

Events in the Programme Governance & Political Transformation

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FIRST SEMESTER 2014

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs. Juanita Potgieter obtained her Certificate in Pastoral Care during the April graduation ceremony at the University of the Free State. She has worked very hard and completed her qualification with very good marks. From our side as Programme staff members - **CONGRATULATIONS** Juanita! We are so proud of you!



Pictured above is Dr Tania Coetzee (Programme Director) with some of the newly enrolled Postgraduate Diploma students during the first day of the contact session.

STUDENTS ATTEND CLASSES

At the beginning of 2014 the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation hosted the newly enrolled Postgraduate Diploma students for a week at the Main Campus of the University of the Free State. During this week students attended classes, received Blackboard and Library training and got to know each other better.

Pictured on the right is the new group of Master's Degree students for 2014, who also attended classes in January. There is a total of 41 students registered for their Master's degree in the Programme this year. When asked how they would feel once they have completed their degree, this was the reaction! What a wonderful group of people!



PROUD MOMENTS

*During the April Graduation Ceremony on the Main Campus of the University of the Free State, 16 students obtained their **Postgraduate Diplomas in Governance and Political Transformation**. A proud moment after a year of very hard work!*



The students who obtained their qualifications are:

Buso, L.G.	Nhlangothi, M.S.
Donen, T.F.	Radebe, E.
Hume, L.G.	Smit, T.
Kruger, B.M.	Toyana, L.
Leech, D.	Zingithwa, B.
Lepamo, L.P.	
Loate, T.	
Mangcotywa, Z.E.	
Mohai, D.I.	
Mohasi, A.A.	
Moipolai, P.G.	



A TOTAL OF 32 STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR BA DEGREE IN GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION AT THE APRIL GRADUATION CEREMONY.

The students who obtained their BA Degrees are:

Adams, F.W.	Sebona, L.
Barnett, J.	Seleke, V.R.
Bonga, L.	Shongwe, S.V.
Dinga, N.	Sondlo, B.P.
Evertson, D.C.	Thekisho, R.G.
Makhube, T.M.	Thela, Z.
Makoetje, R.P.	Thoothe, K.F.
Malokase, L.E.	Thwala, M.F.
Mathe, P.N.	Tsatsane, G.T.
Matlanyane, M.P.	Tsosane, P.E.
Matoti, G.	Vinger, K.C.
Mdunusana, K.L.M.	
Mofokeng, T.G.	
Moremi, L.M.	
Motaung, K.S.	
Ncipha, S.	
Peter, V.	
Qwele, K.S.	
Radebe, C.S.	
Radebe, J.C.	
Ramafoko, J.P.	



**COMPLETE JOY IN A "WE DID IT!" MOMENT AFTER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY IN APRIL
WELL DONE TO EACH AND EVERY STUDENT!**

Postgraduate Supervision

The Programme is extremely privileged to have some of the top academics in the country as research supervisors for our Masters Degree students. They are, amongst others, from these highly respected departments and institutions:

- ◆ **Turfloop Graduate School of Leadership, University of Limpopo**
- ◆ **University of Stellenbosch**
- ◆ **School of Higher Education Studies, University of the Free State**
- ◆ **Department Sociology, University of the Free State**
- ◆ **Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University**
- ◆ **Department Politics, University of Johannesburg**
- ◆ **Institute for Global Dialogue, Pretoria**
- ◆ **School of Education Studies, University of the Free State, QwaQwa Campus**
- ◆ **Central University of Technology, Free State**
- ◆ **Department Public Management, Tshwane University of Technology**
- ◆ **The Good Governance Group, East London**

Governance students making headlines

Katlego (Blue) Letube, a **second-year Governance and Political Transformation student**, was recently voted the winner in the University's New Face of Facebook competition. Strategic communication caught up with her for a few questions:

What do you study and which year are you?

I am a second-year Governance and Political Transformation student.

Why did you enter the Face of Facebook competition?

I met Victor (our previous winner) for the first time last year and he told me I should do it – it would suit me. I am also interested in the media and I serve on Callie Hendricks' (SRC Media and Marketing) executive committee as well.



Tell us a bit about your vision as our new Face of Facebook?

I actually want to be more interactive with students. I feel like it's going to be a place of giving to people. I want to use this platform for community service too. I also want to learn more about media. I see myself going into the media world more in the future.

On that note, what are your goals and dreams for the future?

In my honours year I will like to specialise in international relations. Then I can become a delegate who interacts with people from all around the world. That should be able to launch me in a career working with media. I also want to initiate projects that develop women in leadership.

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Excellence Rewarded

On the 9th of April 2014 the two best achievers in the Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree in Governance and Political Transformation for 2013, was rewarded at a prize giving ceremony held on the Main Campus of the University of the Free State



Book prize awarded to the best Postgraduate Diploma student in Governance and Political Transformation for 2013:
Mrs. Dulandi Leech



Merit prize awarded to the best Master's Degree student in Governance and Political Transformation for 2013:
Mr Siphso Xaba



GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION Multi-disciplinary Postgraduate Diploma and MA

The ideal qualification

This well-established Programme successfully brings 21st century politics to politicians and decision makers of today – nationally and internationally.

The aims of the qualifications are the advancement of political knowledge and the development of political management-orientated skills in an environment of rapid change. This Programme was created to satisfy the need for institutional capacity building, leadership development and the promotion of a value system which complements good governance and forms the basis of a democratic government.

BA Governance and Political Transformation

Duration is 3 years full-time on the Main Campus. Main disciplines are Political Science, Public Management and Communication Science.

Admission requirements: National Senior Certificate. Application Point (AP) of 30. Achievement level 4 (50%) for language of instruction.

Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation

Duration is one year, by completing eight (8) modules in areas that include, amongst others: Political Transformation and Management; Political Environment; Conflict Management; Cooperative Governance; Communication Management and Municipal Governance.

Admission requirements: B Degree or four year National Diploma (NQF level 7). Average mark of 60% or higher will be considered. Closing date for applications: 3 November 2014.

Masters Degree in Governance and Political Transformation

Duration is one year, which includes examination on Research Methodology and the writing of an Extended Mini-dissertation.

Admission requirements: Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation or Honours qualification (NQF level 8). Average mark of 60% or higher will be considered. Closing date for applications: 3 November 2014.

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