



Private Bag X5029, Richards Bay, 3900

UMFOLOZI COLLEGE, CENTRAL OFFICE

Tel: (035) 902 9501, Fax: (035) 789 2585

E-Mail: info.umfcao@feta.gov.za

06 September 2012

Mr Anele Kabingesi
Committee Secretary – PC on Higher Education
Parliament
PO Box 15
CAPE TOWN
8000

Dear Mr Kabingesi

UMFOLOZI COLLEGE SUBMISSIONS TO THE FETC AMENDMENT BILL [24-12]

Umfolozzi College for Further Education and Training welcomes the FETC Amendment Bill [24-12], but would like to make the following submissions:

- 1) **Section 1 (b)** makes reference to “*all learning and training programmes leading to qualifications or part-qualifications at levels 1 to 4 of the NQF*...”. We feel that the Bill needs to expand on the FETC mandate to include NQF level 5 programmes that colleges offer in conjunction with Universities or Universities of Technology.
- 2) **Section 1 (g)** refers to different modes of delivery being full-time, part-time or distance basis. The Bill needs to provide clear definitions of these different modes of delivery, including “open learning”.
- 3) **Section 10 (4) (e)** of the FETC Act 16 of 2006 makes reference to a “lecturer” as one of the representatives in the formation of the college council. The FETC Bill needs to further clarify the definition of the “lecturer” whether it includes the “campus manager”. This has always been a grey area especially under Section 11(5)... “The majority of the members of the academic board must be **lecturers**”. Are the campus managers included in this definition of the lecturer?
- 4) Section 19 (1) ...”The principal is the chairperson of the academic board and shall preside at meetings of the academic board” This is seems to be a conflict of interest as the principal is also the chairperson of the college Senior Management Committee. The proposal is that the Academic Board be chaired by the Deputy Principal: Academic Services.

Yours sincerely

SZZUNGU
PRINCIPAL

UMF-FETC BILL SUBMISSIONS-LMMILLER-06SEPT2012

Page 1 of 1