



SRC Statement on June Assessment Period

Tuesday, 15 June 2021

As we are all moving into exams, we, as your SRC, would like to address some of the concerns that have been raised with regards to in-person examinations.

We have noted that the manner in which the institution moved online in the past week has created panic within the student body. When we brought students' concerns to the ICBC and SU Management, they clarified that it is a strategy to ensure that in-person exams can still take place at a lower risk in addition to curbing a possible spread.

In-person examinations will be taking place during this examination period. The following considerations should be taken into account:

- The Academic Affairs Council officially distributed surveys through the faculty committees to students directly within the faculties. This data indicates that the majority of the student body does not object to in-person examinations.
- In-person exams are more accessible to students. During last year's examination period there was a clear indication that not all students are able to effectively write examinations online. This lack of accessibility is further worsened by the current loadshedding schedules that impedes the ability of students to write during certain timeframes at their places of residence.

Please note that we have received confirmation that the current position is subject to either government regulations requiring a closure, or the Medical Advisory Committee's recommendations based on the available scientific data locally.

We are aware that students are concerned about their own and their relatives' safety and the precautions currently in place in and outside examination venues. We can however confirm the following progress regarding the safety measures of in-person exams:

- The A2 and A3's will not be invigilated by the academic departments themselves, as was the case for A1's. The examination office will be facilitating all the assessments during the exam period
- The examination office's invigilators have all been trained in the appropriate protocol to ensure compliance and safety inside and outside of the venues. This will be a drastic improvement from the previous A1's
- The invigilators have been trained and briefed to apply the protocols fairly during this round of assessments and the reports of pedantic applications during the A1's should be prevented

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- Any non-compliance by invigilators may be reported directly to the SRC at SR@sun.ac.za for us to take the matter further. Please include all relevant information about the infraction in this email.

The SRC has continuously been in discussion with the relevant stakeholders to ensure students have the necessary resources for academic success during this period. This includes the opening of Computer User Areas over weekends, as well the re-opening of all CUA's starting this week. If a CUA is not open during operating times, we kindly request that you report that to SR@sun.ac.za so that we can take the matter up with the relevant CUA managers.

With regards to transport to campus, we can further confirm that the shuttle service on the Idas Valley and Kayamandi route is currently operational. The shuttles are limited to 11 students per shuttle and there will be 2 running from 18:00 14 June 2021. Please make use of the booking system on [MySun](#) → [Services](#) → [Campus Shuttle Service](#) for this service. The transport division will be monitoring the usage and make changes accordingly.

If you are a student at the Faculty of Medical and Health Science, please note that your Dean's Management Team will communicate directly with you regarding how the ICBC decisions are tailored for your campus. Any concerns regarding these directives may be reported to the SRC or TSR directly.

Remember, when the three protocols of mask-wearing, social-distancing, and hand-sanitizing are adhered to, the risk of transmission is reduced exponentially. Invigilators will enforce these inside the venue, but we must remind ourselves and each other to follow it outside. We furthermore request that students make use of official communication channels with the institution and your representatives to curb unnecessary panic being created by other social media platforms.

We wish you all the best with your exams!

Stellenbosch University SRC 2020/21