UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

14 February 2022

Dear Staff and Students

DUT CONDEMNS THE SPREAD OF FAKE NEWS: THE UNIVERSITY IS NOT ACCEPTING WALK-INS OR CONDUCTING PHYSICAL/FACE TO FACE REGISTRATIONS

The Durban University of Technology has noted with disbelief the malicious fake news communique circulated on social media platforms, calling for walk-ins, parents and students to report to the University for registration.

On Friday, 11 February 2022, the University extended the online registration period by one week to this Friday, 18 February 2022. Online registration was scheduled to end last Friday, 11 February 2022 with lectures initially meant to start today, Monday, 14 February 2022. However, due to the extension of online registration, lectures are now scheduled to commence on Monday, 21 February 2022.

DUT did not issue a statement calling for walk-ins or first years to register on campus. Registration will continue to be online. When lectures commence on Monday, 21 February 2022, the University will continue to offer multimodal, online teaching and learning to returning students. Permits to access campus will only be granted to first year students and students who are enrolled for exit modules, to attend mask-to-mask lectures on campus. Other permits will be issued to students who require access to the practical laboratories and students whose conditions at home are not conducive to learning.

The above group of students will only be permitted access, provided they meet the criteria of the Policy Choices on Vaccination of Staff and Students. This policy was approved by the University Council on 04 December 2021 and has come to effect from 01 January 2022.

Parents, students, staff and all DUT stakeholders are urged to only access University related communiques through the official DUT Communication platforms. For registered students, official University communique is sent to their DUT4Life accounts, statements are also made available on the DUT website: https://www.dut.ac.za .

Sincerely

DUT Management