

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

17 May 2024

Dear staff and students

UPDATE ON MIDLANDS CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Members of the Executive Management Committee (EMC) and the Senate Executive Committee (Senex) met to discuss the impact of the recent violent protests in Indumiso Campus and the subsequent suspension of online classes at the DUT campuses in Pietermaritzburg.

The joint committee noted that the violent protests by a group of students on the Indumiso campus resulted in a loss of time to complete laboratory practical's, practice teaching, writing of tests and the learning programme.

Therefore, EMC and Senex has resolved to extend the first semester academic calendar by three weeks, for all programmes on the Indumiso and Riverside campuses in the Midlands, to enable students to catch up on laboratory and experimental work, write the tests, conduct practice teaching and write the planned examinations.

The academic departments will liaise directly with students in the affected programmes. This revision of the first semester calendar is designed to ensure that students in the Midlands are not further compromised by the impact of the violent protests. The university noted that no further extension to the academic calendar will be accommodated as this impacts on the proper functioning of the institution.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON TEACHING AND LEARNING

In-person, face to face teaching and all associated learning activities on the Indumiso and Riverside campuses in Pietermaritzburg will resume on Monday, 20 May 2024.

The university expects the immediate and unwavering support of students and staff during this critical period for our Midlands campuses. We will not tolerate any further disruptions to the academic programme caused by violent protests. Any actions that negatively interfere with the university's operations will be met with strict consequences.

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- www.dut.ac.za (DUT website)

We wish you well for the remainder of the first semester.

Sincerely

DUT Management team



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