



UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE

PROFESSOR ROSEMARY MOYANA

01 January 1949 - 21 January 2021

Professor Rosemary Moyana was born on 1 January 1949 in Chimanimani. She passed on at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals on 21 January 2021 after a short illness. She was appointed Pro Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs with effect from 1 April 2018. In Professor Moyana, the University of Zimbabwe, the education fraternity, and indeed the whole nation, has lost an intellectual, educationist and administrator par excellence. Professor Moyana will forever be cherished and be remembered as a focused and committed hard worker.

EDUCATION

Professor Rosemary Moyana attended Rusitu Primary School, Mt Silinda High School and the famous Goromonzi High School for her "A" levels that saw her cross over to the United States of America for her undergraduate and masters' degrees. She did her Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Teachers' Certificate in English, French and Education with the City College of New York and Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, USA respectively. She proceeded to graduate with a Master of Arts in English Literature and Education from West Chester State College, Pennsylvania, USA in 1976. She went on to study for a second Master of Arts Degree in English with the University of Zimbabwe graduating in 1988. She graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Zimbabwe in 2002.

WORK EXPERIENCE

On returning to Zimbabwe from the United States of America, Professor Rosemary Moyana taught in a number of teachers' colleges, including Mkoba Teachers' College, Mutare Teachers' College, Morgan ZINTEC Teachers' College and Belvedere Technical Teachers' College, where she prepared teachers of English for the country.

From Belvedere Teachers' College, she joined the University of Zimbabwe in 1985 as a Lecturer in the Department of Curriculum Studies. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1993 and Associate Professor in 2008.

Professor Moyana worked in various administrative capacities as Chairperson of the Department of Curriculum and Arts Education in 2003 which she headed from 2003 to 2005, Deputy Dean of Education from July 2003 to 30 June 2010 and Deputy Editor-in-Chief for ZAMBEZIA, Journal of the University of Zimbabwe from 2004 to 2011. While she was Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Education, she also was the Acting Director, Human Resources Research Centre (HRRC) and Acting Editor-in-Chief for the Zimbabwe Journal of Educational Research (ZJER), another Journal of the University of Zimbabwe.

Between 2011 and 2015 she was Dean of Education. She was appointed to the position of University of Zimbabwe Pro-Vice Chancellor responsible for Academic Affairs in 2018, the position she held until her death.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Over the years she won several research awards including the "Tuning Africa" grant that focused on developing generic competencies for teachers across Africa.

In 2017, she was awarded the Tuning Africa Certificate for co-tutoring staff in 12 African Universities in an online course on "Course design for outcomes based learning in higher education". She was a research consultant for a number of international organisations. In 2001 she received Third Prize Writing and Publishing Award from the Zimbabwe Book Publishers Association. In 1998 she had received a Certificate of recognition for charitable community work in Cairo, Egypt where her husband was Zimbabwe's Ambassador.

In 1996, she was awarded the University of Zimbabwe Faculty of Education Outstanding Teacher Award for the 1995 Academic year.

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS

Through her participation in the Tuning Africa Project, Professor Moyana gained knowledge and expertise that enabled her to provide leadership in higher education in Zimbabwe. She was one of the pioneers of the harmonization of Zimbabwean University Education through the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE). Her contribution saw the development of Minimum Bodies of Knowledge and Skills (MBKS) for all University Programmes by ZIMCHE.

DEDICATION TO WORK

Professor Moyana is widely published in the area of literature. She had a great passion for teaching. Even when she was promoted to Dean of the Faculty of Education, and later appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor Academic Affairs, she refused to wean herself from the classroom. She would always make sure that she had at least one class to teach so as to keep in touch with students and PhD students to supervise. Students were at the centre of her heart; like a mother, always inspiring them to greater heights.

She mentored many members of staff in the Faculty of Education. For her continuous dedicated service to the University of Zimbabwe, Professor Rosemary Moyana received the University of Zimbabwe Long Service Award for 30 years in 2018.

Since her appointment as Pro Vice Chancellor, she has been part of the Executive team and staff that transformed programmes at the University of Zimbabwe by developing 396 new academic programmes aligned to Education 5.0 and National Vision 2030

In terms of character and personality Professor Moyana is described by one of her students as the "most humble and approachable teachers I have ever met." Indeed, Professor Moyana was an unassuming scholar who was always ready to greet everyone with a cheerful smile. She would create time for anyone, big or small. She will be greatly missed by all who have had the opportunity to live and work with her. Indeed, the country, and particularly the education fraternity, has been robbed of one of the greatest scholars and administrators the country has ever had.

Professor Moyana was a widow who is survived by two daughters and two grand daughters.

