# IN THE STUDENT COURT OF STELLENBOSCH STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

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**BERNARD PIETERS** First Applicant **ASHWIN MALOY** Second Applicant **THEA BESTER** Third Applicant FRANCOIS HENNING Fourth Applicant **JACOBUS MAASS** Fifth Applicant **NETANJE VAN NIEKERK** Sixth Applicant **RODERICK LEONARD** Seventh Applicant **SELMIE CROUS** Eighth Applicant

And

**CALMUNT LINK** 

NEIL DU TOIT First Respondent

ROCHELLE ELLA JACOBS Second Respondent

Ninth Applicant

## **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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KINDLY TAKE NOTICE THAT the above mentioned Appellants hereby notes

an URGENT appeal in terms of section 70 to the STUDENT COURT,

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, STELLENBOSCH against the entire Court

Order granted at midnight on 1 August 2016, attached hereto marked as

Annexure "A".

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that the grounds for the Appeal is set forth in the

Founding Affidavit of Bernardus Lambertus Pieters attached to this Notice of

Appeal.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that Appellants' require that this Appeal be dealt

with as a matter of urgency.

Dated at STELLENBOSCH on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of AUGUST 2016.

BERNARDUS LAMBERTUS PIETERS

For and on behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Appellants

TO: THE DEAN OF THE LAW FACULTY

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

BY EMAIL: <a href="mailto:shum@sun.ac.za">shum@sun.ac.za</a>

**AND BY HAND** 

AND TO: THE STUDENT COURT

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

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## **FOUNDING AFFIDAVIT**

I the undersigned Bernardus Lambertus Pieters do hereby make oath and say that:

1. I am a full time Masters student with the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

- The content of this Affidavit falls within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
- I am duly authorised to depose to this Affidavit on behalf of all the Appellants in the instant application.
- First to eighth Appellants are all eligible and approved candidates for the 2016 / 2017 SRC elections of the University of Stellenbosch.
- 5. At the outset and as will be highlighted hereunder it is pointed out that the Student Court a quo in what can only be described as a Kangaroo Court style, accepted the Respondents' Application, heard and handed down Judgment in the absence of the Appellants, in total disregard of the rules of the Student Court as contemplated by inter alia section 55 of the Student Constitution, 2014 Revision of Stellenbosch University Student Constitution (The Constitution).
- 6. The Appellants submit that this reason alone is sufficient for the entire process and the judgment to be held as *ultra vires*.
- 7. Furthermore and with reference to the Respondents' Notice of Motion it is apparent that this matter was originally set down for hearing on 2 August 2016 at 16:00. However the Appellants only received the Notice of Motion and Founding Affidavit in the early afternoon of 1 August 2016 and were subsequently only informed by email at approximately 13:54 on 1 August 2016 that the hearing will be held at 16:00 on even date.
- 8. The Appellants immediately informed the Court that they are incapable of attending the proceedings at the newly scheduled time and venue.

Despite the above the Court *a quo* nevertheless proceeded with the hearing and subsequent Judgment.

- Having regard to Schedule 1, section 26 of the Constitution and with reference to the Respondents' application papers they have failed to exhaust all alternative remedies prior to approaching the Student Court.
- 10. We conclude by further pointing out that not only is the Court's Judgment inconsistent with the relief sought by the Respondents but also inconsistent with the powers conferred upon it in terms of the Constitution.
- 11. Taking into account the unprecedented and possibly unjustifiable urgency in which the matter was disposed of by the Court a quo we concurrently request the Honourable Court to afford this appeal the same urgency.
- 12.In the premises the Appellants humbly request that the Appeal be upheld.

DEPONENT

## I certify that the Deponent:

- has acknowledged that the Deponent knows and understands the contents of this declaration;
- has declared that the Deponent has no objection to taking the oath and considers it binding to the Deponent's conscience;

- has sworn the contents of this declaration to be true.

Signed before me at STELLENBOSCH on the 2<sup>ND</sup> day of AUGUST **2016**.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS Full name Address Capacity