

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

09 April 2020

Dear staff and students

We hope that you are staying safe during the national lockdown. As you know, this is an unprecedented time in the history of our country and we should all remain committed towards flattening the curve and ending the Covid-19 outbreak in South Africa.

Over the last two weeks since the lockdown, the Executive Management Committee (EMC), together with the Senate Executive Committee (SENEX) and the Covid-19 Response Team, have met (*via* Microsoft Teams) on a few occasions, to discuss and plan around several key areas. This includes, amongst others:

- Access to mobile data
- Amended academic calendar
- Autumn Graduation
- Back to Campus
- Business Continuity
- Health Promoting University (Covid-19)
- Human Resource Protocols
- Online teaching and learning
- Research and Innovation projects (Covid-19)
- The challenge of appropriate devices for online learning and teaching

Currently, the planned resumption of our second term is on Monday, 20 April 2020.

President Ramaphosa declared that the national lockdown was scheduled to end at midnight on Thursday, 16 April 2020. However, we do realise that this date may be subject to change by the President.

If the date is unchanged, we will then send you a more detailed statement *via* the official channels, next Thursday (16 April 2020), outlining our plans and addressing some of the questions that you may have in relation to the commencement of the second term. Once again, we urge you to only access the official DUT statements that are released on DUT4life (for students), DUT PinBoard (for staff) and on the DUT website.

Thank you for your help and support in beating Covid-19. Please continue to practice social distancing, please take the necessary precautions and please remember, stay home, stay safe, save lives.

Yours sincerely

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