



COMMUNIQUÉ TO THE CUT COMMUNITY

FOLLOW-UP: SUPPORT AND INFORMATION RELATED TO THE 21-DAY LOCKDOWN

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Dear CUT Community

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak social, economic, psychological and physical havoc, Management is increasingly concerned about your well-being. Please be assured that we are in this together. You are not alone, and we will get through this challenging time.

The Management Committee (Mancom) and the Executive Committee of Senate (Senex) have agreed that we will embark on online instruction from 20 April 2020, onwards. More information will be shared with you during the course of today.

I released three video messages to express my commitment to you. Below is a summary of my message:

To students: We are committed to help you succeed in your 2020 academic year. In addition to an adapted Academic Calendar, we have put measures in place to equip you with the requirements of alternative delivery modes. This includes acquiring 4 000 electronic devices that will be distributed to students in need across the country, as well as zero-based data options. We are also developing alternatives for students in remote areas with limited or no access to e-technology. The academic Deputy Vice-Chancellors (DVCs) and the Registrar will further communicate with you regarding the detailed plans and guidelines for students, work-integrated learning (WIL), master's and doctoral students, and international students. I hope that you will focus on the benefits of learning new skills and finding innovative ways to navigate your situation.

Video link: [A message to CUT Students on 16 April 2020](#)

To staff: Thank you for your continued support – it is an honour to be part of such a diligent and admirable team. We will guide you in engaging with, and executing, the adapted methodologies with guidelines and practical support. Administrative measures will also be communicated to you via the applicable departments, and individual questions and concerns will be addressed as soon as possible. The relevant Executive Managers will further communicate with you regarding the detailed plans and guidelines.

Video link: [A message to CUT Staff on 16 April 2020](#)

To alumni and partners: Without your assistance, we will not be able to meet our students' needs. To date, we have committed R14 million to ease our students' burden, and enable relevant research in supporting government. However, our funds are being stretched, and we are reaching out to you for support in any way you can. Some of our students' immediate needs include electronic devices to engage with online courses, connectivity to access online content, and data to sustain connectivity. Please send an e-mail to COVID-19support@cut.ac.za to pledge your support.

Video link: [A message to CUT Alumni and partners on 16 April 2020](#)

Please visit our website and other official communication channels for updated information, and remember to adhere to the COVID-19 safety protocol.

May you all be blessed! E se e ka Ramasedi a ka le hlohonolofatsa! Mag julle almal geseënd wees!

Prof. Henk de Jager

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