

SASCO DELIGHTED BY MALEMA CONVICTION

The SA Students Congress (Sasco) on Tuesday said it was "delighted" by the conviction of African National Congress Youth League president Julius Malema for hate speech.

"We are delighted and overjoyed by this court ruling. We regret that these unsavoury comments by comrade Julius Malema were made in a Sasco election rally last year," Sasco president Mbulelo Mandlana said in a statement.

Malema was convicted of hate speech and harassment by the Johannesburg Equality Court on Monday for saying that President Jacob Zuma's rape accuser had a "nice time".

Sasco said the ruling was a vindication of the struggle against "patriarchal domination".

"Malema's comments showed a disdain to women and their continued oppression under a patriarchal capitalist system.

"It was unnecessarily triumphalist over the outcomes of the JZ rape case, a tendency not even shown by comrade Jacob Zuma himself, who instead of basking in triumphalism like Julius Malema decided to extend an olive branch to his accuser."

Zuma was acquitted of the rape charge.