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Dear Students

This communication is intended for all students registered in the **Faculty of Business and Management Sciences** in 2020.

Academic Year 2020 was different in many ways. We were governed by lockdown levels and the many rules that accompanied the various lockdown levels to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff. We trust that you have been in good health throughout this time.

Teaching, learning and assessment in lockdown was a dynamic process of change and introduced new ways of thinking and practice. The stresses of having to navigate self-regulated learning, time-management, classes mainly via Blackboard, amongst others are acknowledged. However, the resilience to deal with challenges and the determination to succeed have brought us to the last phase of a difficult, yet exciting year. The final assessment period will commence on 23 November 2020 with assessments being completed in both face-to-face and online modalities. Assessments to be completed in a face-to-face setting have been necessitated by the need for computer laboratories, for example, and the nature of the final assessment as noted by the department. Whether assessments are conducted online or face-to-face, the integrity of assessments and the assessment process will not be compromised. Instances of plagiarism and misconduct during assessments will follow institutional procedures. The final integrated summative assessment, irrespective of whether the assessment is online, face-to-face or a project, requires of students to demonstrate a thorough understanding of having achieved the subject outcomes.

Regarding face-to-face interaction, the health and safety of students and staff remain paramount. The required COVID-19 health and safety protocols in place, i.e. attendance registers, temperature screening, sanitizing dispensers at each entrance to CPUT buildings and each assessment venue has designated spaces for students to occupy. To this end, students are reminded to remain vigilant by sanitizing hands, wearing masks at all times and to maintain physical distancing while on campus and elsewhere.

It is pleasing to note that many students excelled academically despite the challenges. The final assessment is the last attempt to work towards passing each subject as best you can. Lecturers and HoDs in each department have worked exceptionally hard to shift lessons to remote learning and to provide the necessary support for student success. The rest is up to you to ensure that you reap the rewards of hard work. As faculty staff, we wish you well for your assessments. We are keen to be part of your achievements this year to ultimately contribute to a promising future.

For further queries regarding assessments please contact your lecturer first, your HoD or the department.

Sincerely,



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