## COMMUNIQUE TO PARENTS ON ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

USIU-Africa is committed to ensuring that is consistently upholds the highest possible academic standards, to ensure the success of each and every one of our students. It is our mission to make sure that our students have an experience that is tailored to each of their needs, and an education that will allow them to thrive upon graduation, and ultimately, take them places.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the subsequent closure of all learning institutions in the country as mandated by the Government, many of you have had questions about the continuation of learning at the University. I am pleased to inform you that we were able to complete the remainder of the Spring semester online, which included the successful administration of end semester examinations on our learning platforms. I am proud of our collective response as an institution and the tremendous effort that I have seen throughout the university community to support of our students.

To this end, please be advised that the Summer semester will run from **Monday, May 11** through to **Tuesday, August 4, 2020** as per the Academic Calendar, with all sessions being delivered online until such time as the Campus is reopened. You are therefore advised to encourage the students register for the Summer semester and consult with their academic advisors (<u>advisors@usiu.ac.ke</u>), where need be.

As a university we are seriously affected by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as are other universities in the country, across the continent, and around the world. While we understand that many students may face difficulties in paying their fees due to the state of the economy, we also continue to bear costs including salaries and paying for services and licenses that enable us to remain operational including offering teaching and learning remotely.

Like every university, we continue to monitor the situation closely, especially with our status as a private university that does not receive any subsidies from the Government. To ensure that we are able to continue providing the high quality of education which has been the hallmark of our university for over 50 years, our financial policies and charges for tuition will remain the same as per the 2019/2020 Fee Schedule, with only applicable charges being applied.

We are aware that there have been some challenges in the remote delivery of instruction, which we are working very hard to remedy in order for us to deliver a seamless experience come next semester. I have full confidence in the ability of our faculty to reach out to our students and engage them in a rich educational experience that is one of the hallmarks of USIU-Africa.

Should you wish to keep up to date with any information sent out to the University community regarding academic continuity and our plans throughout next semester, please visit <u>this page</u>.

I thank you for your support, and look forward to our continued partnership.

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