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Selection of a new Vice-Chancellor for UCT

The term of the current Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Cape Town, Professor Njabulo S. Ndebele, comes to an end on 30 June 2008.

In order to select a suitable candidate, the University Council constituted a broadly-based Selection Committee. The Committee launched a local and international search process and received a number of applications and nominations.

Chairman of the Council, Mr. Geoff Budlender, said the Committee considered the pool of applicants and interviewed a number of candidates in order to arrive at a final short-list. "I am now in a position to announce the names of the three short-listed candidates. They are Professor Cheryl de la Rey, Professor Martin Hall and Dr Max Price."

The next step is for the three candidates to meet with representatives of various sectors of the UCT community (including staff and students). These sectors will be asked to forward comments on the candidates to the Selection Committee. Their comments will be taken into consideration during the final stages of the selection process.

The Selection Committee will hold a last set of interviews with the candidates in late September 2007. It will determine a final nominee for the position. The Senate will then be invited to express its support for the candidate as required by the agreed procedure, and the Institutional Forum will be invited to verify that the appropriate process has been properly followed. The nominee will then be presented to the Council for consideration for appointment. It is hoped that the process will be completed in early October.

An abbreviated curriculum vitae of each of the three short-listed candidates can be downloaded from the UCT website on <http://www.uct.ac.za/about/governance/newvc/statement/>

The UCT website www.uct.ac.za has a banner on the home page: "*Appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor*". This provides some more background and information on the selection process.

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