Afrikaners students are political punchbags

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The last part of our five-point plan is for legal action. We have seen in the past few months, different universities acting in a manner not only contrary to the constitution, but also to their language policy and plan. The manner that we will use to approach this problem is using legal action.

He said at the Stellenbosch University AfriForum Youth was already seeking an urgent court application "to ensure that the university stays within the bounds of their own (language) policy and plan.

We are going to use the courts as well, as a mechanism to make sure that not only Afrikaners, but mother tongue languages stay on campus," Mostert said.

AfriForum Youth further called on students to withhold tuition fees until June as part of their demand to be taught in their “mother tongue” language. "Why is our money good enough for you, but our language is not?" Cameron continued. "We are tired of being treated like political punching bags."

Stellenbosch University decided last year to amend its language policy to make English the main language of instruction on campus.

This came under pressure with students, mainly black and non-Afrikaner speaking, saying they were disadvantaged and discriminated against because of the language barrier.

The university said at the time it was committed to the further development of Afrikaans and isiXhosa as additional academic languages.