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PRESS RELEASE

On behalf of Kwame Nkrumah University Care-taker Committee, Management, Staff and the Student populace, I would like to inform the general public and all stakeholders of the events that took place and subsequently culminated into the postponement of the official opening of the Institution on Friday, February 9th 2018.

Kwame Nkrumah University was scheduled to open on 15th January 2018. However, the Kabwe Municipal Council Public Health Directorate visited the University two days after some students had reported on campus and indicated that the University could not open due to health concerns related to cholera outbreak.

Subsequently, Management immediately notified students that had not yet reported not to report until they were advised to do so. Similarly, a notice was circulated to the students that had reported that classes could not commence until all the health concerns raised by the Kabwe Municipal Council Public Health Directorate were addressed.

On Tuesday, 6th of February 2018, the Dean of Students held a meeting with the students that were on campus at which he explained that classes could not start until all the health concerns were addressed and a go ahead granted by the Kabwe Municipal Council Public Health Directorate.

On Thursday, 8th February 2018, the Health Inspectors assessed the Institution's strides to address the health concerns that were raised and gave a verbal feedback to the effect that the Institution was still not ready to open. Management then made a

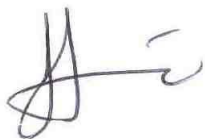
decision that students that were on campus should leave as it had become difficult to determine when the University would be allowed to open and, subsequently, on Friday 9th February 2018, Management issued a circular to the students that were on campus informing them to leave.

On the same day of Friday 9th February 2018, Management received a written communication from Kabwe Municipal Council Public Health Directorate allowing the University to open as it had dealt with most of the public health concerns. With that clearance at hand, Management was excited to open the University so that students could commence learning and was eager to reverse the decision made earlier to send students away who were on campus. However, on the same day academic staff resolved not to make themselves available to offer their services due to non-payment of the extra work that they had done on distance programmes. Management could not effect payment due to numerous audit queries which had to be cleared first through the Deans of Schools before payment could be made. These queries excluded two schools which were cleared by audit and payments were made.

On the same date of 9th February 2018, Management received a directive from the Ministry of Higher Education through the letter dated 6th February, 2018, to the effect that both the Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of General Education had decided that all positions at Kwame Nkrumah University be advertised in order to normalise the transition of the Institution from a college into a fully-fledged public University and that all incumbents (majority being seconded to Kwame Nkrumah University by the Ministry of General Education) were free to apply for consideration. This followed various consultations which included a meeting with academic staff of the University on January 5th 2018.

In light of this catalogue of events, the University could not open and shall remain closed until the process of filling all the positions is successfully completed. It is hoped that this process shall be completed before the end of April this year after which the University will open. All aspects pertaining to adjustment of the University Calendar will be communicated at that time.

From June 2017 when Government gave my Management team the mandate to superintend over the affairs of Kwame Nkrumah University, as Management we are doing everything possible to create acceptable University operational systems, procedures and policies, as well to ensure that infrastructure for teaching and learning that has been incomplete from 2008 are completed to provide for effective teaching and learning. This break we also allow us to complete the infrastructure projects that are at 90 % completion stage. We believe the new systems, policies, and procedures as well as the infrastructure development that we are putting in place will yield the required results and bring to birth the moral values that will see Kwame Nkrumah University flourish in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. C. Ng'ambi', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Hellicy C. Ng'ambi, PhD

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