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Dear Stakeholder

PROGRESS UPDATE ON PLANS FOR THE 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

As indicated in the previous communique, Universities South Africa (USAf) convened a virtual meeting with all Vice-Chancellors and other key role players on Friday, 17 April 2020 to deliberate various scenarios for the resumption of activities in the higher education sector.

Following this, Cabinet will convene on Monday, 20 April 2020 to consider the draft USAf/DHET guidelines, which have been developed for the post-lockdown period.

On Tuesday, 21 April 2020 the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr Blade Nzimande, will brief the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Technology on the plans for universities and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges to rescue the 2020 academic year.

USAf plans to meet as soon as possible following the Cabinet meeting to reflect on the final guidelines for the post-lockdown period.

Similarly, the University's EMC, Executive Deans and Senex will urgently convene virtual meetings after Cabinet's approval of the final guidelines in order to complete its plans for the 2020 academic year. Stakeholders, including student leaders and organised labour, will be consulted about TUT's implementation plan.

Until we talk again, please take care, stay safe and stay healthy.

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