



COMMUNIQUÉ TO STAFF AND STUDENTS

DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CUT BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

Dear Staff and Students

My communiqué of 22 September 2016 regarding the *Minister of Higher Education and Training's Statement on Government's 2017 Fee Support to Students from Poor, Working and Middle Class Families*, has reference.

Following some sporadic demonstrations across the Bloemfontein Campus on 22 September 2016, Management yesterday engaged with the students by addressing them at a student mass meeting. Earlier today, tests were disrupted as a result of the continuation of demonstrations at the Bloemfontein Campus. Subsequently, the CUT Management Team met with the SRC and students to receive a memorandum addressed to Council and Management, in response to the Ministry's announcement regarding the fee increments and other matters.

It was agreed that the assessments that were disrupted on 22 and 23 September 2016, as well as those scheduled for 26-30 September 2016, will be postponed and rescheduled for 10-15 October 2016 for the Bloemfontein Campus only. The postponement of assessments does not affect the Welkom Campus. Classes at both the Bloemfontein and Welkom campuses will continue as normal next week, 26-30 September 2016. Management apologises for any inconvenience caused to staff and students!

We are committed to ensure that the academic operations are continuing with ongoing engagement with students in order to address their needs, and to find lasting solutions to the challenges. Management also wishes to commend the students for the manner in which they have conducted themselves during these engagements. We will provide regular updates to all our staff and students to ensure that you are well informed about the latest developments.

As mentioned in my previous communiqué, let us as a CUT team continue to work together in promoting positive dialogue towards enhanced student support and positive outcomes, and by doing so, continue to grow our University as the leading university of technology in the country.

Kind regards

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