

University of Cape Town

Policy Statement on Public Pronouncements by members of the University

Members of the University are free, and are encouraged, to take active positions as citizens, in particular in areas in which they have expertise, in public debates. One form of this engagement is in the role that has come to be known as the public intellectual.

Inevitably and appropriately such engagement will be associated with the University. Often, and not inappropriately, the views expressed by a member of the University will be challenged by other members of the University, and the views of one or other party may not be shared by the majority of members of the University and/or may not represent institutional positions, and/or may be refuted by the institution.

In some cases, a member of the University may take a position that is actionable by a third party.

For these and other reasons, where a member of the University could *reasonably* be thought to be acting on behalf of the University, he or she must make clear the capacity in which he or she acts and whether he or she is indeed putting forward an institutional position.

This applies to statements by the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, the Communication and Marketing Department, the Registrar and other such office bearers. It does not apply to Deans and Heads of Departments, except where they would reasonably be thought to be commenting on behalf of their faculties or departments”.

As amended by Council (October 2016)

Office-bearers

Council:

(Statute)

Chair

Deputy Chair

Registrar; as secretary to Council

University:

(Statute)

Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

Registrar

Deans

Heads of Departments



these include
GSB Director

Executive Officers

Vice-Chancellor

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

Officials

(ie have a managerial office)

Executive Directors

Registrar

People who act as spokespersons for UCT

Vice-Chancellor

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

Deans (but only in regard to their faculties)

Heads of Departments (but only in regard to their departments)

Executive Director: Communication & Marketing

Others in Communication & Marketing

Executive Director: Development & Alumni

Registrar