MESYUARAT PERANCANGAN PERLAKSANAAN KEMASUKAN PELAJAR KE IPT 2021

Date: Wednesday 6 January 2021 (9am – 11am)

Chair: YBhg. Prof. Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Bin Ishak, DG, Higher Education

Meeting Notes

(MOHE will send out an official circular by end of day today)

- MAPCU was represented by President, Datuk Dr Parmjit Singh & Deputy President, Professor Dr Pradeep Nair
- 2. Meeting was attended by 100 participants, mostly from IPTAs. IPTS was mostly represented by associations (MAPCU, NAPEI, PKIBM etc)
- 3. All international students can enter campus beginning 1 January 2021 after completing the required process as stipulated by the authorities.
- 4. Quarantine cost for international students is set at RM3500, payable to the relevant authority.
- 5. Quarantine for international students must be at approved quarantine centres.
- 6. Upon completion of quarantine, IPT must make arrangements to bring international students to their on or off campus accommodation.
- 7. IPTs to update KPT on the arrival schedules of international students into Malaysia.
- 8. The authorities have decided that henceforth, the term red, yellow or green zones will not be used. Instead, the terms CMCO, EMCO etc will be used to describe the areas.
- 9. All local students can make their way to campus from mid February 2021, in order to fulfil the minimum 10 days quarantine requirement, should students come from CMCO (PKPB) areas
- 10. Local students who are from areas under CMCO must undergo screening and then be isolated in isolation centres/units for 10 days before they are allowed to enter the campus.
- 11. These isolation centres need not be certified by KKM or NADMA. The isolation centres must also have access to a place where the students can buy their meals and essential items during the period of isolation.
- 12. The screening does not have to be a swab test. Only medical screening for symptoms and temperature check.
- 13. Even if students/staff from CMCO areas have undertaken an RTK (Rapid Test Kit) test before arriving on campus, he/she will still need to be isolated for 10 days.
- 14. IPTs may designate isolation centres to be on campus hostels or off campus.
- 15. All classes commence on hybrid mode from 1 March 2021. This means F2F classes can take place on campus.
- 16. MOHE advises that F2F classes be prioritized for final year and new students but it is up to respective institutions to plan the schedules based on their own academic calendar and needs.
- 17. There must be officers assigned by the IPT to check compliance by staff and students to SOPs. IPTs should not assume that all staff and students can self-monitor their actions on campus.
- 18. If there is a suspected covid-19 case on campus, MOHE advises that only the relevant spaces occupied by the student/staff is closed for sanitation and relevant staff who were in contact with suspected case (through contact tracing) proceed to test

- themselves. The suspected staff/student must be sent to hospital for testing. There is no need to shut down the whole university in this case. The same applies to the students' hostels.
- 19. MOHE advises that all students be made to return to campus from 1 March so that hybrid learning can be carried out and learning outcomes duly met.
- 20. All campus activities can proceed from 1 March 2021 onwards, but strictly following the SOPs set by the authorities.
- 21. Even if the IPT is located in a CMCO area, it is allowed to start classes from 1 March subject to the processes set out above.
- 22. IPTs are requested to send the following information to MOHE ASAP
 - a. Perancangan Pegerakan Pelajar mengikut Program Pengajian serta tempoh pengajian
 - b. Bilangan Pelajar Terlibat
 - c. Status Tempat Pengasingan (Bilangan, Kapasiti, Kemudahan)
- 23. However, it is up to respective IPTs to manage when students in each programme return to campus according to their respective academic calendars.
- 24. IPTs that offer foreign examination qualifications (eg A Levels, Australian Matriculation, IB, ACCA etc) can allow students to attend F2F practical classes in small groups, effective January 2021, in order to prepare them well for the upcoming final practical exams in March/April May. This is as per MOHE's circular in October which allows IPTs to do F2F classes which require specialized equipment (peralatan khas)
- 25. MOHE requests that all enquiries be made to them and not to NADMA or MKN, as MOHE has been authorized to respond to queries and clarifications from IPTs. IPTs to contact relevant officers in their Bilik Gerakan.