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## **Re: UCT ends spat with Noakes**

Dear Editor,

The article titled "UCT ends spat with Noakes" (12 June 2018) refers.

The article, just like the one published a day before on the same subject ("Noakes: 'Vindicated' by appeal", 11 June 2018), creates an impression that there is a "spat" between the University of Cape Town executive and one of its academics.

This impression is incorrect and seems to be based entirely on a 2014 letter that the Cape Times persistently refers to. This letter was in fact written by a number of academics in the Faculty of Health Sciences and can therefore not be projected to reflect the views of the university executive.

The article further alludes to UCT regarding the "spat" as being closed. We fail to see how did the paper come to this conclusion. The response we gave to the Cape Times was: "With respect to the dismissal of the HPCSA appeal on Friday, 8 June 2018, the University of Cape Town will continue to respect the process underway, and will not comment further."

This response does not suggest in any way that we regard the matter as closed. It in fact explicitly referred to a process that is underway.

UCT reiterates that we respect the process that is underway on this matter.

Regards,

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