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Memorandum of Demands by Students of UKZN-PMB campus

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Background:

This memorandum comes as a result of a concrete analysis of the material conditions in the campus; the institution and higher education in general. As students, we have come to resolution that, the status quo is suffocating. We cannot breathe! As students of UKZN-PMB, we are united in our call for Free Education NOW. We are resolute in our generational mission of Free Education.

As a result, we have agreed to embark on a mass action regarding the following issues:

- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we reject the new NSFAS online application system.
 - Students were not consulted with regards to this decision and we feel that both NSFAS and UKZN are undermining us. No decisions about us can be taken without us.
 - We note that the said new system does not respond to our conditions.
 - The system is designed in a way that it rejects the poor black child.
 - Therefore, the system must be stopped and shall not proceed.
 - We reject the proposed decrease of maximum income per annum from R150 000 to R120 000. The proposal itself is absurd and insulting.
 - NSFAS itself is not what we are fighting for. No system of NSFAS will ever be acceptable to us as students. We are not calling for debt sentences that will be a burden on for the rest of our lives. We demand Free EDUCATION NOW!
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we reject the proposed fee increment of 6% for the year 2017.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we do not recognize the sitting commission on higher education. The department of Higher Education and Training must implement the proposal that was submitted in the year 2012.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are saying that we are not going to engage on any discussion except that which will tell us when the implementation of Free Quality Education is.

- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that the University writes off ALL historic debts of students.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are calling for the implementation of the SIGNED agreements that were reached in the year 2015 between the University management and students of UKZN.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that Trevor Hills and all the other racist lecturers leave our institution with immediate effect. Failure to do, we as students shall make him leave. We are giving the University 72hours notice to fire ALL the racist staff.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that the University builds more facilities for students living with disabilities. For example, computer Lans with all the required equipment.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand reports on ALL rape cases that have happened on campus in the last 3 years. The University must furnish us with evidence of how it has dealt with the cases and provide a clear way of protecting students against rape and other gender based violence.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are calling for the University to drop ALL protest cases against student activists and/or leaders.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are calling for the building of new residences on the PMB campus. In the year 2012, there was an agreement that new residences will be built on the PMB campus but 4 years later nothing has been done.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are calling for decolonization of UKZN and authentic transformation. We are calling for students' participation in the renaming of buildings and the review of the curriculum. This participation should not be limited to committees, where only a few representatives of the SRC sit. But, we want a collective dialogue that will include us all as members of the University community, but most importantly us as students as the biggest stakeholder in the University.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that the budget allocated to House Committees recurs from one year to another.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand a clear report on the funds of Students Levy. We also demand that the money be used to pay for students who have outstanding fees.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that the Big Chill be renovated and be a conducive space for students, just like the Quad in Westville. We reject the double standards of student facilities.

- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are calling for the full implementation of Insourcing in UKZN ALL workers contracted workers shall be insourced. Particularly the cleaning staff.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are calling for the release of the Forensic Report regarding the allegations of fraud and corruption levelled against the PSRC President (Siphelele Nguse). As students we demand to know what is happening because the budget allocated to the SRC belongs to us as students and we feel that we deserve to know, especially since the matter has been on the media. We also believe that, justice must prevail.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that the Students Services Division together with the Department of Residence Affairs takes responsible with regards to the issue of communes and off campus residences. We demand that all communes and off campus residences be regulated and standardized. In the sense that, they must all have WIFI; increased safety and security; and remove the requirement of upfront deposit fees.
- ❖ As students of UKZN, we demand that the Student Governance and Leadership Development Manager (Mr Meliqiniso Sibisi) vacates office immediately. In his presence in UKZN as the SGLD, he has not implemented any student leadership development program. He has no plan of action and is useless. But before he leaves, he must pay back the Student Levy money that he has been using for his travels and hotel bookings.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we are calling for the providence of sanitary towels in ALL toilets on campus and residences, just how condoms are found everywhere.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand more computers to be installed in the Lans. We demand that printing papers be loaded on a daily basis, including on weekend
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that International Students be taken serious. We demand that the International Students' Levy be cut off.
- ❖ As students of UKZN-PMB, we demand that the University management descends from Westville to meet us as students of the PMB campus. Failure to do so, the SRC as a structure or any other individual shall not go to any negotiation meeting.