



UNIVERSITY of NICOSIA

## **Senate Resolution** **Delivery of the Fall 2020 Semester in view of COVID-19 Pandemic** **3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2020**

The Senate held its 113<sup>th</sup> meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2020 at 19.00. The meeting was an extraordinary meeting to finalize the decision for the delivery of the Fall 2020 semester.

The Senate, having considered:

1. the Directive “Instructions for the operation of Institutes of Higher Education with physical presence of students, academic, administrative and other staff” of the Ministry of Health, sent by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2020,
2. the Cyprus Quality Assurance and Accreditation for Higher Education Agency’s (DIPAE) framework for the delivery of the Fall 2020 semester, as outlined in DIPAE’s website announcement, dated 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2020, <https://www.dipae.ac.cy/index.php/el/nea-ekdiloseis/anakoinoseis-el/527-13-05-2020-leitourgia-idrymaton-xeimerino-examino-20-21>,
3. the current epidemiological data about COVID-19, in Cyprus and abroad,

has unanimously decided the following with regards the Fall 2020 semester, which apply for all Schools, including the Medical School that has already commenced classes on August 17, 2020 and fully complies with the Directive of the Ministry of Health.

### **A. Method of Delivery**

The delivery method of the courses will be as follows:

- a. Lab Courses - **Face-to-Face (F2F)** with Normal Teaching Hours for both faculty members and students.
- b. Non-Lab Courses - **Online** with Normal Teaching Hours for both faculty members and students.
- c. Hybrid Courses (partly Lab) – **Online including some Face-to-Face (F2F)** with Normal Teaching Hours for both faculty members and students.

Exceptionally, upon recommendation of the programme co-ordinator and the Head of Department and upon approval by the Dean of School, the following method could be employed if a non-Lab or Hybrid course cannot be delivered Online:

- i. **Face-to-Face (F2F) with Livestreaming** with Normal Teaching Hours for faculty members. Students will be divided into two groups and attend F2F every other week. When they are not attending F2F, they will be attending remotely the livestreaming of the lectures. Those students who will not be able to attend F2F at all will be attending the livestreaming lectures.
- ii. **Face-to-Face (F2F) with Asynchronous Online Material** with Normal Teaching hours for faculty members plus asynchronous online material prepared by the faculty member. Students will be divided into two groups and attend F2F every week half of

the hours; in addition, they will have access to one-hour online learning material; the online material can serve the basis for any Independent Studies that may be needed to serve those students who will not be able to attend F2F.

## **B. Final Assessment/Examinations**

As per DIPAE's website announcement, dated 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2020, the method(s) of final assessment/examination will be decided at a later stage.

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## **C. Provisions for Students**

- a. New and returning students will be provided with training on the Online tools that will be used during the semester.
- b. New and returning students will be provided with training with regards the health and safety measures pertaining to the physical presence on-campus and the logistics with regards on-campus teaching and learning.
- c. Student Advising Hours will be conducted with alternative methods to face-to-face meetings.

## **D. Provision for Faculty Members**

The Senate considers that faculty must be provided with the necessary equipment to teach online, such as laptops and other devices to perform the tasks of teaching. Budget requests will be submitted by the Schools.

## **E. Exceptions**

Any other exception to the Delivery Methods in addition to the one specified in "Section A Method of Delivery" can be granted with the agreement of the Dean of School in consultation, if needed, with the Rectorate.

Professor Philippos Pouyioutas  
Rector

Signature:

  


Date: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2020.