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Unisa Management to engage Deputy Minister of Higher Education

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The Management of the University of South Africa (Unisa) will host an engagement session with the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, the Honourable Yussif Cassim at the university's main campus in Pretoria on Thursday, 09 July 2026.

The session will be the first public engagement by the Deputy Minister aimed at tackling the challenges experienced with the payment of NSFAS allowances to students; and will reaffirm the department's commitment to the establishment of a Helpdesk to assist students.

The Deputy Minister's address will be followed by a presentation by Unisa on the current status of NSFAS allowance payments at the university, after which university leadership and the Deputy Minister will engage with student leaders.

Unisa reaffirms that it has paid all the eligible students on time, immediately after having received the payment from NSFAS. Unisa will take this opportunity to engage the Deputy Minister on possible improvements of the NSFAS, specifically the amount differentiation, data allowance, devices allowance and student accommodation allowance.

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