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**Swapo Party Youth League (SPYL)'s Hofni Iipinge has accused the council overseeing the appointment of the vice chancellor for the Namibia University of Science and Technology (Nust) of favouritism.**

The are allegations making rounds on social media that the Nust council this week voted to appoint a candidates who scored lower in the interview processes for the vice chancellor position.

Iipinge, who is the SPYL's education secretary, in a statement issued on Friday said the alleged favouritism was nonsensical, hypocritical and could taint the credibility of the institution and the education sector in Namibia.

Two candidates – Frednard Gideon and Eroid Naomab – all from the University of Namibia, were shortlisted for the position and interviewed at the publicly held interviews that took place on Monday this week.

The Namibian understand that Nust had set a 70% score threshold that the successful candidate should achieve for appointment.

However, the Namibian understands that both candidates failed to meet the required 70% that was set for choosing the top candidate, scoring 68% and 64% respectively.

Although the highest scoring candidate was recommended for the position, The Namibian understands that some members of the Nust council chose not to approve the recommendations and moved to vote on which candidate should be appointed.

Ipinge claimed that the lowest scoring candidate then recommended for the position because he “had more people who favour him on the council while candidate number two was not as fortunate”.

According to Ipinge, the voting process was introduced to ensure that favoured candidate “gets appointed by any means possible”. Some members of the council were opposed to the voting process.

“The SPYL strongly condemn the nonsensical agenda played by individuals on the Nust council. It is against the law. The council not to participate in favouritism exercises and should rather follow the interview procedures and outcomes,” Ipinge said.