

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

25 February 2026

Dear staff and students

UPDATE: CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Members of the Executive Management Committee (EMC) and the Senate Executive Committee (Senex) met earlier this afternoon to review campus operations following incidents of violent protest, disruption and intimidation on most Durban campuses last week.

A group of protesters had engaged in unlawful and violent conduct, intentionally betraying our Living Values Framework and compromising the safety and security of staff and students. It must be noted that the protest action was not supported by the SRC. As we communicated with you last week, all lectures across the university's seven campuses in Durban and the Midlands had transitioned from face-to-face classes to online teaching and learning.

EMC Senex confirms that in support of late registration, that the late registration fee is waived, for the duration of the late registration and appeal period which ends on Friday, 06 March 2026. Importantly, a grace period was approved, permitting students who were still in the process of registering, to attend lectures during the late registration period. No further concessions are planned beyond 06 March 2026 and the current measures are considered adequate and proportionate to the challenges experienced.

As of Tuesday, 24 February 2026, the University had recorded a registration achievement rate of 105% thereby taking the 2026 enrolment to 35988 students. This is an 8% improvement from 2025. A total of 23574 students have been accommodated in residences in Durban and the Midlands. This includes 7656 first time entering (FTEN) students who have been placed in student housing.

Regarding the disbursement of allowances, to date, a total of 19784 National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) funded students received their allowances, while other NSFAS recipients are still in the process of correcting and confirming their banking details.

Regarding the investigation referenced in last week's statement, the South African Police Service, with the support of DUT Protection Services, is making steady progress.



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Those responsible for compromising the safety and security of our students and staff - and for causing damage to property, have been identified and they will be held accountable.

Considering the successful registration period and the positive progress with the police investigation, EMC and Senex confirms that with the support of the SRC, from **Monday, 02 March 2026, face-to-face, in-person lectures will resume** on all seven campuses in Durban and the Midlands.

The University is grateful for the support and understanding of all students and staff as we navigated the challenges of the last week. We applaud the overwhelming majority of the university community who continue to consistently live the values and principles of ENVISION2030.

In conclusion, we remind all staff and students to rely only on official university statements and communiqués issued via the DUT website and internal communication platforms, including DUT PinBoard (staff email system) and DUT4Life (student email accounts).

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