

## Dear Students,

Your participation in the Rector-Student meetings we held with all our Faculty, School, Vocational School, Graduate students and Student Clubs in six different sessions is really appreciated.

You may all ensure that the feedback you have provided us will have a positive impact on the future of our University and on our educational environments. We would like to inform you regarding the work we have done according to the results of the meetings held. In this context;

- a. Below you will find some of the decisions we have taken and the work we have done regarding the hurdles and disapprovals you have mentioned.
- b. As the Rectorate, we continue to work on issues not mentioned below. It will be shared with you through the official platforms soon.
- c. The result of the individual requests may be obtained from the Student Support Center (Rectorate Building Ground Floor).

I wish you all success.

**Prof. Dr. Zafer UTLU**

### **a. Measures Taken as a Result of the Evaluations Made in Rector-Student Meetings**

#### **1. Announcement of Exam Dates**

As of the 2022-2023 Fall semester final exams, the exam schedule will be made available on the website at least 10 days before the exam week. Final exams for the 2022-2023 Fall semester will be announced on 27 December 2022 on the official website.

#### **2. Exams for Online Courses**

Examinations of courses such as Turkish Language, Atatürk's Principles and History of Revolution given online at our university are conducted face-to-face in accordance with the rules and regulations prepared in accordance with the decision of the Council of Higher Education. Unless there is any change in the Council of Higher Education, the exams of the courses delivered online will be held in the same session with two face-to-face exams. (see [https://www.yok.gov.tr/Documents/Kurumsal/egitim\\_ogretim\\_dairesi/Uzaktan\\_ogretim/yukse\\_kogretim-kurumlarinda-uzaktan-ogretime-iliskin-usul-ve-esaslar.pdf](https://www.yok.gov.tr/Documents/Kurumsal/egitim_ogretim_dairesi/Uzaktan_ogretim/yukse_kogretim-kurumlarinda-uzaktan-ogretime-iliskin-usul-ve-esaslar.pdf))

#### **3. Planning the Curriculum**

Curriculums are made with the cooperation of Department Heads and Deans. The academic planning coordinator only make adjustments for classroom planning and while planning the classroom, supreme attention is paid to the gaps between the lessons. In line with the requests received by the Rectorate and the results of student interviews, a more rigorous study will be carried out as of the 2022-2023 Spring Semester in order to avoid long break times in your programs.

In addition, maximum effort will be given to plan the courses, if not all, to be delivered in their own faculty blocks.

#### **4 . Increasing Social Areas on Campus**

Eight venues are currently available on the campus. A total of 14 venues will have been opened by the end of January. In addition, social areas are arranged at the 8th and 9th Block entrances, where you can spend time without purchasing any products, and are open for use. It is planned to locate suitable places in other blocks and open them for use as social areas.

#### **5. Library Uses**

One floor of the library is open on a 24-hour basis. All floors will be used as open during the exams. Necessary arrangements will be made for computers in the library for two or more people to work together. However, it has been determined in our records that the use of the Library during the exams is not sufficient and the number of users is below the average after 22.00.

#### **6. Shuttle Services**

Our free shuttle service from our university to the metro continues from 08:00 in the morning until 22:00 in the evening. Upon your requests, shuttle service will continue to be provided between 12:00 and 14:00 during the daytime. In addition, the shuttle service will continue until 23:30 during the exam week.

We are continuing our work regarding your requests on the re-establishment of the Halıçiođlu and Beşiktaş shuttles. Two plans have been made regarding the issue are as follows:

- a. Paid service to the Halıçiođlu and Beşiktaş line, at least partly covered by the University and partly by the student,
- b. Free shuttle service to Halıçiođlu line at certain hours,

You will be informed when it is finalized.

#### **7. Dining Hall Arrangement**

The process of increasing the table-chair used in the cafeteria has started and the dining hall layout will be ergonomically planned according to the use of students. Necessary improvements will be made in the cafeteria within the scope of requests from our students.

#### **8. Meal Prices**

Prices of cafeterias and other service providers are determined within the scope of their own wage policies. Prices in the cafeteria are charged per meal and the standard price of 50 TL is the equivalent of four cups of food. Less payment can be made if three different meals are chosen.

#### **9. Course Registrations of Students with Major-Minor, Undergraduate Courses**

Course conflicts will be minimized by planning the 1st Year and 3rd Year courses and the 2nd Year and 4th Year courses crosswise as of the 2022-2023 Spring Semester, in a way that will allow for the least overlap of the courses for the students who have major, minor and minor courses.

## **10. Increasing Student Club Budgets**

The current budget allocated to Student Clubs is supported when needed. The next budget determination of the student clubs will not be in the form of a standard for each club, but the number of activities and projects made by checking at the one-year work of the clubs and the budget spent will be taken into account, and the budget will be increased in line with the club's needs.

## **11. Using the Sports Center**

It will be planned for BESYO students to use the sports center at certain hours, so that they can work outside of class. Our students in other departments will be able to use the sports center in accordance with the decision announced according to the application principles to be prepared.

## **12. Elevator Studies**

There are 55 elevators available at the university. Elevator maintenance is done regularly and when the fault information reaches to the technical team, it is immediately intervened. However, there is a problem due to programming in two blocks and work continues to resolve them.

