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Update on Bremner occupation

As of this morning, Saturday, 1 April 2017, the Bremner building at the University of Cape Town remains occupied.

The UCT executive reiterates that the Bremner occupation is unacceptable. Significant progress had already been made as part of the Rapid Response Task Team on the issues raised on academic and financial exclusions.

Since the executive's meeting with the students on Wednesday, even further progress has been made on the [additional demands](#) made by the students.

Some of these demands – especially the demand that no black student should be excluded academically or economically – go far beyond the agreement between the executive and the student representatives. This demand cannot be met by the UCT executive.

The executive reiterates the call for students to end the Bremner occupation.

Please see the below Campus Announcement for more.



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Dear students and colleagues

This is an update to the University of Cape Town community relating to the occupation in the Mafeje Room in the Bremner building on lower campus.

As of this morning, Saturday, 1 April 2017, the Bremner building remains occupied. Throughout this time the executive has indicated its willingness to engage but has asked students to do so outside of the Bremner building. The students have refused. The executive has assured the group of its continued commitment to work with them as soon as the occupation has ended. Last night a letter was sent to the group, which laid out

the progress that has been made on the issues that had previously been raised by the group. All resolutions that were agreed to in the meeting with the group on Wednesday, 29 March, have now been implemented. The group was assured that work on all further issues raised continues, including the Readmission Appeals Committee reviews of all academic exclusions, which will be concluded early next week.

The executive has previously indicated to the group that while some of the demands on the new lists are aligned with what has already been implemented, or are in progress, there are other demands (specifically demand 1) that go far beyond the agreement and can never be met by UCT.

The executive has now begun a legal process to remove the group from the Mafeje Room. The executive has appealed to the group to vacate and return to engagement.

A decision on when staff may return to Bremner will be communicated later.

- [Read the executive's letter of 31 March to the group occupying Bremner...](#)
- [Read the campus announcement of 30 March...](#)
- [Read the DVC Desk of 29 March...](#)
- [Read the current demands of the group occupying the Mafeje Room...](#)

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