

Motion 1

Brought forward by: Timothy Crowe

Seconded by: Dr Anna A. Crowe (née Teichert)¹

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I am a Ph.D. graduate, alumnus and Elected Life Fellow of UCT and was employed in various capacities (ultimately as full professor) by it for 40 years.

I propose that the UCT Convocation be balloted (anonymously and, if willing, by fine-scale 'self-identification – by 'race', gender, age, etc.) to consider a vote of no-confidence in Dr Max Price and his senior Executive acting as representatives of the interests of the UCT Community as a whole in negotiations with UCT students, staff and others who have been adjudged to have broken the law under the pretext of legitimate protest. Rather, such lawless actions should be dealt with by fair, speedy and unfettered adjudication according to long-established procedures within UCT and, where relevant, according to South African law, without any further intervention by Price et al. Failing that, I fear that UCT will suffer in terms of:

1. migration of outstanding matriculants to other centres of tertiary education;
2. departure of many of UCT's best and brightest academics;
3. loss of donations/bequest from all traditional sources; and
4. further erosion of academic freedom as UCT's *raison d'être*.

¹ UCT B.Sc. (Hons), M.Sc. and Ph.D. graduate and a contract lecturer (mainly in the capacity of "academic support") over a period of >40 years

Motion 2

Brought forward by: David la Page

Seconded by: Zaynab Sadan

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Motion for Convocation on climate change, fossil fuel divestment and reinvestment

The United Nations has called climate change “the largest, most pervasive threat to the natural environment and human rights of our time”. But actual international commitments to reducing carbon emissions still fall far short of what is needed to limit dangerous climate change. This unprecedented danger to humanity has inspired a global ethical movement for divestment from fossil fuel companies. At the same time, current international commitments to reduce carbon emissions and rapid technological change have already led many fund managers to reconsider their investments in potentially stranded assets, while a growing number of studies show that responsible investment policies typically offer returns on a par with, or superior to, conventional investment policies.

The global movement for divestment from fossil fuels on both ethical and prudential grounds now includes, amongst many others, over 40 UK universities, and cities of the stature of Copenhagen, Melbourne, Paris, Seattle and Oxford. The total value of funds that have committed to various forms of divestment approaches \$5 trillion.

Over the past three years, close to five hundred staff, students and alumni have called on UCT to divest, a call that has been “strongly endorsed” by the Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences, where much of the University’s climate change research is based.

This motion commends Council for establishing an Ethical Investment Task Team in 2015, and calls for urgent progress in completing the Task Team’s work, in fully disclosing the University and UCT Foundation’s investments in accord with best practice, and in opening the University’s investment decision-making process to representations from interested parties.

The University’s mission statement binds us to values of engaged citizenship and social justice. We now move that the University, in accord with those values, makes a public commitment to phase out, at the least, over no more than five years, all significant investments in fossil fuel companies listed in the Carbon Tracker Top 200, seeking where advisable alternative investments in renewable energy. We also urge action in making UCT’s own operations and infrastructure more sustainable and carbon neutral.

Motion 3

Brought forward by: Neville Rubin²

Seconded by: C.J. Driver³

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These meetings of members of UCT Convocation and the UCT Alumni Association

NOTING:

- The formal status of Convocation as a constituent of UCT;
- The role of Convocation and the many graduates of UCT who were active over several decades in the campaigns against the application of apartheid to and in SA universities;
- The concern of UCT Alumni at the unfolding of events within UCT over the last two years;

and the response of the UCT authorities to them,

EXPRESSES the hope that there will be:

- efforts on the part of those responsible to provide suitable opportunities in the future for consultation by the appropriate University authorities with as many as possible of the membership of both bodies here present on issues being addressed by those authorities;
- at the instigation of other representative entities within the University complex;
- or in order to explain the choice of any other interlocutors.

Any contact attempted along those lines should include:

- invitations to contribute suggestions and offer assistance for use, including on –
 - the subjects under discussion,
 - participants in discussions,
 - financial issues,
- reports on the progress of any discussions that have been, or are to be, undertaken, with as much substantive detail relating to proposals put forward by those variously involved and the

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³ BA in 1960, BA Hons. 1962, B.Ed. 1962, M.Phil (Oxon), 1965. His subsequent career at UCT included: Secretary of the SRC, Editor of Varsity and of Groote Schuur, and later President of NUSAS 1963-1964, as well as the headships of several Schools in England (Berkhamstead and Wellington College; and the Island School in Hong Kong). He has published 5 novels and several books of verse.

manner in which any of these

- have been, or
- may be, or
- might be implemented, as well as
- the individuals who have been or are to be designated for the purpose(s) of so doing