

# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NUL STAFF

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#### CIRCULAR ON THE CURRENT STUDENT UNREST - 19/09/2019

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On Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, members of the NUL Student Body implemented their decision to boycott lectures and all tuition-related activities due to the delayed disbursement of their allowances and this led to the ultimate destruction of property on campus.

Student embarked on the boycott despite the fact that on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 NUL Management held a meeting with the Student Representative Council (SRC) and considered the students' demands listed in the letter of notice for the boycott which the SRC had presented to the Acting Vice-Chancellor on the same morning.

In their letter of notice, students had indicated their intention to

- Engage in a *"stay away movement starting from the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 as a means to show NMDS management the ramifications of the plight they have put them (students) through in their refusal to disburse their funds to them"*;
- Resume lectures once more than 75% of NMDS sponsored students have received their allowances and all pending lists at NMDS are dealt with.

The letter further demanded that during the boycott of lectures;

- The Library should be closed;
- THUTO (the communication and learning management system) should be closed;
- Lecturers should not attempt to attend any classes, give any notes or assignments to any students whatsoever.

This morning, (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019) Management addressed the whole student body as the boycotting of lectures had already begun. Management reminded students that the main reason for being at a University is for them to study and learn. They were further advised that if they insist on boycotting teaching and learning



activities, Management would have no option but to allow them to leave the University campus as their presence on campus posed a security risk.

Instead of leaving the campus as directed, students went on a rampage and began to destroy University property.

Police came to disperse the rioters and drove them out of the campus.

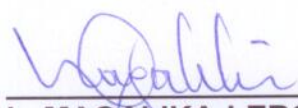
With only two days left before the first leg of the Graduation Ceremony, preparations are still underway.

Management wishes to remind the Student Body that a decision to suspend lectures can only be made by Senate and nobody else. Students on demonstration must not interfere with the rights of other students and staff who wish to continue with their work.

Members of Staff, the Student Body, the University Community and the Basotho nation are alerted that there is an organised **clique** that has infiltrated the Student Body with the view to orchestrate the destabilization of the University.

Management wishes to warn the organisers of this campaign to desist from their intended unlawful acts. The National University of Lesotho is an institution governed by law and rules to uphold order and good governance. No student is immune from the application of the laws, rules and regulations governing the University; and they shall be applied where circumstances warrant.

Members of Staff and the University Community are assured of their safety and security on campus while the situation is being managed. All are urged to with the University business.



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SRC-President

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019