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PRESS STATEMENT

UNZA OPENS ITS 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR IN A PHASED MANNER DUE TO COVID-19

27 January 2021 - The University of Zambia Senate, at its special meeting held on Wednesday, 27th January, 2021, has resolved that the University opens in a phased manner and employs a blended approach of face-to-face and online learning during the 2020/21 Academic Year as follows:

A. FIRST PHASE: FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING

All First Year Students will report for face-to-face learning on 7th February 2021 and will be followed by all Second Year Students who will report on 14th February 2021. The face-to-face learning for First and Second Year Students will end on 18th June 2021 and they will continue learning online from their homes until the time of writing examinations.

For Ridgeway based students, **all School of Medicine Students** will report for face-to-face learning on 1st February 2021. They will be followed by Second and Third Year students from the Schools of Health Sciences, Nursing Sciences and Public Health on 15th February 2021.

All other returning students not mentioned above will be learning online using relevant UNZA Learning Management platform from home starting from 14th February 2021.

B. SECOND PHASE: FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING

All Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Year students, at Great East Road and Fourth and Fifth Year Students at Ridgeway campuses (**except School of Medicine students who will be on face-to-face learning throughout the 2020/2021 Academic Year**), will report for face-to-face learning on 27th June 2021 until the end of the Academic Year when they will be examined from 19th October, 2021 to 2nd November, 2021. This second cohort of students will then leave. This will pave way for the first cohort of students to report on 21st November 2021 for their final examinations from **6th to 17th December 2021**.

C. POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

All Postgraduate students will have blended teaching and learning (face-to-face and online learning) as per approved sessional dates for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

Kindly note that online registration will begin on 8th February 2021 to 12th March 2021. Late registration begins from 13th to 31st March 2021.

The University shall ensure that all Schools strictly observe the Ministry of Health COVID-19 prevention guidelines and those set by the University Management.

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ACTING REGISTRAR

NOTE TO THE PRESS

The University of Zambia (UNZA) is the national's leading higher education Institution. UNZA has over 21,000 students in 13 Schools, 3 Institutes with 350 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. UNZA graduates, on average, 5,000 students and has over 50,000 alumni globally who are helping to create sustainable success in both the profit and not for profit sector.