one seat each would be allocated to the other two campuses*

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONVOCATION OF THE NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY FROM THE RANKS OF THE CONVOCATION

According to paragraph 33(1) of the Statute of the North-West University, every graduate of the University or its predecessors is eligible to be nominated to become a member of the Council and to vote in an election of Council members in accordance with paragraph 5.

The third and final term of Mr AM Sorgdrager will come to an end on 27 July 2026 due to the effluxion of time.

(See the Rules for the nomination, election, designation and appointment of Council members (paragraph 8) as approved by the Council on 19 June 2025.)

Nominations according to the enclosed prescribed form and signed by the proposer, two seconders and the nominee must reach the Office of the Secretary of the Convocation by no later than **16:30** on **30 April 2026**. An election will follow the nomination process if more than one valid nomination is received.

Proposers, seconders and nominees must please take note of the following important requirements:

1) Only members of the Convocation may participate in this process.
2) In accordance with the amended Rules for the Nomination, Election, Designation, and Appointment of Council Members, the nominee for this process must be an alumnus/alumna of **the Vanderbijlpark Campus,** as considered and determined by the Convocation Exco.[3]
3) Where any graduate or diplomat member of the NWU convocation of good standing may nominate or second in accordance with the new convocation roll, only graduate members are eligible to be nominated or elected.
4) In compliance with paragraph 5(1) of the Statute and to ensure that 60% of the Council members are external members, staff members and students of the North-West University may not be nominated in this category.
5) Nominators are only allowed to sign **one** nomination either as proposer **or** as seconder.
6) ***Recommended guideline to consider when nominating***: Members nominated to Council must be persons with knowledge and insight relevant to the objectives and the governance of the North-West University. The Council also resolved that nominations had to take into account the following required skills set of Council members:

Global Engagement expertise
Investment expertise
Fundraising expertise
Governance and Ethics expertise
Technology Transfer expertise
High positive public profile - science
High positive public profile - community engagement
Arts/people management

7) Members must be able to participate in the deliberations of the Council in the best interests of the North-West University.
8) ***Recommended guideline to consider when nominating***: Sensitivity to race and gender must be shown in the nomination of members of the Council, in light of which the Council has resolved on

[3] *Paragraph 8.4: Of the four council seats, two seats would be allocated to the campus with the highest number of convocation membership, while one seat each would be allocated to the other two campuses*

19 November 2026 that it would continue with the pursuit towards more significant equity of membership.

The following targets have been set for 2026-2028:

Council equity targets for January 2026-2028

African Female	African Male	Indian/Coloured/Chinese/Brown Male/Female	White Female	White Male	Vacancies	Total
7	8	2	6	7	0	30
23.3%	26.7%	6.7%	20%	23.3%	0%	100%

The membership of Council as on 27 March 2026 is as follows:

African Female	African Male	Indian/Coloured/Chinese/Brown Male/Female	White Female	White Male	Vacancies*	Total
6	6	3	4	8	3	30
20%	20%	10%	13.3%	26.7%	10%	100%

** Specific requirement: Membership to include two members with disabilities (Council resolution of 8.9.2022) – currently none.*

** Vacancies: Three external members appointed by the Minister.*

9) No person who is a member of the Council in terms of the Statute in any other capacity may be nominated for the Council in this category.
10) A member who retires by effluxion of time is eligible for election for a second and third term.
11) The nomination process will be followed by an election if the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies.
12) The process of nomination, election and designation of members of the council will be fully audited by NWU Internal Audit before the outcome is submitted to the NWU Council Executive committee and a committee appointed in terms of para 8.10 of the Rules for evaluation and consideration of conflicting interests, approval of the process and announcement of the outcome to the Council.
13) The convocation roll closes on the day of the call for nominations and opens on the day the elections are finalised.[4]
14) As per the resolution of the NWU Council on 17 June 2021 and in terms of King V (section 37(c) and (d), the following **compulsory** documentation must accompany the nomination:
    1. Professional profile (abbreviated CV)
    2. A statement, confirming that the nominee has sufficient time available to fulfil the responsibilities as member of the governing body
    3. Permission that a background check could be done
    4. Details of current professional commitments, also indicating possible conflicts that may arise in future.
    5. A statement by the nominee not exceeding 50 words regarding his or her objectives if elected.
    6. Confirmation that the candidate has read and understood the requirements pertaining to Council membership as contained in the Higher Education Act, 101 of 1997, the NWU Statute and Policy on Conflict of Interest and on Declaration of Interest and of Gifts. A statement of i) interests to declare or ii) none to declare.

Please feel free to contact me at 018 299 2612 if any further information is needed.

PROF H GOEDE
SECRETARY OF THE CONVOCATION

[4] *In terms of the NWU Constitution of the Convocation, the Secretary (Registrar) is the chief electoral officer of the Convocation.*

As an electoral practice, the convocation roll is closed on the day the call for nominations is made and re-opens after the election has taken place. The convocation roll is the official register of members of the NWU convocation who are regarded eligible to participate in formal processes of the convocation, such as meetings of the convocation and the nomination and election of members to official structures.