



Short Bio of Tonia Overmeyer:

Stellenbosch University (SU) welcomed Tonia Overmeyer, on 1 September 2016, in her new position as the Dean of Students.

Ms Tonia Overmeyer, formerly acting Director of the Centre for Student Support Services at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) and boasting many years of experience in the student development, governance and leadership domain in higher education, was appointed to the position recently.

"We are delighted in her appointment and look forward to her joining us in the Division of Student Affairs where she will lead the Centre for Student Leadership and Structures," Senior Director: Student Affairs, Dr Birgit Schreiber said.

Overmeyer completed her undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the University of Cape Town (UCT), obtaining an MBA in 1999. She spent her early career managing the Raymond Ackerman Academy of Entrepreneurial Development in Cape Town, before joining UWC as manager of the Department for Leadership and Social Responsibility. She later acted as Director of the Centre for Student Support Services.

"Tonia impressed SU's selection and interview panel – made up of staff and students – with her insight and knowledge of the higher education landscape, her engagement with the panel, keen sense of student activism and experience in the student representation and leadership domain," Schreiber added.

She also expressed her gratitude to all involved, including students and student leadership, in the shaping of the vision for the Centre of Student Leadership and Structures, the post, as well as the appointment process. This new Centre for Student Leadership and Structures will boost student governance, co-curricular and leadership programmes and strengthen Student Affairs at Stellenbosch University.