

Senate makes decisions on January and May Semesters



On 16th April 2020, the University Senate met to review how remote teaching and learning has progressed since the University closed on 16th March. After

deliberations, the Senate made the following decisions regarding completion of the January 2020 Semester, and the opening of the May 2020 Semester:

1. January 2020 Semester Exam Dates

Exams will be administered online from May 4 -16 2020 as scheduled in the 2017/2021 University Calendar. The Senate further clarified that appropriate exam modes, formats, weighting, procedures and modalities shall be applied in the setting and administration of exams in order to safeguard the integrity of examinations. The Exam Timetable will be released in the course of this week.

2. School of Law Exams

In line with guidelines given by the Council of Legal Education (CLE) and further discussions with the certification body, the School of Law was allowed to conduct classes online.

However, final exams will be administered face to face upon re-opening.

3. Practical Exams

Practical Exams for Sciences and Music will be taken on campus upon reopening.

4. Exam Clearance

Regarding clearance for exams the following decisions were made:

- i) Virtual Exam Cards will be released to students who have paid fees in full starting Monday April 27, 2020.
- ii) Default charges for late fee payments for the 3rd and 4th instalments have been waived.
- iii) Students who had paid for Hostel and Cafeteria services will have their accounts credited with the unutilized amounts by Monday April 27, 2020.
- iv) All students who have so far attended online classes will be credited with Ksh 1,000 to cover internet usage for the period **March 17, 2020 to May 16, 2020.**

v) The University waived Special Exam fees for students who were unable to access classes online as well as Nursing students who have been recalled to work due to the Covid-19 crisis. Such students shall be identified at school level and informed about the opportunity for special exams next semester.

For any clarification on financial matters please contact: finance@daystar.ac.ke

5. Certificate students

Exams for Certificate students under the DLPDI will be administered online from April 27- 30, 2020.

6. Class Attendance

This semester, the Senate has waived the 75% class attendance required for one to be allowed to sit exams. Thus, any student who missed 25% or more classes will not earn an E grade.

7. Practicum

All Schools shall assess students who were cleared for Practicum for the January semester with respect to supervision and completion.

8. ERB Clearance

Since a number of Schools are conducting defenses online, and since NACOSTI is also operational, The Ethics Review Board, in a meeting held on 15th April 2020 unanimously resolved to receive and review protocols online. The online review is subject to supervisors and HODs e-signing the protocols, and students providing email proof of payment for the review.

9. The University Library

The University Library is committed to ensure that students and faculty have adequate access to diverse print and digital library resources during the period of the physical closure of the university. The Library adopted various measures to ensure that students and faculty have adequate access to the Library information resources to facilitate teaching and learning.

These measures include the following:

- The Library initially extended the borrowing period **for all the loaned library books that were to become due from 16th March 2020, to 30th April 2020.**
- The Library management has conceded **to extend the renewal period 30th April, to 16th May, 2020 (end of the semester).** This decision is aimed at ensuring that we are providing you with a user-friendly environment as you utilize the online library resources and services extended to you during the COVID-19 crisis.
- **Library patrons are reminded that this provision does not apply to library books that were due before the 16th of March 2020.** In case this applies to you, please contact us through library email: library@daystar.ac.ke below and you shall be advised how to settle your account.
- Patrons who had borrowed books from the Text Book Loan (TBL) (programme that allows students to borrow one core course textbook for each of the core courses offered by the university) from the TBL up-to the end of the semester.

- For the faculty, the Library policy enables you to borrow the books for the whole semester. Thus, during the transition period, the faculty have the required print library books for teaching for the January 2020 semester.

- The Daystar University digital Library (full text e-books and e-journals) can be accessed off-campus through this link: ezproxy.daystar.ac.ke. Please take advantage of the online data bases to access thousands of full text e-books and e-journals available in all the knowledge areas of the curriculum offered in Daystar university.

10. Usage of DU email address

In order to access the e-learning platform, e-Library and information from the University, students and faculty are advised to only use official email addresses.

11. Course Outlines

Based on changes necessitated by the Covid-19 disruption, Lecturers have revised Course Outlines to accommodate E-Learning. Revised January 2020 semester course outlines with appropriate grade weighting will be availed to each student through the respective departments.

12. May 2020 Semester Course Outlines & Time-tabling

The Senate approved the following for the May Semester:

- a. New students will be admitted and oriented online effective May 18, 2020.
- b. Orientation materials will be provided online.
- c. Continuing students will be received on May 25, 2020

- d. Classes will be conducted online on the E-Learning platform
- e. Registration and payments to be processed online.
- f. Course outlines and time-tabling shall reflect the new realities.

13. Ex-candidates

All 635 students enrolled on the KCSE-Ex-candidates Program under the Daystar Leadership and Professional Development Institute (DLPDI) will complete their respective programs upon re-opening of the University. This group of students is advised to wait until the University re-opens.

