

responses to GURs were compromise and acquiescence, not resistance, manipulation, or defiance [57]. These responses conform to emergent practices amongst South African universities. UCC's practices i) prioritized their place in global rankings, ii) sought to balance the local and the global "sensitive to rankings but make clear their interest in remaining contextually relevant," and iii) acknowledged the importance of [global] peer recognition ... but ... bring a distinct local focus to their decision making [68]."

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