

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

### UPDATE ON THE PROTEST AT M.L SULTAN CAMPUS

Earlier today, a group of protestors held a sit-in and occupied the office of the Executive Dean in the Faculty of Management Sciences and the Faculty Office, on the M.L Sultan campus in Durban.

The sit-in was linked to issues related to a group of 2020 and 2021 Higher Certificate students. There were no prior tip-offs about the protest action and Campus Protection Services did not receive any advance warning from Crime Intelligence.

Once the alarm was raised this morning, protection services responded swiftly, followed by the South African Police Service. Upon arrival on campus, police enforced the High Court interdict which was granted last week. The Executive Dean in the Faculty of Management Sciences addressed the disgruntled group, who then dispersed under police escort.

There were no reports of any physical injuries or damage to property during the sit-in. However, staff members who were traumatized by the protest should please contact the DUT Employee Wellness Office ([ewp@dut.ac.za](mailto:ewp@dut.ac.za)) for professional support and counselling services.

In conclusion, the protest was in breach of the court interdict and internal disciplinary action and the laying of criminal charges are underway.

Sincerely

DUT Management Team