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OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

INTERNAL MEMO

TO: All Students
FROM: Vice-Chancellor
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RE: COMMUNIQUÉ TO KeMU STUDENTS

Receive hearty greetings from Kenya Methodist University (KeMU)!!!

1. Preamble

It is my hope that you, as members of the larger KeMU community, are doing well and managing the COVID-19 situation with all the caution and seriousness it deserves as issued by the Government through the Ministry of Health. Please note that we all feel the negative impacts and effects this pandemic has had on our lives directly and indirectly.

We must continue trusting in and praying to God Almighty to intervene and save us from this eminent threat.

2. Encouragement

Following the closure of the university, we all went in different directions to join our families in every corner of this nation and beyond. I reckon that you have different challenges wherever you are. These may include financial, environmental and even personal challenges. I want to encourage you that we shall overcome all these and emerge even stronger and wiser.

As life has it, no situation is permanent. Covid-19 has come and will go.

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3. Teaching & Learning

As students I know your biggest concern has been how you can make progress in your academic work during this quarantine period to enable you graduate in time and progress in life. This has been our concern too. As you may be aware, the university runs a vibrant and well established Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODEL) platform, an online mode of curricula delivery, through which many students have effectively learnt and graduated. The Senate and the University Management Board, in response to the closure of the University, resolved that all students' learning activities be on this platform. I am elated to report that all students were migrated onto this KeMU Learning Management System (LMS) platform and hence enabling the completion of 1st Trimester 2020 in good time. Please note that we are now registering for the 2nd Trimester 2020 for continuation of learning.

All students must make effort not to be left out of the online classes that are set to start in May 2020.

4. University Commitment

My recent audit of the activities on the LMS, indicated that a sizable population of our students (approximately 30%) have not been able to join classes. They have expressed different challenges that range from financial constraints to internet connectivity to lack of appropriate devices. As the Vice-Chancellor, I wish to assure all students of KeMU that none of them will be ignored. For those who have assorted challenges and have not or may not join our online classes, it is my promise that we shall pick you up academically from where you stopped last and take you through make-up classes, tutorials and other personalized special arrangements until you complete your trimester and proceed.

All students, individually and collectively, shall finish their respective semesters.

5. Examinations, Practicals, Attachments & Clinicals

Examinations are an integral and important part of learning. The Senate observed that the very essence for conducting examinations in a controlled environment is to safeguard their quality, security and integrity. The Senate therefore resolved that the University shall NOT administer online examinations. The students will therefore have to wait for the right time to do face-to-face examinations as you will be advised. The same will apply for laboratory practical sessions, industrial attachments, teaching practice and clinicals.



The current KeMU Teaching policy does not provide for online administration of Examinations, Practicals, Attachments & Clinicals.

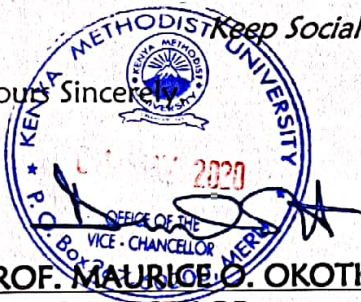
6. Way Forward

Forging ahead, I wish all of you students well during this quarantine period and always keep on the right side of the law. I urge you to be positive in your thinking throughout. This is a time to focus on how to overcome the pandemic and return to normalcy and no room whatsoever for pettiness. All official communications to you shall be duly authenticated and posted to your portals, emailed to you or uploaded onto the University website. Be careful not fall prey to social media busy-bodies and their antics that include fake communications.

Please feel free to direct any of your objective concerns to the contacts supplied through the official communication media.

Every dark cloud has a silver lining.... Meaning....For every bad situation, there is an opportunity. Look out for these opportunities and exploit them.

Yours Sincerely,



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