

RIBS ADVISORY BOARD INPUT

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Thank you for the opportunity to engage with you on the University's institutional development planning process (including the 'size and shape') and the issue of RIBS in this regard.

1. Size and shape

- Attempt to chart the trajectory of Rhodes in the coming years in so far so as student enrolments and teaching, research and community engagement programmes are concerned
- ⇒ Have settled enrolments – 6500 by 2010; more postgraduate; more natural sciences; same number of internal but smaller proportion; attention to equity imperative
- ⇒ Need to finalise decisions on current and new teaching, research and community engagement programmes in light of staff and infrastructure cost implications

2. Institutional Development Plan

- Enrolment plan
- Decisions on current and new teaching, research and community engagement programmes
- Infrastructure development plan
- Equity and other plans
- Improvement plan in response to HEQC audit

3. RIBS

- Request for additional staff member approved
- Space issue to be addressed with Registrar: Finance and Operations
- Need for a 5-year strategic plan with programme and personnel structure and budget – MBA, Parliament Leadership Programme, short courses
- Securing of further INVESTEC or other sponsorship
- Revisiting of current institutional relationship (reporting through Faculty) and financial arrangements

- Retention of autonomy with reconstituted Management Board – possibly comprising of VC or DVC or nominee as chair, Dean of Commerce, representatives from relevant departments in Commerce Faculty