

MEMORANDUM

TO : University Community

FROM : Professor K Mfenyana
Interim Vice-Chancellor & Principal

DATE : 21 April 2015

SUBJECT : **WSU CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AND ATTACKS ON
FOREIGN NATIONALS**

The nation is currently gripped by the shocking violence and attacks on foreign nationals in some parts of the country. The unwarranted xenophobic attacks on our fellow African nationals are reversing and undoing all the democratic gains our country has painfully achieved since 1994.

The higher education sector is one of the major beneficiaries from these democratic gains. Any higher education institution and university is worth its name and reputation through the universal composition and contribution from both its staff and students.

Walter Sisulu University, as an institution aspiring to be a leading African comprehensive university, can only achieve its vision and mission with the indispensable contribution from its foreign nationals' constituency.

As a caring university named in honour of Walter Sisulu, one of the greatest stalwarts for African democracy, Walter Sisulu University joins the nation, the government and all sectors of the country in condemning the attacks and violence on our foreign nationals.

The Walter Sisulu University supports and commits herself to the creation and promotion of a peaceful and safe environment for all South Africans and foreign nationals within the borders of our country. It is only in such an environment that our institution's cherished values for academic freedom, transformation and for access and success, amongst others, can be possible in higher education.

We trust that every member of the University community will do his/her part to contribute to the creation of that environment within and beyond all the campuses of our beloved institution.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Mfenyana', written in a cursive style.

Prof K Mfenyana
INTERIM VICE-CHANCELLOR & PRINCIPAL