Three (3) MA Communication Students Awarded Scholarships

The Master Communicators Welfare Association (MCWA) has awarded three scholarships worth Kshs 104,650 to three deserving MA Communication students.

The 2020 MCWA scholarship was awarded on 13th March 2020 to John Ndegwa (19-1052), Gloria Kinyae (19-1666) and Beryl Auma (19-1044) who received Kshs 31,730; Kshs 53,580 and Kshs 19,340 respectively.

Since its inception on 14th March 2013, MCWA has given out more than half a million Kenya shillings in scholarships to 11 deserving MA Communication students of Daystar University. MCWA was established by Sr. Prof. A. L. Lando on 14th March 2013 during COM 621X class.

Sr. Prof. Lando was concerned about the number of MA Communication students dropping out of studies or missing out on end of semester exams because of their inability to complete paying their semester's fees. The source of MCWA funding is through friends, colleagues, MA communication students and Daystar University Alumni .

Each year on 14th March, an MA Communication student or alumni volunteers to be the chief guest during the fundraiser event. Since 14th March 2020 fell on a Saturday, the event was held on Friday 13th March. The chief guest was Ephy Osele, an MA Communication student.

MCWA is run and managed by a group of volunteer MA Communication students, with Sr. Prof. A. L. Lando as the Patroness. The current Chair is Dickson Mwaniki. MCWA draws its strength from their motto, **Little is much when humanity cooperates with God” (Mark 4:30-32).**

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Wish to reach the University? The University Customer Care and Call Centre are open **Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**, and can be reached on **+254 709 972 000** or info@daystar.ac.ke for general inquiries and ongoing admissions for May Intake. Supported by various virtual platforms. Our Chapel services are available online. I invite you to subscribe to Daystar University Live on YouTube for inspiration.



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RESETTING OPENING HOURS

Pursuant to Government announcement of a curfew between **7:00pm to 5:00am**. We wish to inform our esteemed stakeholders that our offices will be open **Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**.

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- Wash your hands
- Sanitize
- Observe social distancing

NB: This applies ONLY during **Lockdown period**

Empathizing with our Nursing Students



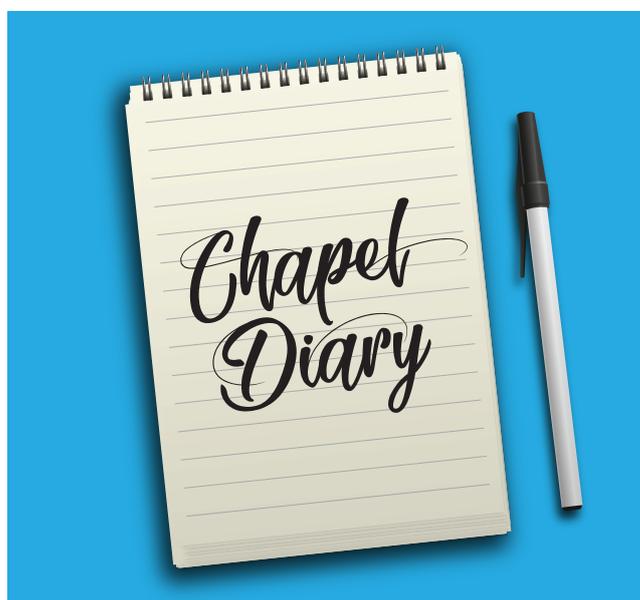
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Who are combating Covid-19 in various screening and isolation centres in Kenya

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THE POSTURE OF HOPE



As we navigate through these very unfavorable times, I know many questions are running through our minds such as; what do we do now? For how long will we fight Covid-19 virus? When will everything get back normal among many others?

I come to you on behalf of the Chaplaincy department to assure you that we are faithfully praying for you and for God's intervention in the whole situation. So take heart and know that with God on our side we will go through this pandemic victoriously

Allow me to share with us what I'm calling the "Posture of hope" from **2 Chronicles 20:1-6, 9 -12**. In this passage Jehoshaphat the king of Judah was in distress because a vast army was coming against them and the whole Kingdom of Judah felt helpless and hopeless at their sight.

King Jehoshaphat sought God during that time in v, 6 – 12. *In verse 12b he says, "For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."* This verse relates to our situation right now; as it is we don't know what to do with the

Covid-19 that has invaded our space. Therefore I encourage us to;

1. Look upon God
2. Listen from God
3. Let God deliver us

This is the posture of hope. When King Jehoshaphat led the whole kingdom into taking this posture, the Lord delivered the kingdom of Judah from the vast army. *Verse 24 says "When the men of Judah came to that place that overlooks the desert and looked towards the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground. No one had escaped."*

As we take this posture, I encourage us to intensify our trust on the Lord, call Him in prayer and let Him deliver us from the Covid-19 pandemic. He is with us, He understands our fears, He cares about us and He will come through for us.

The God who was with King Jehoshaphat is the same God who is with us. So *"Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army (Covid-19 Virus). For the battle is not yours, but God's."*

Amen.

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