EULOGIES FROM COLLEAGUES

Professor Paul Mapfumo, Vice Chancellor

A highly intelligent focused and committed educationist par excellence epitomised by high level of honesty, professionalism and firmness. She was a champion of Education 5.0 who never waived in her determination for the deep transformation of the University of Zimbabwe. She was a professor and a lady of distinction in her own right. She will go down in the history of the University of Zimbabwe and beyond as one of the champions of the heritage-based Education 5.0

Professor F Tagwira, Permanent Secretary

I am saddened by the loss of Professor Moyana. She was a humble, dedicated and hardworking Pro Vice Chancellor who was key to the transformation of our higher education to produce graduates who can play an important part in the industrialization and modernisation of Zimbabwe to achieve vision 2030

Professor C Mbohwa, Pro Vice Chancellor Strategic Partnerships and Industrialisation

An internationally acclaimed academic who was outstanding and excellent in education and in literature...

Professor Florence Mtambanengwe, Executive Director, Research and Innovation

She was a mother, a mentor, an advisor, peace lover, and a brilliant academic and administrator. Go well our UZ Rose, you will forever be missed, because the mark you left in our new programming and Education 5.0 software is here to stay, and this clearly has your name labelled to it. I will surely miss our daily chats in the car park".

Professor C Dyanda, Executive Director Quality Assurance and Professional Development

Humble, committed, dedicated, peaceful, trustworthy, diligent, elegant, dignified and confident...

Dr A C Chikondo, Librarian

Passionate, optimistic, consistent, committed, dedicated, dependable, smart, humble and inspiring.

Dr NA Mutongoreni, Registrar

A warm smart lady of genuine sincerity

Mr E Dhlamini, Bursar

Calm, open, ever smiling and motherly

In their eulogy, her colleagues in the education fraternity had this to say:

The UZ has lost Professor Moyana. The Faculty of Education has lost a mentor. She was a sympathiser, supporter and friend in the faculty. She was always there for us whenever we needed help. Indeed, she was a unifier. The void left by Professor Moyana will be difficult to fill. (Dr Joice Tafirenyika)

Professor Charles Nherera

So painful to learn about the death of Professor Moyana. Always smiling, gentle, working and collaborating both within and outside our borders, an academic and professional administrator. MHSRIP

Dr Mugandani

We have lost a profound leader, well versed in University work, loving, humble ever smiling, someone who would fight for employee rights. Go well Professor Rosemary Moyana. I will always miss you. May your soul rest in eternal peace.

Dr CN Nziramasanga

My wife and I are deeply saddened by the passing on of the English teacher, Professor Rosemary Moyana. She is remembered to us as a hard working lecturer, diplomat, par excellence: soft spoken, but firm in work devotion closely professional, cooperative, and resilient nationalist. To some of us Professor Moyana is one administrator to envy and imitate. She leaves a vacuum not easy to fill. May her soul rest in spiritual peace. We will miss you ROSE.

Dr Adam Lithuli, Principal United College of Education.

A good heart has stopped beating. An ever smiling face is now gone. On behalf of the United College of Education Staff and Students it is with great pain that I extend our most heartfelt condolences to the Moyana family and the University of Zimbabwe on the sad loss of Professor Rosemary Moyana. May the Lord God Almighty provide care and love of those around you, provide comfort and peace, get through your days of grieving for your loved one.

Dr. Ngoni Moyo, Principal, Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo Polytechnic

Prof Moyana, you were too good to die. In Ndebele we say "Isitsha esihle asidleli" (Good people do not live long.) On behalf of Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo Polytechnic staff and students and my own behalf. I express my heart felt condolences to UZ fraternity on the loss of a scholar par excellence and colleague and to the Moyana family. MHDSRIEP

Dr. Nyarugwe, Principal, Nyadire Teachers College.

Heartfelt condolences to the University of Zimbabwe community, Associate Colleges, the Moyana family, and the nation at large, we will greatly miss Professor Moyana in the academic fraternity. MHSRIEP

Professor P K Dzvimbo, CEO, ZIMCHE

Professor Rosemary Moyana was an academic of no mean repute.

Dr. Dube, Principal, Mkoba Teachers College The Principal, staff and students of Mkoba Teachers College send their condolences to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Zimbabwe, the University of Zimbabwe community and the Moyana family on the untimely death of Professor Moyana. Professor R. Moyana was one of the pioneer lecturers of Mkoba Teachers College at its inception. Her attachment to the college saw her encouraging lecturers to pursue higher degrees and because of her efforts, two of our lecturers attained doctoral degrees late last year. May Her Soul Rest In Eternal Peace.

Mrs L Sibindi, Principal Hillside Teachers' College

The Principal, staff and students of Hillside Teachers College express our heartfelt condolences on the sad loss of Professor Rosemary Moyana. It is a great loss of an illustrious and dedicated champion of education. The education fraternity has lost an invaluable, knowledgeable, elegant, but humble academic par excellence. May the tender mercies and God of comfort be with the family and us all in our time of grief.

Gloria Manase, young sister

Humble, caring, reserved, soft spoken, always cheerful ambitious and passionate: she loved her cup of tea and scones.

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