



## The University of the South Pacific Students' Association

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As major stakeholders of the University and in light of certain comments made in the mainstream media attributing to the USP Students Association and its stance on the matter between the University Management and a former employee, the USP Students Association wishes to place on record some clarifications.

The USP Students Association acknowledges that the recent termination of an employee by the University had temporarily affected services to some of the students. USP Students Association also acknowledges that it does not have any jurisdiction to involve itself in a matter that is solely between an employee and an employer, and it also notes that there are legal processes that need to be followed for any redress arising out of such matters. The USP Students Association also respects the procedures and processes laid out in the respective Ordinances and Statues of the University and its Council.

Considering the concerns received by the USP Students Association from some of its members, USPSA executives, including its Laucala Branch executives met with the Senior Management Team members, including with the Vice-Chancellor and President, the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation, Dean of Graduate School and the Head of School concerned to discuss the arrangements that have been put forward for the affected students. The USP Students Association also met with its students who were temporarily affected by the matter and heard their concerns.

USP Students Association's outmost priority is to actively promote and uphold the general welfare of its students. Following its meetings with the Management and concerned members, USP Students Association is satisfied that the management has put in place arrangements to ensure that the services to these students continue without any interruption. USP Students Association will be actively following through the agreed arrangements with the management.

The USP Students Association remains in regular communication with the management, including with the Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Pal Ahluwalia and appreciates Professor Ahluwalia's commitment to ensuring that students' welfare remains paramount.

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*Authorized for release by the Chair of Student Council and President of USPSA*

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