

## **Election to the Council of the University of the Free State**

### **Motivation for the candidate Mr MM Wildebees**

I have worked for the Electoral Commission (IEC) since 2002 in capacities of Provincial Voter Education Coordinator and currently as Provincial Outreach Manager. In this capacity, I also serve as a member of the Provincial Management Team. My responsibilities entail planning, coordination, implementation and reporting of Civic & Democracy Education, Stakeholder Management & Communication programmes across the Northern Cape Province, including management of the Outreach department. During this period, I acquired two Post Graduate Diplomas and a Master's Degree from Vista and UFS respectively. I have also been appointed to the IEC's Policy Committee by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) in 2013 and 2018 and continue to serve in this capacity.

I have served as Board member of the Municipal Demarcation Board for a 5-year period (2014-2019), having chaired their BPFC and KM & ICT Committees. I am currently serving as a Board member of the Northern Cape Cricket Board for a 3-year term since 2018, where I chair their TRANSSEC committee.

With my management and governance experience, I consider myself a suitable candidate for appointment to the UFS Council and able to discharge my responsibilities without fear, favour or prejudice and with the diligence Council is expected to operate.