



EFF STUDENT COMMAND STATEMENT ON SAUS CALL FOR A NATIONAL SHUTDOWN

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The South African Union of students was fashioned with the principal aim to consolidate and strengthen the view of students' in the governance and enhancement of Higher Education and Training in South Africa.

A reflection about the necessity of this institution is very necessary. As we page through the last 15 years we struggle to find any historic contribution of SASCO led SAUS in the struggles of students. There is an unavoidable absence, emptiness and vacuum as far as the structure is concerned in even translating the power given to them in advancement of any of the challenges confronting institutions of higher learning. Their dismal failure continues to be seen in their 15-year failure to usher in development and support for poor students up to PHD level. A complete failure to conceptualize a decolonial and Afrocentric curriculum. A complete failure to address the crisis of accommodation, finance, gender-based violence, poor security and exclusionary systemic legacies of apartheid. SAUS has been no where but in the pockets of the ministry of education.

SAUS is nothing but a toothless well-fed guard dog of the DHET. Exposed historically as it has been controlled by the ministry to dumb down the anger of students. It is SAUS that once collapsed FMF by accepting a zero % increment instead of free education in 2015. It is SAUS that collapsed FMF 2016 by urging students to go back to class with students in prison and the call of free education unanswered. Students must vehemently reject SAUS with the contempt it deserves for its dilution of student struggles. The call for a shut down by SAUS can never be a genuine one. It is a stunt by non progressive clowns sent by their handlers to muzzle the anger brewing in students around the country, in no time they will call students to retreat after they have made their pockets worth of money from their handlers. The pain of an African child must never be used to self enrich, we will never allow it. The corrupt spawn of the ANC must find alternative ways to make money, ways that exclude this theatrical attempt to mock the realities of African children.

At present the EFFSC is the only political formation organised to confront the structural challenges concerning students in institutions of higher education. The only organisation concerned with the struggles of the disenfranchised. Students are financially excluded, and universities are unapologetically taking the stance of being inaccessible spaces for the children of the poor this cannot go unpunished. An attack and dismissal of black dreams is an attack to the EFFSC. Such an attack must find revolutionary recourse worthy of its malicious intent.

We are calling for students of the student command and disenfranchised masses to be disciplined and to ideologically identify with a call for free education. As we make a clarion call for a shut



down of all institutions it must be clear that is to unapologetically call for free well resourced and Afrocentric education . The state must meet the wrath of the children of the working class. We have given the ANC enough time to roll out free education it has responded in arrogance, in callous silence and has watched black students get turned away from institutions of higher learning.

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