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WOLO EKULU YE-ZK MATTHEWS, MAKHIWO WE-THEO VAN WIJK,

KHAMPHASI YE-MUCKLENEUK YE-UNISA

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Iyunivesithi ye-Afrika eyakha ingomuso lomsebenzi wobuntu

Ngiyathokoza Mphathihlelo

Mvakatjhi ezikhethekileko, bodade,
nabafowethu

Vane kuseminyanyeni efana nale, lokha iziko liba neminyaka eli-145

ubudala, thina esele siyingcenywe yalo sizizwe sizikhakhazisa bona nangembala sesinambithe iziko lefundo nelengqondo ekhaliphileko, eliragela phambili ngokuphefumula, ngokuphila, ngokwakha ingomuso nokunikela imisebenzi ebuntwini. Nangembala kulijayelo lokuzithoba nelilungisako ukuba yingcenywe yamagidingo we-145 wokubelethwa kwe-Unisa.

Kukuzithoba ukwazi ukuqakatheka kokubelethwa kwegidingo leminyaka eli-145 njengobana itjhayisana negidingo lokubelethwa kukaNelson Mandela; umtholiziqu we-Unisa. Ukuhlonipha ipilo kaMadiba nelifa, nekunikelweni kwemirabhu yethu eSewula Afrika begodu nenarhakazini yethu ye-Afrika, sifuna ukugidinga iminyaka eli-145 ngokubuyelela umlayezo weLanga lakaNelson Mandela, wokobana nanyana kungaba kuncani kangangani okwenzako, gidinga ngokutjhugulula iphasi libe ngokungcono, njengobana uNelson Mandela gade enza malanga woke.

Akungabazeki engqondwenami bona igadangweli lomnyaka oli-145 ogidingwa yi-Unisa namhlanjesi kusitjengiso sokurhaba kwayo, kweenthiyo, kweenlingo, ukunqoba nokunghanghabala uhlale entweni oyikhethileko.

I-Unisa yingcenywe yekhambeli lokuya emqondweni weyunivesithi mazombe. Ngithanda ukugandelela bona amayunivesithi ayingcenywe yamaziko aqakathekileko enziwe babantu abekwe ilihlo nahlala asolwa, nokho akekho ofisa sengathi angabi khona. Amayunivesithi, njengawo woke amaziko enziwe babantu, nawo ahlala asengozini “yokutshwenywa” mimmoya ehlukehlukeneko- ukusukela kokusekela ukuya kombuso.

Umphakathi nabafundi nabo bafyna “ukutshwenya” amayunivesithi.

Ngalokho, iyunivesithi njengobana kufanele iphendule iimfuneko zababambisani ngokwahlukahlukana kwabo, kufanele ibalekele ukufana neveyini yommoya enomusa wokujamelana nommoya omunye nomunye ovunguzako. Kuneenkathi lapho amayunivesithi kufanele arhole iinkulumiswano zomphakathi ezimayelana nokutholakeleko kwerhubhululo okutjha nabasenza njalo abathembeke eengcenyeni ezahlukahlukeneko.

Bekuyindlela leyo bona i-Unisa izibophelele ekuhlangabezeni iindingo zabantu ngefundo ephakemeko yokufunda usekhaya, okubizwa namhlanjesi ngefundo yokufunda usekhaya (i-ODEL). Kilabo isikhathi sebandlululo esibe yingozi nesisebenzise inturhu nebavalelwe emazikweni adume ngokumbi njengeRobben Island-i-Unisa ibasingathe njengabafundi nabafundi bese ukomela kwabo ilwazi nefundo. Asikwakwazeleleni i-Unisa ngomsebenzi omuhle lo. Sizibophelela ukutlhogomela, ukuphendula nokusebenzela Ubuntu.

I-Unisa nangembala iyunivesithi ekulu ezikhakhazisa ukuba likhaya labafundi abangaphezu kwee-350 000. Siyazikhakhazisa ukuba mdlalindima oqakathekileko wokufumaneka kwabafundi abanengi. Siragela phambili ngokuganukeja inani ekhulakho yabafundi abaphuma efundweni yabakhulu bese siqala iziko lefundo ephakemeko ekghonakalako netholakalako. Ukungezelela kilokhu, sibone ukukhuphuka kwenani labafundi abangasebenziko begodu baphenya amathuba wefundo engcono. Lokhu kuphenya indlela ye-Unisa norhulumende bona atjheje isinghonyoyilo esivelako.