## **13. Faculty of Medicine Group Study Rooms**

A study room has been arranged in the 10th block for medical students and it has been started to be used.

## **14. Computer Lab Uses**

Students will be able to use the designated computer and MAC laboratory during extracurricular times and during exam weeks by keeping them open for courses, designs and projects. The laboratories which are to be used will be announced.

## **15. Repair of Paving Stones in the Campus**

Necessary instructions have been given to the Department of Construction and Technical Affairs, and the repair of the stones has begun. Repairs will be made to stones that are constantly broken.

## **16. Preparation of the Tennis Court and Athletics Track**

Our tennis court and athletics track works will start at the beginning of the spring semester. Necessary rental transactions have been made so that BESYO students do not miss the courses on these subjects.

## **17. Ventilation of the Gastronomy Kitchen**

Necessary instructions have been given to the Department of Construction and Technical Affairs regarding the ventilation of the Gastronomy Kitchen, and work has begun on the ventilation and arrangement of the door directions and it will be completed within a month.

## **18. Elimination of Deficiencies in the Use of Dormitories (Kitchen Construction)**

Necessary measures were taken in the girls' dormitory, breakfast was started in the dormitory building, the kitchen started to work, the study and the TV room were put into service. Moreover, necessary infrastructure service has been completed for faster internet connection.

### **19. Drawing Table Workshop Open During Extra Classroom Times**

Drawing Table Study Workshops determined during extracurricular times and during exam weeks will be open for our students who will study lessons, designs and projects. The workshops which will be used will be announced.

### **20. Active Use of Faculty Workshops by Vocational School Students**

The relevant programs of the Vocational School and the relevant departments of the Faculties will equally use their own laboratories. As of the spring semester, the course schedules will be arranged accordingly; namely, both Cookery program students and Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Students will use the Gastronomy Kitchen equally.

### **21. Turkish Language Lesson Exam Questions**

Upon examining the exam questions of the course; it has been confirmed that the questions were related to both lecture notes and lecture video recordings. In order to eliminate the grievances of the students, curve system was used instead of the standard grading system for this course.

### **22. Incorrect Registration of Turkish and International Students for Turkish Language Lesson**

Faults caused by student course selection and advisor approvals have been corrected.

### **23. Attendance and Absenteeism in All Courses**

According to the rules and regulations of our university, the absenteeism rate is 30% in theoretical courses and 20% in applied courses and it will continue to be implemented as it is.

### **24. Card Usage in Campus Entry-Exit**

Card use is mandatory for campus entrance; therefore, necessary arrangements have been made. The student who forgets his card once will be taken to the campus; however, when it happens twice in a row or the card is lost, the card will be renewed.

### **25. Students' Parking Use**

Our students will continue to use the parking garages free of charge. Students will be allowed to use the empty spaces on the campus after the parking garages are full.

### **26. Organizing the Graduation Ceremony Outdoors**

Work on organizing the graduation ceremony in the open air has already begun. After the necessary arrangements are made, the graduation ceremony for the 2022-2023 academic year will be held in the open air on the campus.

### **27. Hygiene Inspection of Meals in the Cafeteria**

Cafeteria officials are constantly warned about hygiene; in addition, all businesses will be continuously audited by a commission to be established by our Rectorate.

### **28. Communication Problems of Bus Drivers Against Students**

The relevant service company has been warned about this issue and the employment contract of the drivers who will continue with the same style will be terminated by the authorized company.

### **29. Creation of Seating Areas in Front of Blocks**

We have started to work on the construction of seating areas both in front of the blocks and inside the blocks.

### **30. Operator Signalization Trouble on Campus**

Although there is no problem with the use of Turkcell operators in the campus, we continue to work on the signalization of other operators.

### **31. Creating On-Campus Brochures and Delivering them to Students**

The Corporate Communications Department has started to update the on-campus promotional brochures. Brochure updates will be sent to all students when they are completed within 20 days at the latest.

### **32. Amplifier Ventilation - Improvement of Sound Systems**

There are ventilation systems in the amps and it will be ensured that all systems work during class times. Since all smart boards are new products, they already have sound systems and users will be warned about the use of smart boards.

### **33. Weak Communication between Academic Staff and Students in English-Speaking Classes**

Necessary investigations have been initiated regarding the courses reported to our Rectorate in this regard. Necessary changes and arrangements will be made starting as of the Spring semester in order to increase communication and teach the lessons in an effective way.

### **34. Problems Experienced by Nursing 2nd and 3rd Year Students of Faculty of Health Sciences in Classes and Internships**

Together with the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Head of the Related Department, necessary investigations have been initiated regarding the courses reported to our Rectorate and the necessary changes and arrangements will be made starting as the Spring semester so that the internships can be held and the lessons can be taught in an effective way. Make-up programs will be organized for the courses and practices that cannot be done or incomplete.

### **35. Provision of Study Center for Students**

A classroom has been started to be prepared for students to do workshops and it will be announced when the arrangements are finalized.

### **36. Bilingual (Turkish-English) Announcements Made on University Platforms**

Necessary warnings have been made and all subsequent announcements and notifications will be made in English and Turkish.

**37. Having English-Speaking Employees in Administrative Units (Student Affairs, Health Culture, Sports Departments)**

English-speaking employees will be employed to the Faculty secretariats and campus entrances, primarily for the Student Affairs, Health, Culture and Sports Departments.