

Dear CUT Students

We hope that you are healthy and well, and that you are eager to complete your 2021 academic year, as planned, despite all the challenges that we face as a sector.

The communicate from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof De Jager, dated 15 April 2021 has reference. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal communicated to students that Management had decided to close the university on Friday, 16 April 2021 and that “this will allow us to have engagements with the relevant stakeholders; implement further strategies and measures to bring stability to our campuses; ensure the safety of staff and students; restore sound behaviour by all aligned with the Code of Conduct; and implement consequence management, in order to ensure a conducive environment for teaching and learning on Monday, 19 April 2021”.

The purpose of this communicate is to confirm that the university indeed opened on Monday, 19 April 2021 and that lectures are continuing either online or face-to-face, as was communicated to you by respective faculties. Those students with unresolved issues and in order to resolve them speedily, should please approach the relevant offices of staff, e.g., Fees & Financial Aid for allowances, Assessment and Graduation Unit (AGU) or faculties for outstanding marks, and ICT for data.

Please also note the communicate from the Registrar, Dr Mrwetyana, dated 17 April 2021, which clearly state that Management will do everything in its power to protect employees and students from any forms of intimidation and violation of human rights and that the recent incidents “including unauthorized protests, closure of CUT entrances, chasing of students and lecturers from classes, and intimidation of employees and students, amongst others, were unlawful and tantamount to misconduct. The incidents are being investigated. As soon as the findings are received, disciplinary action will be taken against the identified offenders, in accordance with CUT’s Disciplinary Rules for Students”.

Prof DP Ngidi

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