



Students' Representative Council

RE: Mourning of Professor H.R. Botman

28 June 2014

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Professor Botman. His sudden passing in the early hours of Saturday, 28th of June 2014, was a devastating blow. Botman, Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of Stellenbosch, was a true leader and inspiration to every student. His integrity and his love for the Stellenbosch community and University were evident in his day to day tasks. He shall forever be remembered as an exemplary leader who championed inclusivity of all in the University, the community, and in South Africa as a whole.

We encourage all Maties to continue the work Professor Botman dedicated his life to. We must strive to preserve his legacy by ensuring that the University of Stellenbosch continues on its path towards inclusivity, innovation and future driven leadership.

As SRC we wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the Botman family, friends, US staff, fellow students and all who knew him. We urge all students to remain strong during this time of sorrow.

Dit is met groot hartseer dat ons moes verneem van die afsterwe van Professor Botman. Sy skielike dood gedurende die vroeë oggend ure van 28 Junie 2014 is 'n diepgaande verlies. Professor Botman, die Vise kanselier en Rektor van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch, was 'n ware leier in die mees omvattende sin van die woord en 'n ware inspirasie vir elke student. Sy integriteit en liefde vir sy medemens was deurgaans sigbaar in sy dag tot dag omgang met Maties en die groter Stellenbosch gemeenskap. Hy sal vir altyd in ons gedagtes bly: 'n



ongelooflike voorbeeld van 'n leier wat hom beywer het vir inklusiwiteit vir Stellenbosch en Suid Afrika as 'n geheel.

Ons moedig alle Maties aan om die passiewolle werk van Professor Botman voort te sit en verder sy nalatenskap te bevorder. Dit behels onder andere om die Universiteit van Stellenbosch te posisioneer as 'n universiteit wat gekenmerk word vir innovasie, inklusiwiteit en toekomstgerigte leierskap.

Hiermee spreek die SR hulle opregte medelye uit teenoor die Botman-familie, vriende , US personeel, studente en ander geassosieerdes. Ons vra alle studente om sterk te wees in hierdie moeilike tyd.