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AL JAMA-AH welcomes PC Committee on Higher Education, Science and Technology calls for CPUT to reconsider suspension of students

The AL JAMA-AH party welcomes the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Technology's understanding and approach to issues at tertiary institutions. The Committee is concerned about the SRC (Students Representative Council) complaints about CPUT's policies and processes when dealing with their grievances.

This follows a recent briefing by management, council, students and workers from the Cape Town University of Technology to the Committee on outstanding issues that were raised by the students and workers.

AL JAMA-AH notes with concern that too many heads at tertiary institutions are a law unto themselves and are directly responsible for students unrests and damage to infrastructure of campus properties.

We call on the Committee to encourage stakeholder engagement especially at universities in the Western Cape which should also apply to UWC (University of the Western Cape) at which, very soon the "bubble will burst." It is up to stakeholders with grievances to also approach the Committee.

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