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Re: Cartoon on the Decolonial Winter School

Good day,

On Wednesday, 27 June 2018 you published a cartoon on the Decolonial Winter School (DWS). The cartoon depicted incoming University of Cape Town Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng but in what was gross inaccuracy, it referred to her as "Vice Chancellor".

Prof Phakeng's term as UCT VC will only commence on 1 July 2018 and it is worrying that eNCA could get such a simple fact wrong. This inaccuracy is not the only concern. The other – and perhaps bigger – concern is that the cartoon unfortunately links Prof Phakeng with an event that she is not directly a part of. The DWS, as has been publicly explained on various platforms, is organised by UCT postgraduates and alumni.

The cartoon also completely ignored the fact that on 26 June – a day before the cartoon was published – the UCT executive (including Professor Phakeng) released a strongly-worded [statement](#) vehemently distancing themselves from the issue and expressing exactly the opposite point to what the cartoonist depicted. This statement was sent to eNCA.

We kindly request that the cartoon be retracted and a public apology be offered to UCT and Prof Phakeng.

Regards,

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