

23 APRIL 2022

UPDATE ON ACCREDITATION AND GRADUATION

We have now had the opportunity to read relevant documentation and engage role-players from the regulatory bodies and this enables us to present the following feedback:

1. The CHE has requested information on the curricula of the qualifications in question (i.e., Advanced Diploma Internal Auditing, Advanced Diploma Journalism, BSc Hons Zoology, PG Dip Chemical Pathology and M Med Obstetrics and Gynecology). The documentation was provided by the Accreditation Task Team on the 22nd of April 2022. Our responses will now be evaluated, and the regulators will revert to the University.
2. In a meeting hosted by the DHET on Friday, 22 April 2022, the WSU Accreditation Task Team made a presentation based on its internal findings concerning the five qualifications. In this meeting both CHE and SAQA were present, and the presentation was well-received.
3. At the same meeting held on 22 April 2022, DHET, CHE and SAQA expressed their willingness to support WSU in the continuation of their academic operations. They requested time to consider WSU's presentation and consult, after which they will revert to WSU.
4. In response to the CHE statement dated 1 April 2022, Campus Rectors and Deans have begun the process of compiling evidence to submit to the CHE. The academic and support staff will play an integral role in providing the information required during this process.
5. Considering Senate's prior decision directing Management to take a pragmatic approach to graduation, and further considering an engagement between Management and the ISRC, it has been resolved that May 2022 Graduation be moved to a date to be confirmed by Senate.
6. Management and the ISRC discussed the urgent need for campuses to open and teaching and learning to continue.

7. The ISRC is going to consult the student body regarding the feedback obtained on their memorandum of demands and will revert to Management by Monday 25 April 2022.

We trust that rational decision making will prevail resulting in the opening of all campuses and the continuation of the academic activities. We continue to work tirelessly to resolve the issues and ensure a return to uninterrupted teaching and learning.

Yours Truly,

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University Registrar

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