

## Demands made by the students of the Faculty of Health Sciences on Tuesday, 20 September 2016

Non-Negotiables: Time Framed Response on or before Thursday, 22 September 2016

### Fee-related Non-Negotiables

1. The Faculty of Health Sciences should pay for the Hepatitis B vaccinations for first year students on financial aid.
2. Hidden costs (e.g. additional transport costs that students need to pay from their own pockets) in blocks should be fully disclosed before students commence with the particular block and the Faculty should cover these costs for students who receive gap funding.
3. For clinical students to fully exercise their right to protest without victimisation. We as clinical students of all Health Science disciplines therefore demand our right to protest and protection.
4. To remove the monthly compounding of interest on outstanding fees after June.
5. To dismantle the minimal initial payment (MIP) by February and extend our period for payment to the end of the academic year.
6. Students on Grace period are to be housed at medical residences. Students cannot fulfil their academic responsibilities without their right to adequate housing as stipulated in Chapter 2 of the Constitution of South Africa.
7. Student cards of students on grace period are not to be deactivated.
8. The Health Science faculty is to increase funding to assist all students who are unable to pay their tuition fees. The faculty should put pressure on private companies, particularly private hospital groups for funding.
9. The implementation of an appeals commission for financial exclusion of Health Sciences students.
10. Fee breakdowns are to be transparent. Each course is to give an account of how the final amount is reached and for these details to be available to students for commentary and review.

### Non-fees related demands:

11. All lectures are to be recorded and publicised to students.
12. Transport is to be made available for all clinical block activities that students are expected to attend. *Safety is a concern for students and they feel safer in university organised transport.*
13. Mandatory recording of oral examinations and a thorough breakdown of how the examiner arrived at that particular mark.
14. Students should have access to OSCE mark sheets
15. OSCE follow up questions should be standardised and clear guidelines should be given on how markers are to arrive at a final mark. This is to ensure that students cannot be marked down as a result of their appearance or accent.
16. To reveal what the role of the examination board is, who sits on this board, the guidelines followed and what regulatory mechanisms are in place to ensure the best interest of students.
17. Time for adequate studying is to be made available between the final exams and the supplementary exams for failed blocks in clinical years.

18. Transport booking must close on Friday of the preceding week and not Wednesday. The booking system needs to be evaluated as students have issues with the current system.
19. A call for a transport review with students, Dean team, drivers and the Operations Department.
20. A clinic for Health Science students is to be set up on campus offering basic healthcare services such as HIV testing with and an adequate number of resident psychologists.
21. Examination scripts are to be handed back to students for review at no additional charge, in the interest of transparency.
22. We refuse to partake in academic activities at sites that cannot guarantee our safety – students should be given the right to request additional security if they feel unsafe.
23. Students demand that only failed courses should be repeated and not the entire year.
24. Sensitisation education of Faculty Staff and Lectures on issues including but not limited to race, gender, sexuality, transphobia, class and ability (ableism).
25. Flag system should be transparent and students should be informed if they are flagged.

### Workers' Demands

26. Bus drivers demand a pay increase similar to the increase received by Jammie drivers, post insourcing. These drivers drive in dangerous areas late at night and also feel that their safety is at times compromised when fetching students from various sites.

### Negotiables

27. Clinical exposure should be an integral part of the curriculum from first year.
28. Psychologists in the clinic should be more representative of the student body.
29. A tutoring system is to be in place for all years of study and management should provide some form of incentive for student tutors.
30. Transcripts should be made available to students with outstanding fees as these students will need these transcripts to apply for financial aid.
31. Lecture slides should be posted on VULA prior to the commencement of lectures to allow students time to prepare for the lecture.
  - a. An emphasis is placed on the BHP and BP lecture slides and LOs being released before lectures and tutorial.
32. FHS exam timetables should be received timeously allowing students enough time to prepare. Timetables should be published at least a month before exams begin.
33. Lecturers who miss scheduled lecture should be held accountable and should face repercussions from the Faculty.
34. There should be clarity and consistency about the procedure for students on ARV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis as some blocks require the student to still attend classes and activities and others do not. The same should be done for students on TB treatment.

### Additional Issues to bring up in meeting with Dean

- Student protestors and faculty staff interactions
- Final year and the hours they need to meet – logbooks and hours (non-negotiable for today; shutdown for tomorrow for clinical and pre-clinical years ---unity amongst students—
- **Compliance by HODs so no underhanded measures**
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> year Pharmacology block
  - o Who do they listen to?
- Clinical students and DP requirement
  - o Obs & Gynae – number of babies caught/number of calls
    - Will it decrease or will additional time be given to allow students to protest

- CSD Thesis presentations happening next Monday and a due seminars projects due for the 4th years this Sunday. Extension please!
- CSD need these hours - negotiating with the HPCSA for concessions by end of today.
- Student obligations preventing protest
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year Therapeutics Assessment on Thursday
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year MBChB test and need clarity on what to study.
  - Clinical Skills and Fam Med – Second Year MBChB
  - 1st year Audiology - assignments still due for DP
- CSD restructuring of clinical hours; time spent in the clinical should be counted – Phil to speak on this.
- Clarification on Thursday – logistics
  - Water for students during the march
  - Students should lead the march
  - Transport