

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**UNISA STATEMENT ON THE PROTEST ACTION BY NEHAWU AT THE SUNNYSIDE CAMPUS**

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) wishes to bring it to the attention of its students and broader stakeholder community that the Sunnyside Campus in Pretoria is not accessible this morning, (*Tuesday, 22 October 2019*) as a result of protest action by members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (NEHAWU).

The protest action emanates from issues raised by NEHAWU and its members with regard to what they claim are buildings that are not compliant with Occupational, Health and Safety standards and therefore not conducive for employees to work in.

The university is currently in talks with the leadership of NEHAWU about this matter, with a view to finding an amicable solution, bringing the protest action to an end as well as ensuring that the Sunnyside Campus is re-opened for business as speedily as possible. The discussions will also involve progress with the maintenance plan for all Unisa buildings that the university has already presented to organised labour and other stakeholders.

In the meantime, the university advises all stakeholders who want to access the campus to conduct their business, especially staff and students; to visit the nearest Unisa service centres or offices; or alternatively conduct their business online.

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