

LANGUAGE POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE (LPSC)

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The Purpose of the Language Policy Committee

To optimise all aspects of language development related to multilingualism at UCT, and to consider annual and medium to longer term plans and policies in this area for approval by Senate. To promote informed decisions about the shape, form and focus of programmes and activities designed to promote and achieve a multilingual environment at UCT.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (a) To develop and monitor overall policy on multilingualism for the university in the form of an institutional Language Plan to be approved by Senate
- (b) To set targets annually, based on the Language Plan accepted by Senate
- (c) To ensure that UCT's academic policies and practices in relation to the provision of staff and student courses (relevant in terms of the aims of the Language Plan) are aligned with national policy as appropriate and relevant (e.g., as spelled out in the Skills Development Act, HEQC criteria and the Language Policy for Higher Education)
- (d) To formulate policy proposals on the provision of Xhosa and/or Afrikaans courses for English first language speakers for consideration by Senate, and on language support for students for whom English is an additional language
- (e) To provide informed decisions about the shape, form and focus of specific strategies which arise from these policies

PROCEDURES

- (a) To monitor the implementation of the Multilingualism Education Project
- (b) To monitor the provision of appropriate assessment measures for students for whom English is a second language via the Examinations and Assessment Committee
- (c) To monitor and review the implementation of policies and plans which directly and indirectly impact on the development of a multilingual programmes and a multilingual environment
- (d) To ensure that the budget to support the Language Plan is appropriately resourced and allocated
- (e) To work closely with the coordinator of the Multilingualism Education Project to ensure appropriate consultation, development and monitoring of proposals
- (f) To report, on an annual basis, to the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee on what it has achieved relative to its agreed purposes, goals and objectives