

# NSFAF overpays Unam students in refunds

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THE University of Namibia's Students Representative Council says the Namibia Students Financial Assistance Fund overpaid some students with refunds, while other students' tuition fees have not yet been paid.

Unam's students' representative for information Maximilliant Katjimune told *The Namibian* that they discovered that the fund had overpaid some students (non-boarding students) by over N\$5 000 in refunds this year.

He said the SRC raised the issue at a meeting with NSFAF last week, and have since sent a list of students who were overpaid, as requested by NSFAF.

He claimed that almost all of Unam's non-boarding students

were overpaid on their non-tuition expenses.

The N\$5 000 paid by NSFAF, according to Katjimune, was meant to cover non-tuition expenses for students using the university's inter-account transfers.

Unam's inter-account transfer facility offers students an opportunity to buy books, food, and utilise the university's printers on credit, which is later settled by NSFAF.

Instead, the student leader said the fund settled students' non-tuition credits, and paid another N\$5 000 on top. He said they had raised the issue at the meeting because some students' tuition fees had not yet been paid.

"We have submitted the list they requested, and they told us that they were investigating the mat-

ter," he added. When contacted for comment yesterday, NSFAF's acting chief executive officer, Kennedy Kandume, confirmed to *The Namibian* that they were investigating the claims made by the SRC at Unam.

He said the investigation would reveal if there were in fact students who were overpaid by the fund, as well as the amount paid to such students.

"The amount of money overpaid would only be determined when the investigation is concluded. But so far, we have not found anything. It might take time, considering the number of accounts to be reviewed," he said.

He did not state what mechanisms the fund will employ to recover the money overpaid to the students.



Kennedy Kandume