

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Unisa appoints external legal firm to assess its investigation into sexual harassment complaint against its employee

At the time of dealing with various enquiries from the media and other critical stakeholders in relation to the sexual harassment complaint laid by Ms Gugu Ncube, a former employee of the Unisa Centre for Early Childhood Education (UCECE), against a Unisa employee who served on the Board of Trustees of UCECE, the university engaged with various internal and external stakeholders to establish how best to assist the complainant, given the difficult emotional period she is clearly going through; as well as bring closure to this matter.

Subsequently, the university appointed an external legal firm to independently assess whether the internal investigation of the complaint by the university was done properly; and advise on the necessary remedial action should the assessment establish that the matter was not handled adequately.

The legal firm that has been appointed has already commenced with the task, whose scope include engaging with all the affected parties.

Upon the finalisation of this assessment, the university undertakes to share the outcomes with all stakeholders.

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