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Dear Staff and Students

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO STUDENT MATTERS AND REGISTRATION TOMORROW

MANCO met with the Student Representative Council this afternoon and presented the following package of measures relating to registration and student records:

Issue	Management Response
All students must be allowed to register	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Academic exclusions:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. All students who are academically excluded will not be allowed to register and will have the right to submit an appeal. The appeals process for academic exclusions will take place before registration closes.2. Financial Exclusions<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. First time entrants who have not yet been approved for NSFAS will be allowed to register. They will be required to sign an Acknowledgement of Debt form at registration and complete an online NSFAS application with all supporting documents by 28 February. These students will receive allowances only after NSFAS approval.b. International students who have funds outstanding will not be allowed to register.c. Students who have not signed NSFAS Agreements but meet the NSFAS academic criteria will be unblocked and allowed to register. They will be receiving their allowances only after signing the NSFAS agreement.d. Students who previously qualified for NSFAS and have now been disqualified due to not meeting the NSFAS academic criteria are regarded as self-funded students and the relevant provisions apply.



Recipient of the
Supreme Order
of Baobab
(Gold)

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All students must be allowed to register (cntd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Students who were not previously funded by NSFAS but are subsequently funded and have debts outstanding but are passing, will be allowed to register without paying the MIP. f. Late registration will be allowed for students who have been disqualified from NSFAS funding, but are able to be reinstated should they pass any supplementary exams for which they are eligible. g. Students who are performing well¹ and meet the n+1 criteria for passing will be allowed to register irrespective of how much they owe, provided they sign an Acknowledgment of Debt form to pay by the end of September 2020.) h. All self-funded students who qualify to register but have debts outstanding of R10 000 or less will be allowed to register without paying the MIP provided they sign an Acknowledgement of Debt form. i. All other self-funded students who owe more than R10 000 must first reduce their debt to R10 000 and sign an Acknowledgement of Debt form.
All students must access their academic results	All students with outstanding debts will be allowed to view their results.
All students must be able to print their academic record	All South African students with outstanding debts will be allowed to print their academic records
All students get their graduation certificates	All graduation certificates will be withheld until outstanding monies have been paid.

These measures will take effect immediately. Registration continues tomorrow.

Sincerely



Professor Sakhela Buhlungu
Vice-Chancellor and Principal

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- a. ¹ overall aggregate of 70% (weighted average for the duration of degree)
 - b. Minimum time
 - c. Self-funded
 - d. Undergraduate