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**TO: ALL STUDENTS**

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**SUBJECT: STUDENT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

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Student social events are an essential component of student development to promote student wellness, social well-being and sense of belonging on campus, thus contributing to the university strategic goals. The university conducted the risk assessment exercise this year to examine the impact of overnight student social events on the health and safety of MUT students. The findings revealed that student social events held during overnight hours tended to pose a high risk to the health and safety of students. The risk assessment exercise was also informed by the findings of the Security Planning Committee on overnight student events. The committee constitutes of both internal and external stakeholders of the university. The external stakeholders include, *inter alia*, the SAPS - KZN Province Representatives who articulated on the high-level crime statistics in the province, particularly at Umlazi township where MUT is located. This impact on a risk categorization level by SAPS in respect of the student events. Furthermore, various incidents which were reported previously were flagged by the Security Planning Committee. These incidents include shootings, mugging and other similar incidents that affect our students.

Considering the above information, the university made an undertaking to do away with the practice of conducting student events during overnight hours, as this was found to pose a serious health and safety risks to MUT students. Subsequently, the university made an undertaking that all student social events shall be concluded by no later than 22h00. Moreover, the university will continue to strive towards ensuring that student events are held in an environment which always promotes the health and safety of students as well as their social well-being.

Please receive and cooperate with this undertaking which in the best interest of the institution to promote a healthy and safe environment for all its students.

Kind regards



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