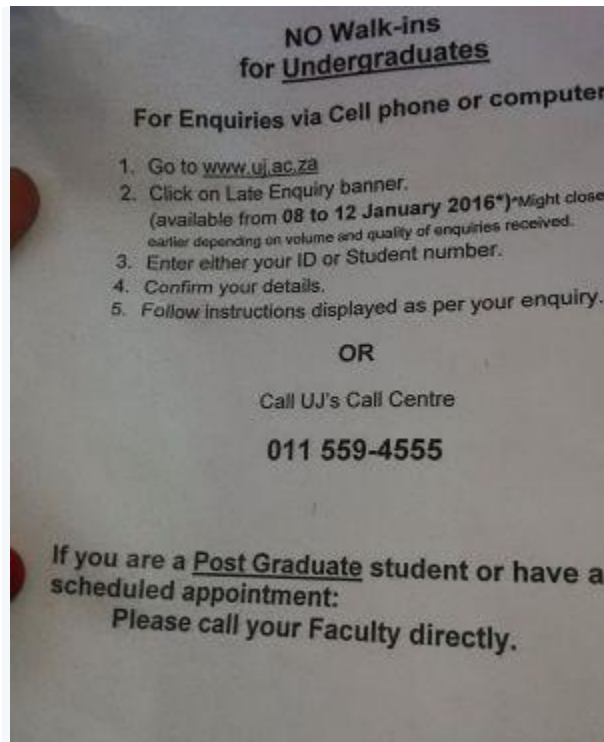


UJ says no to on-site registrations

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Johannesburg - Management at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) on Monday said they would not budge on their online registration policy, even though hundreds of students and parents were camped outside its premises in the scorching heat, hoping to register on-site.

The university's student leaders had demanded that students be allowed to register on campus.

A strong contingent of security in black uniforms were visible outside the gates of its Kingsway Campus. Several students who were demanding to gain access to the university were chased away.

But UJ's Deputy Vice Chancellor on strategic services Mpho Letlape said they had a 98% online registration in 2015 which proved successful. She said they did not allow walk-in registrations.

She told journalists they had improved their online system, and that all payments would now happen online.

"We have an online chat facility since last Thursday and we have a call centre which opened on January 4," she said.

Letlape said they had received about 40 000 inquiries since Sunday. Of these, 3 200 had been assisted.

Meanwhile at Wits, university students gave management 24 hours to respond to a list of demands pertaining to late registration.

The university earlier suspended registration after SRC disruptions.

The SRC is demanding that no students be financially excluded during the year, among other things.

Last year, students across the country protested against fee increments. President Jacob Zuma later announced a 0% fee hike for 2016.