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UCT Vice-Chancellor reports to Senate on development of new admissions policy

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Dr Max Price, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, will report to the UCT Senate today that good progress has been made in developing a new admissions policy for UCT.

The new proposals have been considered by all the faculties (specifically including a modelling exercise on outcomes) and there is in-principle support for most elements of the proposals. In addition, the faculties suggested minor modifications mostly relating to the specific circumstances within each faculty.

Moreover, the Admissions Committee of Senate which consolidated all the proposals to form a single admissions policy, has also approved the new policy.

The changes contained in the new draft policy will require substantial development in software, additional work on our online application system as well as training of staff. Since the application for 2015 has to begin early in 2014 and information must be distributed even earlier than that, it presented a significant implementation challenge. The consequences of getting this wrong are serious and it was therefore decided to postpone implementation for a year.

Dr Price will therefore propose that the 2013/14 admissions policy be implemented for next year. Senate will now discuss the new policy proposals in the first quarter of next year. The Vice-Chancellor will recommend that because there is additional time available, and because of the changes that have been made to proposals in recent weeks, this will also afford the student body further opportunity to engage with the draft policy as it now stands. Therefore Senate will not have an opportunity to discuss the draft policy today, but will do so in the first quarter of 2014.

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