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The DUT Community

Durban University of Technology

Durban and Pietermaritzburg

Dear Staff and Students

Kindly note that due to the SRC led protest action in Durban this morning, we have, in the best interests for the safety and security of our students and staff, decided to <u>suspend the</u> academic programme on Monday, 8 February and Tuesday, 9 February 2016.

This is an academic suspension of lectures, on all campuses, in Durban and in Pietermaritzburg.

This will give our University a chance to meet with the SRC on Tuesday, so that we can find a way forward and to safely resume the academic programme. Our intention is to work with the SRC, so that we can **resume the academic programme on Wednesday**, **10 February 2016**.

Please communicate this to all staff and students.

Whilst the academic programme is suspended tomorrow, Tuesday 9 February 2016, our administration and support services at DUT will be fully operational. We have advised the SRC that the protests should not compromise the registration of new and returning students and that the financial aid and finance offices must remain open to assist our students.

We will update you after the meeting with the SRC tomorrow.

Have a safe and successful week.

Yours sincerely

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