



COMMUNIQUÉ TO THE CUT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UPDATE ON THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2017 ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

21 FEBRUARY 2017

Dear CUT Alumni

Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed the emergence of several unrests and demonstrations at universities across the country, *inter alia* an arson attack at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU); demonstrations at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) and the Durban University of Technology (DUT); a strike by the University of South Africa (Unisa)'s staff members; etc.

As the CUT Alumni, you may be wondering what the situation is like at our University. Hence, the purpose of this communiqué is to provide you with a brief update in this regard.

The registration process, under the leadership of our Registrar, Dr Mrwetyana and her team, supported by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC): Teaching and Learning, Prof. Ngidi and the faculties and Welkom Campus Management, transpired successfully. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Ms Dube, also fulfilled a critical role to accommodate the many NSFAS-related changes and our students' financial challenges. A total of 16 214 students were registered by Friday, 17 February 2017 – the first time that we exceeded the target of 16 000 students that was set for 2020. Furthermore, our Welkom Campus registered a total of 3 505 students – again the first time that we exceeded the target of 3 300 students that was set for 2020. We also reached our target for the number of first-year enrolments, as indicated in the table below:

Faculty	*First-time entering undergraduate students	2017 target	% target
MANAGEMENT SCIENCES	1 201	1 192	100,76%
ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1 349	1 374	98,20%
HUMANITIES	1 031	1 028	100,29%
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	407	390#	104,36%
CUT TOTAL	3 988	3 984	100,1%

*A first-time entering undergraduate student is an undergraduate student who registers at any higher education institution for the first time.

Target adjusted by Senate.

Furthermore, lectures commenced successfully on Monday, 30 January 2017.

In addition, Management and the Unions signed an agreement for the 2017 salary increases on Friday, 3 February 2017, following a series of constructive engagements, and with the support of the Chairperson of Council and the Executive Committee (Exco) of Council.

We are currently attending to the many challenges that originated from the 2016 *#Fees-Must-Fall* campaign and other CUT-related student demands.

Management is grateful to all staff and students, including our Unions' leadership and student leaders, for their support and commitment in this regard. Management would also like to express our sincere appreciation to our Alumni and the Alumni Association for your continuous support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. de Jager', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Henk de Jager
Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal
