



Message from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College



Professor John C Mubangizi.

We in the College of Law and Management Studies are happy to share with you, yet again, stories of events, achievements and developments that have taken place in the College in the recent past. Indeed life in the College has been quite busy and active, and as a result this newsletter contains interesting and exciting stories ranging from graduation stories to centenary celebrations, alumni reunions, conferences, workshops, awards and various other types of individual or collective achievements.

This year, the College of Law and Management Studies graduated a total of 1911 graduands. Over

500 of these obtained post-graduate qualifications. What is most significant is that the College graduated a record 24 doctorates, 6 of whom were our own members of staff. The College management is proud of this achievement and we look forward to a higher doctoral output in the future.

It is exciting to know that the College has almost realized its enrolment target for 2010. At the moment we are at 97% of our planned enrolment and according to projections and trends we shall comfortably achieve and even surpass our target by the end of the year. It is also important to note that our retention and student academic monitoring strategies put in place last year, have achieved their objectives as the exclusion and drop out rates have significantly decreased this year.

This year, the University of KwaZulu-Natal is celebrating 100 years of higher education in the province. We, as a College, have participated and continue to participate in these centenary celebrations in various ways. Besides specific events such as guest lectures, we have spiced our other regular events with the centenary theme. The 8th Victoria and Griffiths Mxenge

Memorial Lecture is one example. Also in that regard the recent Faculty of Management Studies alumni reunion dinner was a resounding success. We are looking forward to the forthcoming Faculty of Law reunion and other centenary celebratory events planned for next semester.

As far as research is concerned, we continue to maintain the momentum gathered over the last two years. In particular, the two high profile international conferences we hosted last year, at which many of our academics presented papers, have ensured prospects of increased productivity this year. The College has also embraced, and is engaging with the recommendations of the Senate Task Team on Academic Research Productivity. There is no doubt therefore, that our research productivity can only continue on the upward trajectory going forward.

This newsletter comes at a time when we are all looking forward to a well-earned winter break. It also comes at a time when the country is in the grip of the FIFA World Cup. Enjoy both – and more.

John C Mubangizi

International technology, entertainment and design conference at UKZN

Inspired by the sharing of ideas and a shared future, UKZN'S School of Information Systems and Technology hosted the prestigious Technology, Entertainment and Design Conference (TEDxUKZN) at the Graduate School of Business on May 14. This year's theme was *Africa, Change, the World* and attracted some of the world's leading thinkers.

TED is a non-profit organisation which was started in California 26 years ago as a conference bringing people together from three specialist areas; Technology, Entertainment and Design for a shared TED-like experience.

Owing to the recent global economic crisis, several speakers at this year's conference addressed issues pertaining to the economy, development, the education system, climatology, and government policies both nationally and internationally. Presenting a lecture titled: *Democratising Global Governance: A Response to the Perfect Storm*, Dr Kumi Naidoo likened the past three years under the global recession to the perfect storm.

Dr Naidoo said that there was some potential for steady recovery for African countries and beyond if we consider various engines of possibility. Crises such as HIV and AIDS and Swine Flu, like the recession, do not respect boundaries. Yet if we adhere to the FAB treaty – a treaty that is Fair, Ambitious and Binding - we could be a step closer to eradicating problems, such as our fossil fuel addiction.

Durban: A City goes Quantum, was amongst the most popular presentations. Durban is the first city in the world to own a secure quantum communication network which seems set to be the future of all digital security. The presentation by Professor Francesco Petruccione gave new insight into how advanced South Africa's research and technology is in digital security.

Mr Deena Govender of the VN Naik School for the Deaf addressed the conference on the challenge of high



Professor Manoj Maharaj addressing the delegates of the TEDxUKZN Conference.



Dancers from the Surialanga Dance Company demonstrating the Diski Dance to the delegates.

unemployment rates amongst deaf people in South Africa. He said that only recently has sign language been acknowledged as an official language in the country and accessibility at tertiary institutions and the workplace is difficult. He challenged organisations to meet employment equity targets and facilitate a mutually-beneficial relationship.

Mr Eugene Chetty presented on the out-of-the-ordinary world of the digital. His talk depicted how digital technology is bridging the gap between what was formally recognised as an elitist culture to a mobile network of information sharing and entertainment.

An innovative presentiaon on the future of education for Africa and the world was done by Mr Craig Blewett,

Mrs Rose Quilling and their avatar (Crose Quible) from the School of Information Systems and Technology. The three presented their Ubu2.0 philosphy which suggests that a melding of Africa's *Ubuntu* spirit of collaboration, and Web 2.0 technology could not only revolutionise the future of education but enable Africa to lead the way.

Professor Patrick Bond of UKZN'S Centre for Civil Society spoke on the South African politics of global warming. Other presentations ranged from youth development through football, to an online museum of vase paintings. The old slogan, "think globally and act locally", was reinforced by all the speakers at the conference.

- Lunga Memela

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Management Studies Centenary Lecture

Date : Thursday, 19 August 2010
Time : 18h00
Venue : Westville Campus
Guest Speaker : Professor Richard Wilson, Emeritus Professor of Business Administration & Financial Management at Loughborough University Business School.
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Law Centenary Lecture

Date : 26 & 27 August 2010
Venue : Moot Court, Pietermaritzburg campus
Guest Speaker : Judge Plasket
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Law Centenary Lecture Series

Date : August 2010
Venue : Law Faculty, Howard College and Pietermaritzburg campuses
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Law Faculty Reunion Gala Dinner

Date : Saturday, 23 October 2010
Venue : Royal Show Grounds Hall 2
Time : 18h30 for 19h00
Guest Speakers : The Honourable Chief Justice of South Africa, Sandile Ngcobo.
The President of the South African Rugby Football Union, Mr Oregon Hoskins.
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