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MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE DECISION ON SRC DISPUTE

Management has since November 2017 been aware of two groupings of students each claiming to be the SRC. As is common cause struggles for power to control the governance of the Students Union is a matter which by law the University cannot lamely enter. Management has consistently therefore asserted that these groupings must resolve their dispute according to the Students Union Constitution and the laws of the country. We therefore withheld recognition to either grouping in order to allow them the space to resolve the dispute. Correctly, one of the groupings in the exercise of its rights had lodged an urgent application in the High Court of Lesotho to have the dispute resolved through the judicial process.

On Thursday 11, January, 2018 in a meeting with the two groupings the Vice Chancellor directed the group that lodged the case to see to it that it is finalised by January 19th, 2018. Failing this the Vice Chancellor would make an executive decision to facilitate the return to normalcy within Students Union governance. As at end of business on Friday 19th January, 2018 the matter was still pending in the courts.

In the light of this lack of progress the Vice Chancellor took the decision to recognize the grouping apparently elected in November, 2017. I advise that this decision does not purport to pronounce on the legitimacy or otherwise of the elections, which determination will be made by the courts. The decision merely seeks to ensure that there is governance within the Students Body.

I wish everyone on our campuses, students and staff a blessed and peaceful day as they go about their usual chores.

