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UCT Convocation expresses views on Rhodes statue's future and broader transformation issues

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The University of Cape Town's Convocation, the body of the university's graduates, gathered for a special general meeting on 7 April 2015. The purpose was to allow its members to express their opinions on the future of the Cecil John Rhodes statue on UCT's upper campus, as well as on broader transformation issues.

Members expressed a wide range of views during the two-hour meeting. In closing, Professor Barney Pitso, President of Convocation, said the very important message for Council, UCT and South Africa as a whole was that transformation in our country cannot be a buzz word, but must be the lifeblood of the country and the university. UCT, he said, needed to make a statement that showed its leadership on this, and its vision for the country.

The special general meeting was called by Professor Pitso to give members the opportunity to give their views on the much-debated statue. It was one of various platforms on which UCT staff, students and alumni could share their opinions.

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