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Office of the Vice-Chancellor

TO: STAFF AND STUDENTS

FROM: PROF O AYO-YUSUF, ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

DATE: SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (9-13 SEPTEMBER 2019)

As the University enters a second week of mourning the passing of Hunadi Magongoa (MBChB II), we should all bow our heads in recognition of the immense contribution she has made to the SMU ladies soccer team as a gallant and devoted sportswoman of our times. Accordingly, while we await the outcome of the ongoing investigation by the state agencies on the suspected outbreak and cause of death, the University will continue to mourn her passing during the course of the week both on and off the academic spaces. I would like to make the following announcements in respect of the coming week:

- a. The University's flags would continue to fly at half-mast throughout the week.
- b. The academic activities will continue as usual from Monday, 9th September 2019 to Wednesday, 11th September 2019. This will include all the planned lectures, clinicals and assessments. However, a moment of silence will be observed at the commencement of first lecture every morning throughout the week to honour her passing;
- c. On 12th-13th September 2019, lectures will continue only until 12h00 noon to honour her passing and there would be no assessments during this two-day period. This extended period of mourning was deemed necessary in recognition of her immense contribution to SMU sport and the reality that staff and students will have to attend the memorial service and travel great distance for the funeral service [refer to (d) below];
- d. On Thursday, 12th September 2019, a memorial service will be organized and staged in her honour and the details will be communicated to the University community shortly during the course of this week; and
- e. The funeral service will be on Saturday, 14th September 2019 starting at 7h00 at Lebowakgomo Unit B, Limpopo Province. Specific details will be communicated shortly during the course of the week.

Staff and students are urged to continue with sessions to keep the family in prayers and thoughts as they go through this difficult period. We should also do everything in our power to comfort and counsel the ladies' soccer team, which has lost a key member in

Hunadi. Ordinarily, rituals of mourning during this period will include prayer sessions and moments of private meditation. We call upon all members of the University community to express grief in a dignified manner. This period is meant to be very sombre and we all have to show the utmost respect for the departed soul.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O Ayo-Yusuf', written in a cursive style.

PROF O AYO-YUSUF
VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACTING)