



## **RE-OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR OPERATIONS ON MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2019, TO LAY A BASIS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

The last three weeks have been difficult for the University as no semblance of academic activities of the University could be undertaken, with major consequences for the students, staff, the University and the country at large. Operations of the University were resumed, although with intermittent disruptions, over the last few days. It is within this context the Council of the University met three times during the three-week period of protest action, with the sole objective of addressing the demands presented to it, and thereby creating conditions for the operational and academic activities of the University to resume without delay.

At its recent emergency meeting held on Friday, 16 August 2019, the Council took a number of decisions on matters put before it through a number of memoranda from students and staff. As we understand it, detailed feedback will be given to the meeting of students and staff by a Council delegation on Monday, 19 August 2019 at a time to be confirmed later. It is the Council's belief that the matters raised were adequately addressed, guided by legal and procedural framework constraints within which the Council is required to operate. For some demands, a credible process has been put in place to resolve outstanding matters, and the student and organized labour's leadership are urged to engage with their constituencies with an absolute objective of ensuring that the University is fully re-opened for operations and academic activities on Monday, 19 August 2019.

From Management's side, and without pre-empting the content of the feedback from the Council delegation to students and staff referred to above, the following arrangements have been put in place:

- a. A comprehensive plan, developed in consultation with the students and organized labour leadership was approved by the Council to be implemented with effect from Monday, 19 August 2019, aimed at addressing specific challenges in the student residences related to either maintenance or replacement of geysers, toilets, showers, electrical maintenance related matters, stand-by power generators, etc. The procurement process has already commenced and should be concluded shortly, to ensure that service providers are in the ground before the end of the week commencing on 19 August 2019; and
- b. All matters raised within the domain of Management are either being addressed or will be addressed within the processes as approved by the Council. All other matters in the memoranda will be comprehensively responded to by the Council delegation at a meeting planned for Monday, 19 August 2019.

In light of the above, and as resolved by the Council, the operations of the University will be in full swing tomorrow, and all staff members are required to report for duty. Secondly, the academic leadership of the University will meet with the relevant class representatives and SRC leadership

in Schools tomorrow (19 August 2019), to work out the adjustment of the academic programme for the respective Schools, and address any other attendant implications arising from the three-week protest action. This necessary engagement, is aimed at creating a conducive environment for the full resumption of academic activities on Monday, 19 August 2019.

We urge all students and staff, and their respective leadership, to heed the call of the Council, and lend a hand to ensure a speedy resolution of the matters in the interest of the University, staff and students. The reality that the University's academic programme is on a knife's edge cannot be over-emphasised. The staff and students and their leadership collective are called upon to give effect to the Council's decisions above, in the interest of all the affected stakeholders.

Yours Sincerely

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**PROF O AYO-YUSUF**  
**ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR**