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**Media Response: FACEBOOK “UKZN CONFESSIONS”**

The University is aware of the global trend of “confessions pages” on Facebook where confessions are made anonymously. The University has no control over these pages and the content thereof and the pages are administered by unknown persons. In the case of serious allegations that have no merit the University is exploring measures with Facebook to close these pages. However, we are aware that these pages can be easily reproduced.

Understandably, it is beyond the scope of the University to control and preclude any such damning comments that have been made. With the substantial growth in the use of social media, legislation with strict laws that govern the expression of speech on social media platforms is required. We urge all users including students to exercise common sense, act responsibly and to refrain from bringing the University or any organization or persons into disrepute.

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