

**19.19 RAPPORT 8 – DEPUTATE CHRISTELIKE ONDERWYS –
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- A. Die voorsitter stel die Rapport.
The chairman tables the Report.
- B. **Besluit:** Punt 3 verwys na Kommissie Teologiese Skool.
Decision: Point 3 referred to Commission Theological School.
- C. Ds JE Franck rapporteer namens die Kommissie Teologiese Skool.
Rev JE Franck reports on behalf of the Commission Theological School.

D. RAPPORT / REPORT

<p>1. Opdrag: Acta 2015:256</p> <p>1.1 Die Sinode deur middel van te benoeme Deputate voortgaan om langs verskillende weë ouers aan te moedig om hulle kinders na die NWU te stuur.</p> <p>1.2 Die Sinode sy steun aan die NWU bevestig in die lig van die historiese band wat die Universiteit met die Gereformeerde kerkverband het.</p> <p>1.3 Die te benoeme Deputate gesprek met die Bestuur van die NWU in stand sal hou om hierdie bestaande band te behou en verder uit te bou.</p> <p>1.4 Die Sinode weereens die ouers sowel as Kerkrade sal wys op hulle verantwoordelikheid om kinders so op te voed dat hulle op universiteitsvlak die nodige volwassenheid en verantwoordelikheid aan die dag sal lê (vgl 2.1.7 en 2.2.5).</p> <p>1.5 Die Sinode die kerke oproep om enige veldtog wat poog om die NWU verder uit te bou ten opsigte van 'n Christelike etos sal steun.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 1.1 tot 1.5 kennis geneem.</p> <p>2. Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</p> <p>2.1 Die Deputate besoek die bestuur van die PUK tydens twee geleenthede:</p> <p>2.1.1 Ds J van Schaik en br JG Noëth besoek vroeg in 2016, die Rektor, prof Fika J van Rensburg. Baie tyd word saam deurgebring in bespreking oor die verhouding tussen die Universiteit en die GKSA, die skakeling tussen Universiteit en Kerke en die pad vorentoe. Die</p>	<p>1. Mandate: Acta 2015:256</p> <p>1.1 The Synod is to continue, by means of the next Deputies, to encourage parents in various ways to send their children to the NWU.</p> <p>1.2 The Synod is to confirm its support of the NWU in light of the historical bond of the NWU with the Reformed denomination.</p> <p>1.3 The next Deputies are to maintain contact with the management of the NWU to uphold and strengthen the existing bond.</p> <p>1.4 The Synod is to once again remind parents as well as Church Councils of their responsibility to raise their children to demonstrate the necessary maturity and responsibility at tertiary level (cf. 2.1.7 and 2.2.5).</p> <p>1.5 The Synod is to call on churches to support the campaign to strengthen the Christian ethos of the NWU.</p> <p>Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.5 noted.</p> <p>2. Matters that the Synod take note of</p> <p>2.1 The Deputies visited the Management of the PUK on two occasions:</p> <p>2.1.1 Rev J van Schaik and br JG Noëth made a visit early in 2016 to the Rector, prof Fika J van Rensburg. A lengthy discussion was held on the relationship between the NWU and the GKSA, the interaction between the NWU and churches and the way forward. The Deputies have great</p>
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<p>Deputate het in besonder baie groot waardering vir prof Fika se direkte skakeling met die NWU studente en hul ouers.</p> <p>2.1.2 Bogenoemde gesprek word opgevolg met 'n tweede besoek op 28 Junie 2016 (5 Deputate olv br JG Noëth). Tydens hierdie besoek, is die Deputate hartlik deur prof Dan Kgwadi (Visiekanselier) en 2 van sy bestuurspanlede ontvang (proff Fika van Rensburg en Frikkie van Niekerk). Openlike gesprek het plaasgevind. Daar word ook "huisbesoek" gedoen voorgestaan met Skriflesing en gebed.</p> <p>2.2 In die afgelope tyd is daar egter baie verwickelinge en sake wat baie gekompliseerd is. Die Kuratore hanteer die sake. Dit is ook reg en goed so. Die Deputate kan basies 'n ondersteunde rol speel en het geen opdrag in die verband nie.</p> <p>2.3 Die Deputate is egter van mening dat die Sinode wel meer direkte opdragte aan die te benoemde Deputate in die verband behoort te gee. Daar kan nie meer bloot net aanspraak gemaak word op die historiese verbintenis in ons verhouding met die NWU nie. Ons het 'n verantwoordelikheid en roeping om na te kom wat ons nie moet versaak nie.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 2.1 tot 2.3 kennis geneem.</p> <p>3. Sake waarvoor die Sinode besluit <u>Aanbevelings</u></p> <p>3.1 Dat die te benoemde Deputate CO nie vir die huidige die opdrag ontvang om met die NWU te skakel nie.</p> <p>Besluit: Goedgekeur (wysigings reeds aangebring – Deputate Handeling).</p>	<p>appreciation for prof Fika's direct contact with NWU students and their parents.</p> <p>2.1.2 The above discussion was followed up with a second visit on 28 June 2016 (5 Deputies led by br JG Noëth). During this visit the Deputies were warmly welcomed by prof Dan Kgwadi (Vice-chancellor) and 2 of his management team members (proff Fika van Rensburg and Frikkie van Niekerk). An open discussion took place, accompanied by "home visitation" of reading from Scripture and prayer.</p> <p>2.2 In recent times there have, however, been a large number of developments and matters of great complexity. The Curators are dealing with the matters, which is good and right. The Deputies can only play a supporting role and have no instruction in this regard.</p> <p>2.3 The Deputies are, however, of the opinion that the Synod should task the next Deputies with more direct instructions. It is not adequate to lay claim to the historical bond in the relationship with the NWU. We have a responsibility and calling that we cannot forsake.</p> <p>Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.3 noted.</p> <p>3. Matters that the Synod decide on <u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>3.1 That the to be named Deputies CO does not, for now, receive mandate to speak with the NWU.</p> <p>Decision: Approved (amendments already added – Deputies Acta).</p>
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