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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: February 7, 2024

To All University of Zimbabwe Students,

Subject: Fees and Levies for January to June 2024 Semester

The University of Zimbabwe Fees and Levies Committee recently convened to discuss and review the fees structure for the upcoming January to June 2024 semester. We, the Students' Representative Council (SRC), actively participated in this meeting to represent your interests and concerns.

We are pleased to inform you that, following our strong advocacy, the Tuition and Ancillary fees for returning students will remain the same as the previous semester. You will continue to pay the same amount as before. Moreover, students on work-related learning programs will be required to pay 60% of the fees, as to be communicated by their respective departments.

Regarding the Accommodation Fee, the SRC proposed to maintain the rate at US\$ 616 per semester. Unfortunately, due to new taxes implemented on January 1, 2024, the University has experienced an increase in the prices of essential commodities. Consequently, the previous accommodation fee can no longer sustain the University's requirements, such as maintenance, utilities, and general accommodation expenses.

After careful consideration and calculations, the SRC and the University agreed on an accommodation fee of US\$ 715 per semester. This represents a \$99 increment from the previous semester. It is important to note that this fee only covers meals, taking into account the daily ration per student is at \$6.38 for the entire 112-day semester, students in accommodation will be required to pay US\$ 715. To ensure that this increased fee is reflected in the quality of food provided, we have communicated this expectation to the catering department.

In summary, the fees structure for all faculties will remain the same for the January to June 2024 semester. Students in accommodation will only be charged for meals due to significant price increases in commodities. Other costs, such as hostel maintenance, general accommodation, electricity, and water bills, have been waived for this semester to alleviate the burden of the increased meal price.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this process. Should you have any further inquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the SRC.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mavunga Tafadzwa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mavunga Tafadzwa

Secretary General, University of Zimbabwe SRC