NjengeKhansela, elisebenza ngobuduze neSinethi nebandla lokulawula le-Unisa, sizama ukwenza iziko elikhulweli lefundo ephakemeko bona liphile beliphile kuhle nakusese njalo thina senze njengesibopho salo. Sizibophelela ukuqinisekisa bona:

- iphrojekthi yethu yengqondo nefundo iphuma phambili begodu inqophile
- abafundi bethu baba nejayelo lokwethulwa komsebenzi elingcono begodu bazikhakhazisa ngokufunda kwabo e-Unisa
- siyatjhugutjhuguluka begodu siyazihlola ngaso soke isikhathi ngeminqopho yokutjhugulula, ukwenza ngobutjha nokuvulekela ukuthola iindlela ezitja zokwazi, imiqondomagama emitjha nokuzwisisa okutjha kwegunya namandla.

Ngqongqotjhe, ngithanda ukuthi thina njenge-Unisa sithatha iintjhijilo ezisinyika iziko lefundo ephakemeko eSewula Afrika ngokuncamileko kodwana ingasi ngendlela engaziwako engabangela ukuvalwa kweyunivesithi.

Awa nakanye; sikuthatha njengesitjhijilo esimedwa ngaso ukulinganisa bona sikhuphuka ngokwaneleko begodu sikuthatha njengethuba lokuqedelela ukwenziwa kabutjha beziko lethu lekazimulo.

Siliziko elizinikele ekubeni ma-Afrika aliqiniso ekuziphatheni kanti ngakwelinye ihlangothi siphalisana namanye amaphasi. Singaba liziko lefundo ephakemeko lokuthoma elingazange lesabe ubukholoni nobu-

Afrika. Kungebanga lelo sizikhakhazisa ukuba likhaya elikhethekileko le-Annual Decoloniality Summer School eziqeda ihlelo le-Rhodes Must Fall ne-Fees Must Fall— ngombana ukuhlala ngobulungiswa kuhlala kunathi njalo.

Ngo-2016, i-Unisa iragele phambili ngekambiso yamatjhugululo ephethwe eFundwenibandulo yamaKhansela yokuTjhugulula ngoRhoboyi 2017 egade ifaka hlangana ababambisani be-Unisa boke. Itjhugululo kube engilo eliphezulu e-ajendenethu. Sitlhatlhabeje ihlelo eliveza ukuzithemba kwe-Unisa, ukuzibophelela nokuzithemba ekuhlangabezeni ingemva lethu elibe mraro nengomusa esinganasiqinisekiso ngalo. Ngokwenza nje, sisizwa lilwazi amazikwethu werhubhululo we-Pan-African begodu athula ikghonakaliso lethu lamaqhinga we-Unisa, amahlelo nemithetjhwana.

Angingabazi bona nasingakatelela irhuluphelo elifanako njengomndeni we-Unisa ukunabisa ilwazi lephrojekthi bese senza ngcono umsebenzi ebafundini bethu, akunanto engasikhandela. Igidingo lethu le-145 lizosivumela bona sizibophelele godu ukwakha isiko letjhiseko lokujanyelwe yi-Unisa, begodu khona lapho sizokwenza iyunivesithi esebenza ngezinga eliphezulu, elinqophe emsebenzini neziko elisame ebantwini.

Angithathe ithubeli ngithokoze uburholi besikhathi esidlulileko bezikweli (malunga wekhansela, Tjhansela nezAndla sakaTjhansela) Kanye noburholi banje ukwenza umsebenzi obudisi kangaka. Amarherho neenkambiso angeze zakhiwa ngobusuku.

Angiqede ikulumami ngokubuyelela amazwi wesAndla seTjhansela lokha nakuVulwa ngokusemThethweni umnyaka wefundo wee-2018 ngoMhlolanja lapho athi: “Umnyaka wee-2018 kufanele kube *ngewokwenza*, okumnyaka onamandla walokhu esivumelene ngakho amahlelo nemithetholawulo.” Begodu ngivumelana naye. Esikhundleni sabo boke “aboso nabono-Unisa” nabo boke ababambisani abakhona lapha, hlanganyelani name sifisele i-Unisa ilanga lamabeletho le-145 elihl!

Ngiyathokoza