Contributed IF Agenda items:

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**Item 3:** IF Representation on Council A. Matthews

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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1997 PREAMBLE:

**WHEREAS IT IS DESIRABLE TO**

**ESTABLISH** a single co-ordinated higher education system which promotes co-operative governance and provides for programme-based higher education;

**RESTRUCTURE AND TRANSFORM** programmes and institutions to respond better to the human resource, economic and development needs of the Republic;

**REDRESS** past discrimination and ensure representivity and equal access;

**PROVIDE** optimal opportunities for learning and the creation of knowledge;

**PROMOTE** the values which underlie an open and democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom;

**RESPECT** freedom of religion, belief and opinion;

**RESPECT** and encourage democracy, academic freedom, freedom of speech and expression, creativity, scholarship and research;

**PURSUE** excellence, promote the full realisation of the potential of every student and employee, tolerance of ideas and appreciation of diversity;

**RESPOND** to the needs of the Republic and of the communities served by the institutions;

**CONTRIBUTE** to the advancement of all forms of knowledge and scholarship, in keeping with international standards of academic quality;