

MUT continues to stand against gender-based violence



MUT students listening to Leticia Sishi, and other speakers

Black Thursday against GBV

For MUT, a key imperative at the beginning of 2020 was to act on Senate's decision to take a strong stand against Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Senate's commitment was aimed at establishing MUT as an anti-GBV institution and create awareness about the scourge.

On Thursday, 13 February 2020, the Department of Marketing and Communications at MUT launched the "Black Thursday against GBV" Campaign to raise awareness amongst staff and students, and to encourage the staff and students who might be victims of any abuse to report it. To contribute to the experience, poets, wordsmiths and singers in the MUT student population used the opportunity to showcase their talent.

The campaign was an important starting point, given many South African institutions' making news headlines for losing students to GBV. Mbali Mkhize, Senior Director: Marketing and Communications, said: "Universities as knowledge leaders in our society have an important role to play in raising awareness and equipping staff and students with the necessary information to bring GBV perpetrators to book."