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UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE  
STUDENT FEES

At a meeting of the SRC, DSA, Service Employees, Council Members, Registrar (Academic) and Registrar (Admin) held on Saturday, 25 May 1991 two resolutions were put forward:

RESOLUTION 1

"On the basis of the input made by Dr Mbeki the following recommendation to Council be made:

1. The 20% increase should be suspended.
2. The University should raise funds to cover this money.
3. The process of raising funds should start now and continue until 30 September 1991.
4. This forum should then convene to assess the fundraising project and a decision should then be taken on the basis of the progress made at that point in time"

RESOLUTION 2

"This forum recommends to the University Council:

1. That the University raises funds to cover the 20% rise, in fees for those students who have no sponsorship, and that monthly progress reports be submitted to the structures represented at the forum.
2. That the charging of interest on outstanding fees be suspended for this year (1991).
3. That the instalment policy be reviewed.
4. That the University undertake not to expel any student on account of non-payment of fees.
5. That the University send a delegation to the RSA Government to protest the reduction in the grant to Fort Hare and negotiate a review of this matter".

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Since that time the University has been making every effort (through the Vice-Chancellor, Chairman of Council, Dr Mbeki, and others) to raise funds. Whilst real interest has been expressed by some possible donors, no money is as yet (end of August) available. In these circumstances Council, meeting on 30 August 1991, adopted the second resolution as there is no money for a general reduction of the fees for 1991.

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In adopting the second resolution Council notes that it can only help students if fundraising for this purpose is successful. However, Council wishes to emphasise that, in response to students' concern,

1. Interest payments on outStanding fees have been suspended for 1991.

2. Council is deeply committed to raising funds. Fundraising efforts have already been made and will continue to be made.

3. Council wishes to help, if it possibly can, any student who is genuinely unable to pay full fees.

Finally, Council wishes to communicate that it is not possible for some governments overseas, that might otherwise be willing to do so, to transfer funds to any institution situated within a homeland.

2 September 1991