

## **MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **NEHAWU TO GO ON STRIKE AT UNISA TOMORROW**

Tuesday January 16, 2018

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union [NEHAWU] is going on strike tomorrow [Wednesday January 17, 2018] at the University of South Africa [Unisa] after deadlocked wage negotiations between the national union and university management.

Our members at the university are sick and tired of being taken for granted by the university management and they are willing to go on a full blown strike indefinitely up until their demands are met. Workers will not return to work until the university management sorts out the salary dispute and the absorption on a full time basis of all workers on contract since 2014 in the ICT department.

Our demands are as follows:

- We demand an across the board salary increase of 12%. While management is offering 6.5%.
- We demand that all council members stop doing business with the university with immediate effect as they care less about the issues of workers but to corruptly milk the university. The union further demands that all council members cited and implicated in the state of capture report including the famous Gupta leaks resign from council with immediate effect.
- The union further demands that the university absorbs all contract workers with immediate effect and stop exploiting our members in the ICT department as per the amendments of the LRA.

The union believes that Unisa can afford the 12% salary increase that workers are demanding. The university attracts and register over 400 000 students annually and preserving more than R400 billions in reserves. Our view is that they are being disingenuous when they plead poverty. In this regard, the national union has taken a decision to go on a full blown strike in all campuses across the country until our demands are met.

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