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Dear Kgethi,

Condolences – Ms Uyinene Mrwetyana

The CHE learned with deep distress and heartbreak of the news of Ms Mrwetyana's demise, and the horrendous manner in which her young life was cut short. We had been following the news from the date of her disappearance with increasing foreboding as each day passed, with the anguish and fear that only a parent with a daughter could feel. Because she could have been anyone's daughter, she was ours too. Her family's and the UCT community's loss is therefore ours as well.

On behalf of the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and its staff, I wish to convey our deepest sympathies to the Mrwetyana family and the University of Cape Town community on the devastating and senseless loss of Miss Mrwetyana.

It is hard to comprehend that such a young and promising Uyinene's life had to be cut short through such a brutal, inhuman and predatory act. It also brings home to us all how vulnerable women remain in our society to predatory behaviour by men. Our efforts, advocacy and activism in making women safer must therefore be redoubled.

We are hoping and trusting that the full might of the law will deliver justice for the University of Cape Town community and Uyinene's family and friends as we mourn her passing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Bajjnath', is written over a horizontal line.

Prof N Bajjnath

CEO

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