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## CHE COLLOQUIUM: IMPROVING UNDERGRADUATE SUCCESS

Improving success at the undergraduate level remains one of the key challenges in South African higher education. As part of our ongoing efforts to understand and improve students' success, the CHE invites you to participate in a colloquium, **Improving undergraduate success**, including a keynote address by **Professor George Kuh**, Chancellor's Professor of Higher Education and Director, Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University.

Friday 22 May 2009, 9:30 am to 2:30pm.

NRF Auditorium, Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria, Pretoria (Map available from http://www.nrf.ac.za/contact/mapfromsouth.stm) RSVP to Miss Tshepi Aphane on 012 392 9156 or <a href="maple-aphane.t@che.ac.za">aphane.t@che.ac.za</a>

This colloquium forms part of the South African Survey of Student Engagement (SASSE) project being run in conjunction with Student Development and Success at the University of the Free State and is intended to stimulate debate in the sector. The programme for the event is attached and further details are available at <a href="http://www.ufs.ac.za/checolloquium">http://www.ufs.ac.za/checolloquium</a>.

Judy Backhouse
Director: Monitoring and Advice

Sincerely,

## **Programme**

09h30-10h00	Tea & Coffee
10h00-10h10	Welcome – Cheryl de la Rey, Council on Higher Education
10h10-10h55	Need for an investigation into undergraduate education in South Africa
(30 min & 15 min	Ian Scott, University of Cape Town (25min & 15min discussion)
discussion)	Chair: Cheryl de la Rey
10h55-11h40 (30 min & 15 min	Challenges for HE institutions and student success in the light of the new school and FET College qualifications
discussion)	Prof. Cheryl Foxcroft, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
	Chair: Prof Ian Scott
11h40 – 12h00	Short break
12h00 – 13h15	Short break  Keynote: Improving undergraduate success through student engagement
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