

## **Department condolences on tragic DUT student death released**

15 February 2016 - It is with deep sadness to learn of the death of Mr. Lindelani Myeza, a first year student in the Faculty of Management Sciences, at the Durban University of Technology (DUT). The University management confirmed that Mr. Myeza died over the weekend, at the DUT student residence, in Durban.

As a result of this sad news, the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) received numerous requests from members of the media to comment on the matter based on the allegations that NSFAS had declined his application for funding.

NSFAS can confirm that at the time of his sad death, Mr. Myeza had applied for funding, and was successfully funded based on the NSFAS Means Test. Subsequently, he was allowed to register for the 2016 academic year.

We understand that the matter was reported to the South African Police Services (SAPS) and is under investigation. We wish not to comment any further on the matter as we respect the family's privacy during their time of grief.

On behalf of NSFAS management, we want to extend our deepest condolences to the Myeza family, university community and friends. We ask all of you to keep him and his family in your thoughts as we acknowledge this unfortunate loss.