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Silent Protest

DATE OF MEETING	03 October 2018
TIME OF THE MEETING	All day
VENUE OF MEETING	Ritson campus
TITLE OF MATTER	DUT Silent Protest
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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Gender based violence is a national scourge, generally, and DUT, in particular, as evidenced by the statistics of the Dept. Student Counselling and Health. Studies have shown the correlation between HIV infections and gender based violence. The DUT Silent Protest campaigns, initiated in 2015, has been hosted by the Department of Student Counselling and Health through the HIV/AIDS Centre. The DUT Silent Protest provides a platform to engage higher education students from the Durban Metro, but also the broader community on the continued stigma and silence around gender based violence. Since our advocacy is in the context of HIV/AIDS, we further advocate for improved access to Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). The theme for this year's protest is **"Stop using our bodies as your crime scene"** The 4th Annual Silent Protest will be held on Wednesday, 3 October 2018.

DUT Silent Protest aims to raise awareness not only about gender based violence but also to show solidarity with survivors of violence. These issues are of particular importance especially in view of recent events at higher education institutions both locally and nationally whereby it is further witnessed every day in social media post about a child missing and later found dead, a woman brutally killed. There is a need to break the silence around gender based violence, femicide and the pervasive rape culture in our communities, as well as stigmatizing survivors of these heinous acts.

<p>RESOLUTION/DECISION SOUGHT</p>	<p>Invitation to welcome and give the message of support during the DUT Silent Protest</p>
<p>MOTIVATION</p>	<p><i>This campaign aims</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness around gender based violence, including showing support and solidarity with survivors of these violent acts. • It also seeks to highlight and educate the DUT community on the continued rise in gender based violence, specifically directed at women and children in our communities. -The undeniable correlation between gender violence and HIV/AIDS, underscores the significance and relevance of this campaign for DUT. • To have a dialogue on how gender based violence can be addressed in institutions of higher learning

ANNEXURE



2018 DUT SILENT PROTEST

RITSON CAMPUS-CAR PARKING
 WEDNESDAY, 03 OCTOBER 2018
 07H30 – 15H00

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
07h30 – 08h55	Gather at DUT Ritson Campus-car parking for T-shirts distribution and silencing of participants	All participants
09h00 – 09h10	Welcoming and message of support	Prof. T Mthembu DUT-Vice Chancellor and Principal
09h15 – 09h25	Message of support	Delegate from Higher Education AIDS Programme
09h25 – 09h35	Message of support	Honorable Mayor EThekweni Municipality
09h35 – 09h45	Message of support	Mr. B Manamela Deputy Minister-Higher Education
09h45 – 09h55	Briefing	Dr. D Mohale DUT-Director-Special Projects, Interim Executive Student Affairs
09h55 – 10h05	Briefing	Mr. M Nxumalo DUT-Acting Dean of Students
10h05 – 12h00	Silent march throughout campuses	All participants
12h00 – 12h30	Die-in at Ritson Campus-opposite Ritson Hall	All participants
12h30 – 13h30	Refreshments	All participants
13h30 – 15h00	Debriefing session in the form of dialogue	All participants