

Bloemfontein 24 February 2017

## **Response to the Transitional Student Council in relation to the agreement entered with the UFS management on 22 February 2017**

### **Introduction**

On the evening of 22 February 2017, professors Nicky Morgan, Lis Lange and Prakash Naidoo, together with the Dean of Students, Pura Mgolombane, and Vhugala Nthakheni met with Sekese Rasephei and Asive Dlanjwa as members of the Transitional Student Council; and with Siyabulela Lufele as a member of the Free Education Movement met off campus to discuss students' concerns with registrations and funding for the 2017 academic year.

The following was agreed upon:

- Members of Rectorate and the Finance department staff will stop their daily operations and functions and focus on students' concerns on registration and funding.
- Two days (Thursday and Friday) would be allocated for these task team to give their full attention to solving this problem.
- Professor Lange agreed to organize, in consultation with the faculties, academic support for those students who will be registered late. This included a discussion with faculties about special dates for tests and examinations.
- It was also agreed that students will only be able to register in those programmes where there was space. Students were alerted to the fact that the UFS Bloemfontein campus was almost at full capacity and that there were no places available in many programmes.
- No student with debt above the R20, 000. 00 threshold and no funding be eligible for registration.
- Final year students with good academic records would be given preference.
- First time entering students (first year students) from schools in quintiles 1, 2 and 3 will be registered taking capacity into account.

### **Outcome of the work of the task team on Thursday**

The team met during most of February 23, 2017 and worked with the lists of students provided by the TSC, NSFAS and the Finance office.

Out of a list of 245 students, 106 did not qualify for registration. These students have debts well above the R20 000 threshold and in many cases they also have poor academic records.

In a few cases they have applied for programmes that are already full. These students will be contacted by the office of the Registrar. Eleven student numbers were untraceable.

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Prof Lis Lange

Vice-Rector: Academic  
On behalf of Prof Nicky Morgan  
Acting-Vice Chancellor