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Council of the University of Cape Town

By email:

Dear Members of the Council

STATEMENT: RELEASE OF THE PANEL REPORT INTO GOVERNANCE AT UCT

The Academics Union (AU) supports the transparent, public release of the panel's report into governance at UCT. The report's findings are sobering and demonstrate that the AU's concerns around governance at our university in October 2022 were warranted.

We are cognisant that the depth of the report, and the seriousness of its findings will require that Council takes appropriate time to consider and implement them. However, in the interim the Academics Union calls on Council to:

1. Indicate to the university community what steps will be taken to ensure that its processes are not further compromised by known individual conflicts of interest as revealed in the report.
2. Indicate to the university community a reasonable timeframe when it can report to Senate and other stakeholders about Council's progress and planned actions to implement the recommendations in the report.

As a matter of urgency, the Academic Union urges Council to timeously consider the suitability of persons against whom adverse findings have been made in the report to hold office; particularly given the risks of allowing them to continue exercising power and influence in their positions.

Prof Andrew Lilley, Academics Union President

The Academics Union Executive