

### **13.3 REPORT 3: MANAGEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU – PROPERTY MATTERS (Art 157)**

- A. The Synod enters member's meeting of the Administrative Bureau.
- B. Br MC Erasmus tables the Report.
- C. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

#### **D. REPORT**

##### **1. Jan Lion-Cachet Library**

The security gate in the Jan Lion Cachet Library was out of order, after years of use, and had to be replaced to prevent loss of books to the library. Its replacement cost came to R177 242.00, of which the NWU paid half.

##### **2. Roof maintenance**

It was necessary to sand (rust removal), seal and paint the roofs of the theological school and Administrative Bureau. Due to the high cost, it was done in three phases. First the Theological School, followed by the roof of the Synod Hall and then the roof of the Administrative Bureau office complex. Just the last phase cost R51 843.78.

##### **3. Senate hall – Theological School**

The expansion of the Curatorium (2009) made it impossible to use the Senate hall, with its original layout and number of seats, for meetings. In order to address this need, the possibility to completely renovate the hall was investigated. It would, however, be a costly enterprise. The furniture used in the Senate hall of the Theological School Hammanskraal were moved here and were in good conditions. Plus, it fit in nicely with the furniture already in the Senate hall and with minor changes 6 tables and 12 chairs could be added to the existent furniture, without marring the character of the Senate hall.

The Senate hall now offers enough seating for the Curatorium as well as the Deputies. The new layout is a concrete demonstration of the unity established in the GKSA since 2009.

##### **4. Historical buildings**

The historical buildings are maintained, with limited funds, as well as possible. The good condition in which the tenant, br Izak Potgieter and his wife Marietjie, keep Krugerskraal (building and terrain) bears mentioning.

##### **5. Rental of property**

- 5.1 It is endeavoured to rent out the Synod hall and facilities at the optimal market-related tariffs.
- 5.2 The section of the Administrative Bureau not in use by the GKSA is still being rented out, at a market-related tariff, to the Legal clinic of the NWU.
- 5.3 The 5 living units of Cachet-huis are rented out, at a very reasonable rate, to underprivileged students that are completing their theological studies towards becoming ministers of the GKSA.

##### **6. Planning for the future**

- 6.1 The kitchen of the Synod hall as well as beside the Senate hall of the Theological School are outdated and the Property committee is planning to spruce it up.

6.2 The sale of the land upon which the building of the Faculty of Theology of the NWU was erected included a standing item in the agreement between the three parties (GKSA, NWU and GK Potchefstroom-Die Bult) that common matters, like the maintenance of the terrain, security and access control would be addressed collectively.

Since the erection of palisade fencing in 2003, no further measures were taken in terms of access control. The parties are in consensus that it has now become necessary, for the sake of security, to install an effective and efficient access control system. The cost hereof will have to be shared by the three parties.

**Decision: Points 1 to 6.2 noted with thanks.**