

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

08 OCTOBER 2024

COLLEGE COUNCIL STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR PHUTI JACK MODIBA AS ACTING PRINCIPAL OF GERT SIBANDE TVET COLLEGE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DHET).

The College Council of Gert Sibande TVET College led by The Chairperson, Dr Thulane Ramasehla, wish to extend its heartfelt congratulations on the recent appointment of Mr Phuti Jack Modiba as the Acting College Principal by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). This appointment of a new Acting Principal comes at the edge of governance transition from the former College Council to this new one and we look forward to a good working relationship with the new College Management.

We wish to pronounce Council's full support towards Mr Modiba and his College Management as he leads the College to higher heights of academic excellence and institutional stability. We reiterate that this appointment is as a result of Mr Modiba's dedication, leadership and commitment to fostering an environment of excellence in Education. He comes with more than 30 years of experience within the TVET Sector and we trust that he will use this opportunity to bring positive change to the College.

The College Council has, since its appointment, continued to emphasize on the need for innovation, creativity and a student-focussed college governance stance. Council has therefore met and resolved, among other things, that the College should not have a leadership vacuum and that the process of appointing a College Principal permanently is crucial. As a Council, we continue liaising with The Department of Higher Education and Training on this and many other governance related matters seeking their expedient assistance.

Council has also resolved that the College's strategic direction is focused on;

- i. Modernizing of teaching and learning facilities
- ii. Providing support to students in extra-mural activities
- iii. Establishing a student alumni statutory body for student tracing and placement
- iv. The establishment of an ethics and integrity module for both staff and students in order to promote our stance against fraud and corruption, these and many others.

We wish to invite our communities, various stakeholders, our students and the staff to rally behind the leadership of the College in pursuit for the fruition of the mandate given to Gert Sibande TVET College in serving our economically disadvantaged student population seeking skills training on our sites.

Council remains committed to providing strategic direction to the College by upholding the values of ethical leadership, accountability and transparency in all our decision-making. Once more, congratulations to Mr Modiba and best of luck in your new role as Acting Principal of the College.

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Dr Thulane Ramasehla
College Council Chairperson