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Re: UCT activists keep sit-in over ‘excluded’ students

Good day,

Your article titled “UCT activists keep sit-in over ‘excluded’ students” refers.

This article is so fraught with inaccuracies. The inaccuracies are so significant that we kindly request that it be completely removed from the website please. Amongst some of the most glaring inaccuracies are the reference to UCT as “govt” and a direct quote attributed to myself – which I never made and appears to be a complete and unacceptable rewrite of my original quote.

I have highlighted the rest of the inaccuracies in the article below:

UCT activists keep sit-in over ‘excluded’ students

30th March 2017

Cape Town – A **team** of University of Cape Town activists are staging a sit-in to highlight concerns about students who have been not able to register for 2017 since they failed, or do not have the money to proceed.

They would not budge from the Bremner administration **constructing** except they obtained a satisfactory reaction from the institution, **pupil chief** Masixole Mlandu reported on Thursday.

Management was expected to report back again to students on Tuesday.

About 30 students moved in to the Mafeje place **in the constructing** late on Wednesday, and staffers who use that portion ended up **questioned not to occur to do the job** on Thursday, UCT reported.

Student activists and university administration achieved on Wednesday to go over concerns about 157 students who had not been registered but.

Student reps ended up worried that generally black students ended up not authorized to register. They questioned the university's determination to transformation and decolonisation over the way the exclusions ended up dealt with.

Since the commencing of 2017, the Shackville TRC activists had been compiling information and facts on students not currently being registered, possibly since of very poor tutorial benefits, since they had uncleared personal debt, or had not been granted money help. They ended up trying to enable those people who had been not able to discover accommodation.

Their needs are: that no black pupil must be academically or economically excluded an automated review of all conditions of academically excluded students a review of the committee that decides if an exclusion must be lifted or not and for pupil reps from Shackville TRC to be appointed to the review committee.

89% profitable appeals

They want all excluded students to be contacted and explained to their situation can be reviewed, and for them to be taken to the university and accommodated at the university's expense whilst the review is underway.

They must get their pupil legal rights, like pupil email, lecturing and tutoring, whilst the critiques are currently being performed.

They want the university to enable fund the students who do not have money to carry on with their research.

University spokesperson Elijah Moholola reported the govt was taking into consideration various methods to choose towards the occupiers. In the meantime, it was working on resolving the challenges.

He explained that on March 29, about seventy three% of all conditions that ended up dealt with by the readmission appeals committee ended up profitable. There had

been 645 overall appeals received, 473 **profitable** appeals, 157 unsuccessful appeals which would all be reviewed, and 11 nevertheless pending.

On March 22, about 89% of the appeals dealt with by the **money help appeals committee** ended up **profitable** (1312 overall appeals, 1173 **profitable**, 80 unsuccessful, and 59 pending).

He reported **UCT's govt** would enable **as quite a few** academically – and economically – qualified students as possible.

"However, it is an unavoidable reality that there may possibly nevertheless be a handful of conditions of legit exclusion due to valid causes."

These **integrated** students who did not meet up with least **tutorial** overall performance demands, students from households whose annual cash **flow** exceeded the R550 000 for every annum cash flow threshold, students with previous qualifications, and SADC or international students.

Computerized review

In a letter to the university's staff and students, acting Vice Chancellor Prof Loretta Feris reported the task **staff** set up to offer with the students' concerns observed that some needed the readmissions appeals committee's decisions to be reviewed.

On March 23, the university despatched messages on Fb and Twitter to students telling them that if they ended up waiting around for the outcome of appeals, or the review method by itself, they ended up entitled to obtain course and mastering products online.

At the conclusion of Wednesday's assembly with students, they agreed on the will need to review all **tutorial exclusions** and to inform the students to apply separately to initiate the review method.

An **automated** review of all 157 **tutorial** exclusions would **choose put** by Tuesday, April five.

Feris reported excluded students who did not want this will have to **explain** to the registrar's **business** by 17:00 on Thursday.

A panel of a **optimum** of four senior academics would complete the **critiques**, and two **pupil faculty council chairs would notice**.

Mlandu was one particular of the students **who manufactured the lower to return**, irrespective of the disruptive calendar year he had. It **integrated** a spell in jail whilst he awaited **demo** on charges of alleged general public violence connected to the pupil protests of 2016.

The Shackville TRC advanced from the **Service fees Need to Tumble and Rhodes Need to Tumble actions**.

Their protests led to the removal of a statue of Cecil John Rhodes at the university, a fee freeze for 2016, and conditional fee raises for 2017.

In light of the horrible litany of issues highlighted in the text above, kindly remove this from the website and replace it with a proper version.

Regards,

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