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SOME THOUGHTS

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2017 HEAIDS CONFERENCE

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Universities are Social Institutions

they are involved in the knowledge industry –
production, application and dissemination

they exist within contexts which are simultaneously
intensely local and intensely global

they are complex social spaces

they intersect with other social spaces



purposes of higher education

Creating active citizens
Meeting the needs of the economy
Producing new knowledge
Generating social mobility
Nation building

Building new cohorts of intellectuals

Critical thinking
Systemic thinking
Problem solving
Working in diverse teams
Ethical reasoning
Effective communicating
Innovating

IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS

at the institutional level – through deliberate design

a strong social justice agenda – as a sociopolitical rubric

Access and success

Research and innovation for development

Graduate employability/entrepreneurialism

Intellectual, social and emotional student development

building new communities of intellectuals

building new generations of social activists

***raison d'être* of the S African university?**

Globally, universities **produce** public and private goods.

To be S African universities they assume the responsibility for

- a. producing and disseminating knowledge of the context in which they are located
- b. embedding this knowledge in the global knowledge system

This requires engagement

starting point.....

who are our students?

what do they come with?

what are their strengths?

what/how are they reading?

how will they adjust to life on campus

.....and off campus?

what is their socioeconomic condition?

design the university around our students?

Living in world with HIV / AIDS



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UNIVERSITIES AS ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS

focus on second curriculum

staff development

big data and analytics interventions

creating learning ecosystems

engagement –

dynamic interfaces and porous boundaries

advisory bodies

work integrated learning

knowledge enterprise

ROLE OF HEADIDS

WHAT IS **YOUR** ROLE?

social activism

servant leaders

driving the growth of social knowledge

servant scientists

compassion

graduating



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