**It’s the final countdown… SUNStudent is going live!!!**

**Prospective SU applicants for 2022 undergraduate studies will apply for their studies on SUNStudent as of 6 April 2021**

We are all geared up and ready to go as time leads up to the realisation of SU’s brand new Student Information System, called “SUNStudent”. As of 00:01 on 6 April 2021, Undergraduate applications will be open for SU’s 2022 intake.

Our project team and operational owners are super excited about the new functionality and process that our prospective students will experience when they apply. Applicants will be able to apply for up to three programmes from any faculty within SU and will be considered for all three should they qualify. A significant change in the SU application and admission process is that undergraduate applicants could receive multiple offers and will be prompted to accept only one offer of their choice before end September 2021. This will allow faculties to plan accordingly for their respective intakes.

The new application process is depicted at the document link below where infographics are used to navigate the process.

Link to ‘How to apply for undergraduate programme 2022’

For SUNStudent, a new virtual support structure will be established for post go-live support to all SUNStudent users. Superusers have been identified for their operational process knowledge and will form the first line of support for all SUNStudent users. Each capability will have dedicated Superusers that will fulfil this role.

Various training sessions for relevant end-users were conducted and will continue over the next few months. If you receive invites to SUNStudent training sessions, kindly accept and attend them.

As shown in the table below, Applications and Admissions will be implemented in several phases. Subsequent SUNStudent capabilities will be implemented incrementally after Applications and Admissions have gone live.

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| **Applicant subgroup** | **Date** |
| Undergraduate: South African and International | Tuesday, 06 April 2021 |
| Undergraduate: Military Science South African and International | Friday, 23 April 2021 |
| Postgraduate: South African and International (Incl. Military Science) | Tuesday, 01 June 2021 |
| USB: South African and International | Tuesday, 01 June 2021 |

As per the Registrar and Chairperson of the SUNStudent Steering Committee, Ronel Retief’s words: “We thank you and your staff for your support thus far, and at the same time ask for your continued commitment and patience as we shift gears towards 6 April and beyond. The success of this massive system implementation relies on the people who will be using it, and on their ability to hang in there as we take our first imperfect, but courageous steps towards realising our aim of successfully transitioning from the “swart skerm” to a new and improved student information and administration system for SU.”

Please contact the project team via the sunstudent@sun.ac.za email address with your questions and or suggestions.

The SUNStudent project team