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Dear FBMS Staff and Students

For noting, this communicate is for staff and students in the Faculty of Business and Management Sciences.

To Staff and Students, welcome back to Semester 2 of Academic Year 2021. I trust that you enjoyed a pleasant recess period in preparation for the academic demands of Semester 2. Semester 1 passed by rather swiftly, especially for first years and students who started on 15 March 2021. It is noteworthy that staff and students worked diligently to complete the semester including all the summative assessments. Well done to students who succeeded academically and to those who did not, there is still time to make additional efforts to succeed.

Although the academic year continues for CPUT staff and students, it is important to reflect on the devastation and carnage that prevailed in the past week. At stake here is the suffering inflicted on many who are disadvantaged and who are already struggling to make ends meet as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic. As the higher education sector, we have a role to play to equip ourselves and others with knowledge skills, attitudes and attributes to build a better society for all in South Africa. As we celebrated Mandela Day yesterday, we were reminded that, 'It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it' (Nelson Mandela). Let's rise to the challenge, that each one of us will make an effort to do just that.

It is important to acknowledge that COVID-19 is still prevalent in South Africa and that our behaviour should focus on protecting ourselves first in order to protect others around us. On Sunday, 18 July 2021, South Africa reported 11 215 new Covid-19 cases in one day. <https://www.nicd.ac.za/latest-confirmed-cases-of-covid-19-in-south-africa-18-july-2021/> The daily COVID positive numbers remain alarmingly high, which resulted in the current amended Level 4 lockdown measures in place until 25 July 2021. As such no staff member or student may be allowed on campus without permission from the Dean, Prof Green. Teaching, learning and assessment for Semester 2 will continue online for the foreseeable future, until revised lockdown levels are announced. Institutional Newsflash announcements will communicate amended arrangements at CPUT. For noting, where in-person classroom-based medical and deferred assessments were planned for the June assessment period, these assessments will be amended accordingly. Affected students will be informed as this information becomes available.

Students are reminded that ALL assessments for Semester 1 must be completed soonest. Students must check their marks to date and consult with lecturers where 0 appears on MAS lists and assignments might, for example, have been submitted. Students are also reminded that in order to achieve success regular class attendance is compulsory, as are preparation for, and participation in classes.

Success is dependent on a healthy mind and a healthy body. Remember to mask up, sanitise regularly and maintain physical distancing protocols of at least 1,5 to 2 metres from others in public.

Best wishes,



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