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UCT makes key senior leadership appointments

The University of Cape Town (UCT) has announced the appointment of Professor Elelwani Ramugondo as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) for Transformation, Student Affairs and Social Responsiveness and Professor Suki Goodman as Dean of Commerce.

- [Read the full communication by UCT Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng.](#)

Professor Ramugondo will start her tenure on 1 July 2022. Presently the deputy dean for postgraduate education in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Ramugondo has over 20 years of academic experience in a research-intensive university environment. She served as special advisor on transformation to the Vice-Chancellor in 2015.

- [Read Professor Elelwani Ramugondo's abridged CV.](#)

The current head of the School of Management Studies, Professor Goodman, will assume her new role with effect from 1 January 2022. Prior to assuming the role as head of the School, she headed the section of Organisational Psychology. Both roles have prepared her with extensive leadership and management experience.

- [Read Professor Suki Goodman's abridged CV.](#)

UCT also recently appointed Vincent Motholo as Executive Director: Finance – the first black African to occupy this role at the university. Motholo, a qualified chartered accountant, registered auditor and current chairperson of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), joined UCT on 1 October 2021.

- [Read Motholo's abridged CV.](#)

UCT Chair of Council, Babalwa Ngonyama noted that since Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng took office in 2018, a total of 13 senior leadership appointments were made and 11 of these were from the designated groups.

- [See UCT's senior leadership appointments since 2018.](#)

"These appointments speak to the university's pillars of excellence, sustainability and transformation. They are a continuation of a process through which UCT is putting together a senior leadership team for the future," said Ngonyama.

- [Watch: the full media briefing.](#)

Commenting on the most recent appointments, Phakeng said: "In Professor Ramugondo and Professor Goodman, we have highly capable candidates who emerged out of a thorough and competitive selection process. Without doubt, the appointment of the two will put us in a good position at senior leadership level as we endeavour in our vision to unleash human potential for a fair and just society."

- [Watch: Professor Phakeng comments on the appointments.](#)

The three newly appointed members of the UCT leadership team look forward to advancing [UCT's Vision 2030](#).

- Watch: [Professor Ramugondo](#), [Professor Goodman](#) and [Motholo](#) comment on their appointment.

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