

UCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024 – CONVOCAATION NOMINEE



BRIAN KANTOR

CONVOCAATION NOMINATORS

- Mr Barry Shamley
- Mr Charles C Kantor
- Professor GDI Barr
- Ms Tshgofatso Ramatlo
- Mrs Madalet Sessions
- Mr Peter Vogel

STATEMENT OF INTENT

My purpose in serving on the Governing Council of the University of Cape Town would be to help the University to excellently serve the best interests of its students and its academics. And by so doing serve the welfare of the South African nation which depends importantly heavily upon the contributions made by its universities.

These interests are best served by the University first and foremost pursuing excellence in teaching and research. As a member of its governing council, I would actively promote UCT as one of but a few elite South African Universities. Elite in the measured quality of the student and academic bodies that could compete with the best universities anywhere.

Good teaching and excellent research have a symbiotic relationship. I would encourage all the academic staff to engage in the classroom fully and enthusiastically. And to actively share their research-based insights with the broader society. And be evaluated and promoted and rewarded accordingly.

I would hope to improve the governance of UCT by applying my experience and values diligently.

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

Brian Kantor had a long academic career at the University of Cape Town where he served as lecturer, senior lecturer, professor of economics, head of the School of Economics (1987–1991) and dean of the Faculty of Commerce (1997–2001). Now Professor Emeritus (2007). His career includes stints as a Visiting Professor at Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh PA (1978–79) and Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York (1994).

He joined Investec Securities as Investment Strategist in 2001 and Investec Wealth and Investment in 2008 in the same capacity. He currently serves as Chairman of the Investec Research Institute, Investec Wealth & Investment.

Brian has served on government boards and commissions, has consulted within the financial arena, and held directorships at various listed companies. This diverse experience has spanned South Africa, the United States, Canada, and Hong Kong.

Brian's research on monetary and financial economics has been widely and frequently published. He has received accolades for various business achievements including his work as founding Chairman of the V&A Waterfront Company (1988–2001).

Research

Research programme has focused on Monetary and Financial Economics and has published frequently and widely in the field. Perhaps the most influential work was "Rational Expectations and Economic Thought", Journal of Economic Literature, September 1979, was translated into Japanese and Spanish.

Published books

South African Economic Issues, (Juta) Cape Town, 1982 and Understanding Capitalism, (Boyers-Bowerdean) New York–London, 1996. More recently published Get South Africa Growing, Jonathan Ball Johannesburg and Cape Town, 2017.

Current research interests include an analysis of monetary policy, corporate governance issues and the links between the rand exchange rate and the behaviour of the JSE. Other published research has involved applying economic reasoning to the risks and returns in limited over cricket.

Recent commentary including his biweekly column in Business Day and a full collection of his published and some un-published research publications can be found on the blog:

www.zaeconomist.com