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Claims of sexual assault now being investigated by UCT

The University of Cape Town (UCT) has noted a tweet by a student who claimed to have been sexually assaulted and raped by a fellow student.

All matters relating to sexual and gender based violence are treated with urgency and are taken extremely seriously by UCT.

We are now actively investigating this allegation. UCT maintains a survivor-centered approach whilst ensuring that a fair and due process is concluded as swiftly as possible. We have a specialist office dealing with these matters.

Any student or staff member who has experienced sexual assault or sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is encouraged to contact the Office for Inclusivity and Change.

We know that reports related to instances of sexual and gender based violence can be difficult to hear or read. We invite students who might be affected to seek support through the Student Wellness Services and our staff through the Human Resources department.

We wish to emphasise that the matter is receiving urgent attention at the highest level.

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