BIOGRAPHY OF DOCTOR RANDALL CAROLISSEN

Dr Randall Carolissen is the Chairperson of the Council of Wits University and has served in this capacity for 11 days now. However, he has been an active member of Council from 2008 and has served in various capacities on its sub-committees. Council is the highest decision-making body of the University.

Dr Carolissen has extensive experience as a natural scientist and process engineer, and has held several senior executive positions in the corporate sector. He has widespread experience in managing and introducing regulatory reform in parastatals.

He has served as an academic - as a researcher at the CSIR, as a senior lecturer in Physics at the University of the Western Cape, and as a Visiting Fellow at the universities of Pennsylvania and Missouri in the United States and the University of Gent in Belgium.

Dr Carolissen obtained his Masters degree in Solid State Physics *cum laude* and this thesis was widely cited as a significant contribution to the understanding of how nano second laser pulses interact with semiconductors. He obtained his PhD degree in Solid State Physics from the University of the Western Cape in 1995. In addition, he holds an Honours degree in Business Administration *cum laude* from the University of Stellenbosch, and an MBA, also *cum laude*. In 2008 he completed a Masters of Commerce degree in International Tax at the University of the Northwest.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships and is widely published.

Dr Carolissen started his career in 1982 as a Production Engineer at Firestone South Africa. In 2000, he was appointed as the Executive Director: Commercial at the SABS and in 2001 was appointed as the Group Managing Director of SABS Commercial. In 2007, Dr Carolissen was appointed as the General Manager for Standards and Policy at the South African Receiver of Revenue and two years later was assigned as the Group Executive for Revenue Planning, Analysis and Reporting. He has over the past two fiscal years effectively managed annual revenue collections and budgets of more than R600 billion on an enterprise basis.

Dr Carolissen has served as the Chairperson of both the Finance and Remuneration committees of the Wits Council, is a trustee of the Wits Foundation and has been instrumental in setting up the governance structure for the Wits Group.

He has has served on various governmental task teams and commissions on trade and science and technology policy, and was appointed by Professor Kader Asmal to serve as a commissioner on the South African Chapter of UNESCO.