

## Shackville TRC Non Negotiable Demands

### **1. Amnesty**

- a) Whereby these students have outstanding fees for courses of which they did not receive benefit of due to the charges and disciplinary processes against them, those fees be scrapped for the year 2016
- b) The studentship of these students to be restored with immediate effect, including their right to residence.
- c) For no one to be further charged for the events related to Shackville.
- d) UCT to drop any protest related charges (internal and external) against students.
- e) Whereby UCT has not laid these charges but the state, UCT is to facilitate and actively urge the state to drop these charges.

### **2. Shackville TRC/ITRC**

- a) A mutual commencement date to be agreed upon within the terms of reference presented by Shackville TRC so that the other demands not covered herein could be met in this process.

### **3. Elimination of financial exclusion**

- a) No student who is considered academically eligible by the University to be barred from returning to the University to complete their degree on account of financial status (unaffordability).
- b) Whereby these students (a) are excluded in terms of NSFAS rules the University is to fund them till such time that they can regain their NSFAS funding.
- c) Whereby these students (a) fall short of their gap funding contribution, UCT to relieve them of the difference so that they can complete their degree
- d) UCT to release all withheld degrees with immediate effect
- e) UCT to clear ALL historical debt for all students.

### **4. Free Decolonized education now!**

- a) UCT to reject their 8% fee increase submission to the Fees Commission nationally.
- b) UCT to pressurize the state by making a submission to all relevant stakeholders, i.e., Fees Commission, UNISAS, Higher Education Council and Cabinet in support of free decolonial education for ALL.
- c) UCT to lobby the body of Vice Chancellors to commit to ending shutdowns nationally by collectively pressurizing the state to pronounce a commitment free decolonial education.
- d) UCT makes available resources for the mobilisation of the entire University community as well as surrounding communities to a mass march to Parliament on 26 October. This will include but not be limited to: transportation from the University and surrounding communities as mobilised by students, staff and the university; material calling for free decolonized education in the form of placards, pamphlets and banners; arrangement of necessary permission from relevant government departments.
- e) Accordingly UCT is to call a **University Assembly for 13h00 on Tuesday (25/10/16)** to discuss the current state of affairs locally and nationally. The entire University Constituency MUST be there, specifically, the full body of Council, Senate, Management.
- f) And establish a full time Research Unit within the School of Economics to assist the state with sustainable models of free decolonized education.

### **5. Academic Programme and Examinations in 2016**

We demand that:

- a) All DP requirements be waived for semester two across the board.
- b) All online course content be considered unexaminable and not delivered unless it is repeated in standard format.
- c) All submissions for courses due on the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> of September to date be deferred up until the day of the exam and/or the weight thereof be put on the exam content.
- d) Students be given the option to have the weight of their outstanding submissions to be put on their exam if they so wish as is done in the law faculty.
- e) Exam testing and scope to be limited to only content learnt in the standard format.
- f) Students who choose to defer to be given the same academic support as those who choose to write now. This includes access and availability to lecturers and tutors and library hours.
- g) Students who choose to defer to be given supps where appropriate. And for those who may for unforeseen circumstances be unable to sit for the deferred exams to write in the supps for the January deferred exams.
- h) UCT should take responsibility together with the department of home affairs in accommodating international students.

**Meeting of these demands and resolutions thereto to be made an order of the High Court.**