



The annual report of the chairperson, SAAHE Central region for the period March 2018 to February 2019

1. SAAHE Central Branch Management Committee

The following members serve on the SAAHE Central branch management committee.

Chair:	Mr Alwyn Hugo (UFS)
Vice-chair:	Dr Lynette van der Merwe (UFS)
Secretariat:	Dr Dee Mtyongwe (CUT)
Academic:	Dr Mathys Labuschagne (UFS)
Finance:	Prof Hesta Friedrich-Nel (CUT)
Marketing:	Dr Jeanette du Plessis (CUT)
Information Technology:	Mr Riaan van Wyk (UFS)
Administration:	Me Gerbrecht Niemand (UFS)

National Council Representatives: Prof Gert van Zyl and Prof Hesta Friedrich-Nel
Mr Alwyn Hugo

1.1 Management Meetings

Four management meetings were held between March 2018 and February 2019. Meetings alternate between the UFS and CUT campuses and follow formal meeting procedures with set agendas and documented minutes.

2. Portfolio reports

2.1 Academic Portfolio

Four academic activities were held for the period March 2017 to February 2018. Dates and topics of the activities as follows:

14 March 2018: Using Educational Design Research to design a Professional Master's Degree, Annemarie van Jaarsveld.

23 May 2018: Effective communication in health sciences, Dr Roline Barnes.

2 July 2018: Programmatic assessment, Prof Cees van der Vleuten.

20 September 2018: Reconstructing power relations in health sciences education: visions of a decolonised future, Prof Lionel Green-Thompson.

SAAHE Central is hosting the 2019 National conference in Bloemfontein. The planning of the conference is on track. Registration and abstract submissions is open. Please visit <https://www.saahe2019.co.za/>.

2.2 Marketing Portfolio

Currently marketing of SAAHE Central branch activities are done through the e-mail systems of the Faculty of Health Sciences UFS and Faculty of Environmental and Health Sciences of CUT. This strategy need to observe the IT protocols of the mailers. All announcements of activities are branded with the SAAHE logo. Further marketing is done through different committees in the faculties where appropriate. Topics that are not specific to health sciences are marketed in the broader education communities of the two universities.

2.3 Information Technology Portfolio

The information technology portfolio manages academic activity announcements this include drafting of flyers and distributing the flyers through different communication technologies to members. The National web area (SAAHE.org.za) allows for regional presence and we use the Central region area to host our newsletters as well as administration documents

During 2018 we published two newsletters that is available at <http://saahe.org.za/administration/central/>.

2.4 Administration

The administration portfolio manages the bookings of venues for meetings, academic activities and makes travel arrangements for guests that visit SAAHE Central Branch.

2.5 Finances

SAAHE Central are fortunate that both the Faculty of Health Sciences UFS and the Faculty of Environmental and Health Sciences CUT contributes annually institutional membership fees of R 5000-00 per faculty. These funds are used frugally to stimulate academic discussion in the health education community.

We concluded 2018 business with a positive balance of R 45 421-00. The financial commitments in 2018 were towards travel costs for our two guest speakers, catering for academic discussions and development of promotional material towards the National conference in 2019. The statement will be presented to members on 6 March 2019 during the AGM.

3. Conclusion

I thank the committee members for a year of dedicated efforts and service to the SAAHE community in advancing SAAHE business in the central region.

The SAAHE management committee thanks the loyal supporters of events presented in the central region.

Alwyn Hugo
Chairperson: SAAHE Central Branch
6 March 2019