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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE & INNOVATION NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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CURRENT FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO UNREST IN THE SECTOR

- Student Debt

- Fee Increments

- NSFAS delay in publishing eligibility criteria for 2022 AY / Inaccurate lists / Appeals ?

- Limited available spaces = (Approximately 210 000) / DHET Subsidy Limitations / Infrastructure

- Funding for "missing middle" students / PG Funding

- CoViD-19 Campus Restrictions / Uptake of vaccines

- Student Accommodation

- SRC Political Instability

- Insourcing & Related Matters

Institutional Factors - 2022

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UKZN	DUT	UP	UCT	UFS	NMU
i. SRC Related matters / Political instability ii. National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) delays iii. UKZN submitted a comprehensive report directly to the Portfolio Committee	i. SRC Related matters / Political instability ii. National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) delays iii. Student Housing iv. Ongoing engagements between Management and SRC to resolve issues.	i. Staff insourcing – resolved	i. Student fee debt - removed fee block to allow academic deserving students to register	i. Vaccine Mandate ii. National Students Financial Aid (NSFAS) delays iii. Ongoing engagements with student leadership.	i. National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)l delays ii. Student fee debt - removed fee block to allow qualifying students to register iii. PG Funding – bursary scheme in place to assist deserving students to continue with their studies. (R600m)

Conclusion

a. Most of the factors that contributed to student unrest at individual universities points to the broader systemic issues which are covered in the written report by USAf.

b. However, institutional specifics should be recognised.

c. Universities / USAf are committed to on going engagements with relevant stakeholders to ensure stability in the sector.

THANK YOU