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PRESS RELEASE

MESSAGE FROM THE FNU CHANCELLOR, AND CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Dear All

You will all by now have received the message from Professor Ian Rouse advising that he is stepping down as the Acting Vice Chancellor, and going on a well-deserved leave before returning to his substantive position as Dean of College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

The FNU Council met on Friday 23rd October and agreed to the above. The Council also agreed that affairs of the Office of the Vice Chancellor in the interim be managed by the Chancellor with the assistance of the Chairs of the Council Committees. This arrangement is until the new Vice Chancellor takes office.

The FNU Council is grateful to Prof Rouse for acceding to the request of the then Chancellor, Dr Mahendra Reddy, and stepping in as AVC. He has led us well in this role.

The process of appointing the new VC is progressing well. The appointment committee has met twice. The first round of interviews were held last Friday afternoon, and two applicants have been short-listed. They will be invited to speak to the University community, and will be interviewed a second time. We hope to make the appointment by late November/early December, but should not expect the VC to take office until early 2016.

The FNU Council wishes to thank you all for the support you have given to Prof Rouse, and looks forward to your continued support as we work together to steer FNU forward to greater heights.

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Chancellor and Chair of Council