



THE URC QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW OF THE NANSEN-TUTU CENTRE FOR MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

WILL BE HELD ON, Tuesday, 18 April 2017

Research Office Seminar Room, Allan Cormack House, 2 Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray
9h30 -13h30

AGENDA

Reference Document:

Annexure I: Guidelines for Review
Annexure II: URC-accredited Research Groupings
Annexure III: Nansen-Tutu Centre signed agreement 20 May 2010

The Nansen-Tutu participants:

A/Prof Mathieu Rouault	Co-Director, Nansen-Tutu
Dr Bjorn Backeberg	Co-Director, Nansen-Tutu
A/Prof Marcello Vichi	Department of Oceanography
Prof Frank Shillington	Department of Oceanography
Mr Rodrigue Anicet Imbol	
Imbol Koungue	PhD student, Department of Oceanography
Mr Bernardino Nhanthumbo	PhD student, Department of Oceanography

Reviewers

International reviewer:	Dr Steven Herbette, Senior lecturer at the University of Brest (UBO), France
External national reviewer	Dr Juliet Hermes, Head of Egagasini Node, South African Environmental Observation Network, (SAEON)
Internal UCT reviewer	Prof Colleen Moloney, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science
Internal UCT reviewer	Prof John Bolton, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science

URC Members:

Prof Kgethi Phakeng	Chair and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research
Dr Marilet Sienaert	Executive Director, Research and Innovation Office
Prof Sue Harrison	Director, CeBER and Future Water Institute
Prof Kevin Naidoo	Director & SARChI Chair: Scientific Computing Research Unit, Faculty of Science

In Attendance:

Prof Anton Le Roex	Dean of Science – (will leave at 10h15)
A/Prof Isabelle Ansoorge	Head of Department, Oceanography
Ms Wilna Venter	Research Collaboration Specialist, Research Office
Ms Roshan Sunday	Coordinator: Quality Assurance and Research Groupings, Research Office

9h00-9h30

Tea / Coffee on arrival

9h30-9h45

Welcome and Introduction: Chair to brief the panel and representatives from the LIU on the rationale for the review

9h45-10h45

Presentation of Self-Review Portfolio: Nansen Tutu

10h45-11h00

Tea / Coffee

11h00-13h00

Probing Session: Panel to probe the Self-Review Portfolio (All present)

Issues for discussion:

- The coherence and focus of the research agenda
- The quality of the research in terms of impact and stature
- The extent of local engagement and relevance, also measured through student training and impact on the curriculum
- The extent of quality linkages and networks
- Critical mass in line with the URC guidelines for nomenclature
- Evidence of effective governance / management and planning
- Evidence of sustainable financial practice
- Prospects for continuation or evidence of a faculty-integrated succession plan

13h00-13h15

Debriefing Session: Chair and Coordinator to Debrief (Reviewers only)

13h00

Lunch (All invited to join in a finger lunch. All can leave after lunch besides the reviewers)

14h00 onwards

External reviewers to consult with each other on shape and time-frame of prospective Review / Evaluation Report (Reviewers only)

TIME WILL BE RE-ASSESSED ACCORDING TO THE FLOW OF THE REVIEW