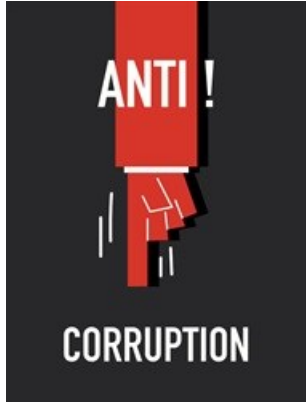


Maimane praises Daso anti-corruption fight

University of Fort Hare management was "crying" because the DA Student Organisation (Daso) would expose corruption at the facility...



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DA leader Mmusi Maimane said this while addressing students at the university's main campus in Alice on Wednesday, 20 April, following Daso's victory in the recent student representative council (SRC) elections.

"The ANC top six are crying. [University] management is also crying because they are now realising they will no longer protect corrupt people [as well as] 'professional' students who thought they would remain in the SRC forever," Maimane said to the cheering crowd.

University spokeswoman Zintle Filtane urged Maimane, Daso or anyone who had evidence of corrupt activities at Fort Hare to come forward.

"We do not know of any corruption [protected] by management and if there is anybody sure of that they must report that to a toll-free number [0800119326] that is managed by PricewaterhouseCoopers and not the university.

"Or they can approach Chapter 9 institutions."

Filtane said whistleblowers would not be victimised.

She said Maimane should not make statements that could not be supported by evidence.

She was also not aware of any relationship between the university and the ANC.

Maimane said it was unacceptable that the university was not able to assist students to get food and books on time.

Times Media reported on Tuesday about the plight of students who had allegedly resorted to sleeping at the university's finance buildings at the East London and Alice campuses to obtain National Student Financial Aid Scheme agreement forms to sign.

Maimane said he would contact Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande to resolve the impasse.

He said UFH students who voted for Daso followed the stance taken by former students at the university to fight against apartheid.

"UFH created great leaders who decided to fight against apartheid .

"You have now opposed discrimination and corruption and stood up for freedom. This is the same spirit as that of [those] leaders."

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