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MAY – AUGUST 2020 TRIMESTER

Assalamu Aleykum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatu to the Umma University fraternity. May the peace, mercy and blessings of God the Almighty, the Sustainer of humanity be with each and every one of you. I pray and trust that you are all safe and sound wherever you may be.

In this second Communique, I am pleased to update you on the status and progression of our 2020 Academic Calendar. The January – April 2020 Trimester ended on Friday 17th April 2020. While most of the Teaching and Learning was largely completed, the final trimester Examinations are still pending. As soon as we work out the modalities for undertaking the Examinations, we will promptly pass on the information to the students.

Meanwhile, The Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, the Council and the Management are committed and determined to ensure there is continuity of Teaching and Learning at the University even as the containment measures for combating COVID-19 pandemic are extended for a further 21 days by the Government. To this end, the University Senate has had meetings and approved the continuation of the May to August 2020 Trimester which is set to begin on 4th May 2020 promptly. Teaching and Learning will be conducted remotely during the entire May 2020 Trimester. To facilitate this, the Management has:

1. Activated the Learning Management System “Moodle” (<https://elearning.umma.ac.ke>) on our website. The access credentials will be availed to all Academic Staff and registered Students.
2. Trained the Academic staff on the use of the Learning Management system platform and they are now in the process of uploading the Teaching materials

3. Activated remote access (or off campus access) to all our University Library Resources including Text books and Journals as well as large electronic data bases externally. Again access credentials will be given to registered students.
4. Activated Bulk SMS to enable us to pass quick information to all Staff and Students
5. Installed a Pay Bill Number to facilitate registration and payment of fees and other levies charged.
6. Collating the telephone numbers and official Email for all ongoing students to enable them access the Learning Management Platform and the Library resources.
7. Negotiating with Safaricom, Airtel, JTL and Telkom to provide students with subsided data bundles.

To help you navigate through all these, Dr. Hussein Ali Osman, Registrar Academic and Student Affairs will be at hand to assist you (haosman@umma.ac.ke)

Please do note that this remote online teaching is only a short stopgap emergency measure to enable Umma University students to continue with their studies. As soon the Government lifts the restrictions to the measures to combat COVID 19 disease then we will revert back to our face to face teaching and learning in our respective campuses.

keep safe, please continue to observe the containment measures put in place by the Government to combat COVID 19.

Have a blessed Ramadhan.



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