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SUSPENSION OF LECTURES DUE TO THE CORONA OUTBREAK (COVID-19)

Staff and students of the National University of Lesotho are hereby notified that at its Special Meeting held on Thursday, 19th March, 2020, Senate Executive considered the current situation of the rapid spread and significant mortality of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak across the globe and, particularly, in the sub-region.

Senate Executive also noted a Cabinet Resolution communicated by the Ministry of Education and Training (Circular No.12 of 2020 dated 18th March, 2020) which orders that as a measure to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19,

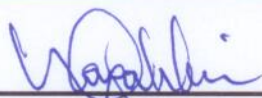
“All schools in Lesotho including Pre-schools, Primary, Secondary, High Schools, TVET and Tertiary Institutions will close with effect from 19th March, 2020 until the 17th April, 2020.”

In response to this instruction, Senate Executive resolved that lectures that were scheduled to resume on the 23rd March, 2020 shall no longer start. **NUL students, who are currently on short break, are therefore advised not to come back to the University when the short break ends but to stay at home until 17th April, 2020.** Students may come back to campus from the 18th April, 2020.

NUL staff are, however, expected to continue with their duties within the recommended preventative measures. In order for staff and other clients of the NUL to be safe, the University is working on Corona Virus Protection and Control Strategy that will be in place soon.

Arrangements have been made for postgraduate students doing research to continue their study programmes through other means such as online learning via THUTO and other platforms. All students are also notified that the Thomas Mofolo Library will be closed but remains fully accessible online. In the meantime, the University is developing a Recovery Plan for when lectures resume.

Staff and students are also advised that an online academic publishing company called the Cambridge University Press has offered free access to online textbooks available at <https://www.cambridge.org/about-us/civd-19> until end of May 2020.



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