

## UCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024 – CONVOCAATION NOMINEE

### RUSSELL THOMAS ALLY

#### CONVOCAATION NOMINATORS



- Ms Libo Msengana-Bam
- Mr Charles Gavin McGregor
- Emer Prof Anwar Suleman Mall
- Emer Prof Hugh Micah Corder
- Mary (Maria) Ingouville Burton
- Emer Prof Marian Eslie Jacobs

#### STATEMENT OF INTENT

I have the unique privilege of being associated with many higher education institutions over the years. I have degrees from UCT, Rhodes University and Cambridge University.

I have worked at Khanya College, Wits University, UCT and the University of the Free State.

I have served in various senior capacities at Wits, UCT and the UFS.

I was a council member of the University of the North and a council member of the merged University of the Limpopo.

With this background and experience in higher education, my academic credentials, and the senior roles that I have played in university management, I believe that I can make an invaluable contribution to UCT as a convocation appointment to the UCT Council.

I am therefore accepting my nomination to the UCT Council for the upcoming next term of the UCT Council.

## **BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE**

Dr Russell Ally is the current Senior Director of Institutional Advancement and member of the senior executive team at the University of the Free State.

His immediate previous position was Executive Director of the Development and Alumni Department at the University of Cape Town, where he also served on a number of the university's committees, most notably the Vice-Chancellor's Management Advisory Group, the Senior Leadership Group, the University Transformation Forum, and the Special Executive Task Team.

Before joining UCT, he was the Ford Foundation's Program Officer for Southern Africa, a nonprofit private grant making foundation based in New York in the USA. Prior to Ford, he was the Country Representative of the South African Office of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, an endowed, nonprofit private grant making foundation based in Flint, Michigan, in the United States.

Dr Ally also worked for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as its Human Rights Projects Manager, overseeing a human rights institutional strengthening project. He also served as the National Coordinator of the South African Government's National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (NAP). working directly with all the government departments involved in promoting human rights.

In 1996, Dr Ally was appointed to South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission where he served on the Human Rights Violation Committee chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Dr Ally has a bachelor's degree and a higher diploma in education from the University of Cape Town, an honours and a master's degree from Rhodes University, and a doctorate from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom (UK).

He currently serves on a number of boards of civil society organisations, inter alia; chair of the Inyathelo Institute of Advancement, chair of the Council for Advancement of the South African Constitution, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Land and Accountability Research Centre (LARC).

Dr Ally is a keen sportsman, having completed multiple marathons and ultramarathons, has earned national and provincial colours in athletics, hockey and tennis and is currently chair of the Orangia Tennis Club in Cape Town, where he still plays league tennis.