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Dr Fourie
Registrar
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Dear Dr Fourie,

Motivation for the position of Dean of Science

I been nominated as a candidate for the position of Dean in the Faculty of Science and wish to motivate my suitability for the position in terms of my academic and leadership competencies and to furnish you with my curriculum vitae and strategic plan for the Faculty.

I have been employed at Rhodes University since 1998 starting as a Lecturer and have steadily been promoted to Full Professor by 2009. I therefore have 17 years of academic experience and know university well. During this period I have supervised 23 MS and PhD theses and have published 108 peer-reviewed papers. I am currently a C2 rated researcher by the NRF. I have received several awards, which include a Fulbright Visiting Scholarship in 2002 and the Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award in 2003.

From a leadership perspective, I have served on Faculty since 1998 and, since 2009, Senate. I have acted as the Head of Department on several occasions. I am currently the Deputy Dean of Science. Nationally I have been member of the South African National Committee for the *Scientific Committee for Oceanic Research* for the past five years and internationally I have been a technical advisor to the *Fishery/Aquatic GIS Research Group* since its inception in 1998. I am currently an external examiner for both Walter Sisulu University, and the University of Fort Hare.

Several additional personal attributes also make me suitable for the position. These include fairness, loyalty, being a team player, and creating the necessary space and opportunities for other people around me to excel. Lastly, I am a good manager and efficient administrator.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Booth