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Media Statement

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UCT engages in discussions with the taxi associations

UCT confirms that a representative of the institution met this morning with a representative of the taxi associations involved in yesterday's protest action. The meeting was a positive one and attempted to find a mechanism to assist in dealing with the concerns expressed by UCT and the Associations. Our doors remain open for discussions.

UCT strongly confirms that all Jammie Shuttle busses operate in terms of fully compliant licences. We abide by the specifications clearly stipulated in the permits. The concerns raised by the Associations that we are operating outside of the permit specifications have no basis.

The licence clearly stipulates that UCT may operate the Jammie Shuttle between 6h00 in the morning to 24h00 (at midnight) each day of the week.

On the Claremont route (which seems to be the specific concern for the Associations) the permits clearly stipulate the following: During day-time (6h00 – 18h00) the shuttle picks students up at the Claremont interchange and drops the students on campus. It does not stop along the way. During evening hours (18h00 to 24h00) the shuttle follows the same route but may stop at residences to drop students off – clearly to enhance safety for our students.

The permit clearly spells out that this is allowed and actually stipulates the dropping points in front of UCT property.

We also reiterate that the Jammie Shuttles are strictly monitored and is a service for students and staff only.

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