



29 July 2019

STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE JOINT MEETING (STUDENTS AND STAFF) HELD ON 24 JULY 2019

At its emergency meeting held on 29 July 2019, Council deliberated on a document detailing the resolutions from the Joint meeting of Student and Staff signed by the Chairperson of NEHAWU and President of the SRC. The Council remains concerned that the matters raised in the submission by the Joint meeting referred to above are serious and concerning. Council also received a response to some of the matters raised in the submission from Vice-Chancellor. Specific decisions were taken by the Council, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Council resolved that a delegation of four council members led by the Chairperson of the Council should engage with the representatives of both Organised Labour, SRC and Senate as a matter of urgency, at which the decisions of the Council in respect of matters raised will be presented in detail. Given the urgency of the matters raised in the Joint meeting resolutions document, Council resolved that such a meeting should be convened tomorrow (30 July 2019) after 12h00 at a venue to be confirmed by the Office of the Registrar.
- b. In respect of the demand for the immediate removal of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof CR De Beer, Council resolved that there was no legal basis for Prof De Beer to be removed from office. The allegations levelled against him remain untested and unsubstantiated.
- c. In light of the above, Council has directed that the operations and the academic programme suspended on 29 July 2019 should continue as normal from 30 July 2019 as the engagements between the Council and the leadership of the collective (Union, Students and Senate) to continue. Similarly, the Vice-Chancellor should be allowed to perform his management and administration functions of the University as provided for in the Higher Education Act 101 of 1997, as amended, as the engagements continue.

Council calls upon all members of the University to work together with a view to resolving the challenges facing the University.


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