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UCT's admissions policy review process timeline: 2009 to date

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Date	Activity
2009	UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price established the Admissions Policy Review Task Team (APRTT) at the UCT Senate's request.
October 2011	UCT established a commission of inquiry, chaired by retired Appeal Court Judge-President Craig T Howie (who was a UCT Council member at the time), to consider the admissions policy, and potential alternatives to the use of "race" as a measure for redress and as a proxy for disadvantage. The Commission worked in parallel with (but independently of) the APRTT.
6 February 2012	First meeting of the Commission
9 March 2012	Closing dates for public submissions to the Commission
15 - 17 May 2012	The Commission listened to oral representations of submissions.
1 November 2012	The Report of the Commission into Student Admissions was concluded.
End of 2012	The Report of the Commission into Student Admissions was submitted to Council.
12 February 2013	The Report of the Commission into Student Admissions was made available to UCT's campus community for debate and comment. The UCT Senate (and all Faculty Boards), the Students' Representative Council, Institutional Forum and the campus-based trade unions and staff bodies were invited to debate and comment on it.
28 February 2013	Admissions models were proposed, using alternative criteria for indicating disadvantage to show impact on diversity and excellence in one or two faculties. This was done to demonstrate possible alternatives.

15 March 2013	The UCT Senate met to discuss the response to the Report of the Commission into Student Admissions and alternative admissions models.
March and April 2013	The AAPRTT refined the models and extended them to all faculties.
April – October 2013	UCT's Faculty Boards considered and modelled several possible admissions policy models that would include other factors besides "race" as indicators of disadvantage.
November 2013	The Admissions Committee met to debate the feedback from Faculty Boards and also gave in-principle approval.
22 November 2013	Senate meeting will not consider the new admissions policy. The Vice-Chancellor will propose to Senate that the 2013/14 admissions policy be implemented next year. He will also report that good progress has been made with the drafting of a new policy, that faculties have in principle supported most elements of the proposals as has the Admissions Committee. However, because of the significant implementation challenge, it was decided to only implement (if Council approves the policy) a year hence. Senate is to discuss the new policy proposals in the first quarter of next year. The campus community and student body therefore have further opportunity to engage with the policy.

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