

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
CURCULAR TO NUL STAFF AND STUDENTS

REF: VC/ADM 1. – 2019/01

RE: ASSESSMENT OF PREVAILING SITUATION AND ITS IMPACT ON ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Staff and students of the National University of Lesotho are hereby notified that at its 344th meeting held on Thursday, 29th August, 2019, Senate Executive considered a current situation of unrest and noted that students have been on an illegal strike from Wednesday, 28th August, 2019 without giving any notice to the University of their intention or reason for rioting.

NUL Management established from the SRC that students were protesting for delayed payment of allowances from the National Manpower Development Secretariat (NMDS) even when NMDS had already started paying allowances into student accounts in tranches on the same day (Wednesday 28th August, 2019) and continued to do so. Students have continued with riots even up to today although many students have already received their allowances.

The continuing riots have resulted in the significant destruction of the University property, staff personal property and the harassment of NUL Community and the public.

On Thursday 29th August 2019 Senate Executive assessed the situation and directed that students should stop their rioting and return to class but they refused.

Therefore, the University is left with no option but:

- To suspend lectures with immediate effect until further notice.
- All students admitted to the Roma Campus, with the exception of international students and students with disabilities, are directed to leave the University premises forthwith. The cut-off point to be out of the campus is 3:00pm.
- Staff, NUL Community and the public are advised to take precautionary measures on their safety and security.
- Staff should continue with their normal work activities.
- As a matter of urgency, the Registrar will communicate this decision to sponsors.
- Notice on the resumption of lectures will be communicated.



Assoc. Prof. H.M. Lephoto
Vice Chancellor (a.i.)

CC: PVC, Registrar, Bursar, Librarian
Deans and Directors
SAR-Academic
President SRC
Director NMDS – 30th August, 2019

