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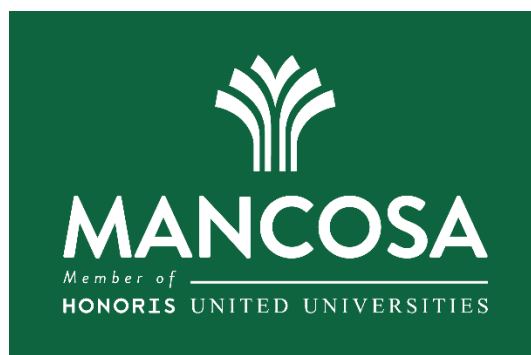
Dear Students

### **MANCOSA ACADEMIC PROGRAMME DELIVERY UPDATE**

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, the Honourable Dr Blade Nzimande, on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, announced that all higher education institutions should plan an early recess of its academic programme. Accordingly, MANCOSA is prohibited from allowing students access to its physical learning spaces and thus have ceased delivery of all face to face support workshops. Being a distance education provider, all independent learning will prevail.

MANCOSA utilises mymancosa and mancosaconnect as its learning management systems. All students currently have the necessary academic resources to continue their independent learning by using the online resources available together with printed learning materials in their possession.

MANCOSA will take the next few days to augment the online learning resources in an effort to better support its students. Please look out for communication on the exciting additional learning resources which will be made available in the next few weeks as well as any communication regarding academic delivery.



MANCOSA wishes to reiterate that planned assessments will go ahead as scheduled and that the academic programme has not been suspended but rather, adapted to adhere to the national directives.

We have entered into uncharted waters as an institution, as a country and globally regarding Coronavirus. Although no one can say with certainty the impact and associated timeframes we are facing, what we know is that we need to mitigate the risks as much as humanly possible. Humanity's success is dependent on the actions that the private and public sector take to help slow down its spread and try mitigate the overloading of our health care systems.

We are aware that these changes to our operations will have impacts on our students. None of the measures have been taken without careful thought and consideration about what this will mean for all of us and we want to reassure you that we will support you, our students, through this change. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our highest priority.

Please look after yourselves, your families, and your communities. Stay well. Stay Safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yusuf Karodia", written over a horizontal line.

**Professor Yusuf Karodia**

Principal: MANCOSA