



STATEMENT

Re: Allegations of sexual offences and Harassment

Suspension of SRC members

7 July 2017

We refer to the recent communiqué by the Communication and Marketing Department of UCT regarding the allegations of sexual offences and harassment by SRC members, in which it was stated:

The University of Cape Town confirms that we are aware of alleged incidents involving two SRC members who have been suspended by the student governance structure. These alleged incidents have been brought to the attention of the university and are urgently being investigated. The SRC has acted on these allegations by suspending the members involved. We take seriously the alleged incidents. UCT has services available to offer support to students involved in or affected by these alleged incidents. Services are extended to assist the alleged survivor/s in this case/s.

SART was established in 2016 and is a collaborative collective designed to empower the university community with the knowledge and skills to effectively respond to and prevent sexual violence on campus and where such violence affects our staff and students off-campus. The team works to ensure that survivors of sexual violence access survivor-centered, compassionate care.

SART is fully committed to monitoring the progress of the case in which these allegations were made and in supporting the survivor and other affected parties by these events. Please contact us at: Lillian.Artz@uct.ac.za or at the 072 393 7824 (24-Hour Hotline) if you have any concerns about this matter or have any information that will assist in its investigation.

UCT Sexual Assault Response Team