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## **Universities South Africa’s Board of Directors’ Response to a Resolution of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training**

The Board of Directors of Universities South Africa (USAf Board) has seen and read the resolution of the **Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training (PPCHET) dated 30 August, in Respect of the Election of Universities Student Representative Councils.**

The USAf Board has taken note of the PPCHET recommendation that “all public universities in South Africa should consider using the services of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa (IECSA)” for the conduct of the SRC elections. The USAf Board has also taken note of the prescription that “the elections must be done manually on campuses with observers.”

The conduct of the SRC elections at public universities is governed and regulated by institutional policies and rules approved by University Councils. The manner and form of conducting these elections are also prescribed by University policies to ensure that they are free, fair and beyond reproach.

In line with the provisions of the Higher Education Act, Councils, as the highest decision-making structures in public universities, will exercise their legislated authority to ensure compliance with university policies and rules pertaining to the conduct of the SRC elections.

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