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The University of Cape Town today had a second meeting with representatives of the Progressive Youth Alliance (PYA), following their protest action on Friday, 18 October 2013, against possible changes to UCT's admissions policy and outsourcing at the university. We have assured the PYA that the review of the admissions policy absolutely does not mean a reversal on the UCT transformation agenda and does not mean that race will not be used as an indicator for establishing disadvantage. We assured them also of the fact that the process allows absolutely for their voices to be heard, and that indeed we welcome their views and invite them to participate in the debate. For now these issues remain under discussion.

UCT will not tolerate disruptions to its business. It must be noted that there have been no disruptions of teaching and learning at UCT as a result of the PYA's recent protest action. Also, management has received assurances from PYA members that they do not plan any such disruption to exams which will commence tomorrow.

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