



**20.02.2023**

## **MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND SRC UPDATES**

### **I. STUDENT ADMISSIONS:**

- As at 20 February 2023 14:00, the University has registered 93% of 2023 targets.
- Disaggregated into first-time entrant (FTENs) and returning students, the picture looks like:
  - FTENS: 98%
  - Returning Students: 91,1 %
- In hard figures, this implies that 191 FTENs are yet to register and 1975 returning students are yet to register.
- The FTENs are expected to take up the available remaining spaces in the next 24hour cycle.
- The figure of returning students is made up of a mixture of different cases like:
  - Students who are waiting for their NSFAS appeals [NSFAS unilaterally changed the qualifying criteria, thus excluding many students;]
  - Those who are excluded with no hope of return;
  - Those who are in the process of finalizing their payment plan;
  - Those who are awaiting the results of the SRC Grant process.
- The SRC Grant process is likely to help 435 of the 1975 students to register, seeing that the SRC has increased its bourse by an extra R1,1 million from the Motsepe Foundation.

### **2. FINANCIAL AID:**

- Over 14 650 returning students have been cleared for registration;
- This number is set to increase as the Financial Aid Unit is processing a recently received updated funded list.
- 16 764 student allowances have been cleared for payment, these include:
  - NSFAS General new & returning;
  - 6 students with disabilities;
  - 117 Funza Lushaka students were recommended for payment of living allowances only [This excludes Funza Lushaka students who will receive full allowances due to upfront payment received from DBE].

- For the 2023 academic year, NSFAS has rejected 4741 returning students, only 318 appeals have been submitted yet to be considered by NSFAS.
- Confirmation of receipt of allowances received from some of the qualifying students

### 3. RESIDENCES:

#### Durban Centre

The number of first years allocated to residences is **5386**.

No applicant	14598
No student registered students returning to res as at the 20.02.2023	7431
No of student who are not NSFAS funded	2831
No of student who are <b>not</b> academically registered as at the 16 February 2022	1762
No student who were allocated and did not register for residence now spaces relocated	489
No of student who are allocated on 18 Feb and awaiting for registration	378
<b>To be allocated</b>	<b>1707</b>

**Midlands Centre:** Finalization of student residences in the Midlands is receiving the urgency that it deserves.

Given to the above progress made regarding the number of registered students, payments made by NSFAS and allocation of students in the residences, Management and the SRC agreed that lectures must continue tomorrow, Tuesday 21 February 2023.



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