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UCT statement on suspension of SRC members

The University of Cape Town confirms that we are aware of alleged incidents involving two SRC members who have been suspended by the student governance structure. These alleged incidents have been brought to the attention of the university and are urgently being investigated.

The SRC has acted on these allegations by suspending the members involved.

We take seriously the alleged incidents. UCT has services available to offer support to students involved in or affected by these alleged incidents. Services are extended to assist the alleged survivor/s in this case/s.

We are concerned over the public naming of alleged perpetrators in a public statement. We urge anyone with information about the alleged incident to report to the Campus Protection Services on 021 650 2222.

We believe it is not appropriate to publicly name alleged perpetrators. We view this as contrary to the principle of fairness and justice and may actually interfere with the legal proceedings.

We urge everyone in the UCT community to abide by the principle that when allegations are levelled against any individual, it is the work of the legal and disciplinary processes to deal with the matter and alleged perpetrators are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law or through a disciplinary process.

UCT is pursuing this matter urgently and we appeal to all to allow the legal processes to follow due course.

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