

## OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, ARSA

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## **NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS**

## Safety of Lecture Desks for Outdoor Group Discussions/Classes

- With constantly changing climate conditions throughout, it is important to take special care of the University Lecture desks that students use for outdoor group discussions to ensure their longevity.
- Rainwater naturally degrades the joinery and rot the structural integrity of our desks over time.
- Constant exposure to wetness, soaking and drying cycle of our furniture cause rapid deterioration as a result of warping or splitting.
- The chance of damage from falling debris, such as tree branches or hailstones, increases when furniture is left outside.
- The bottom line is that long-term weather exposure can reduce the lifespan of our furniture, necessitating frequent replacement or costly repairs.

## **Recommendations:** (Personal Responsibility)

- Leaders of Discussion Groups should ensure that all desks are returned to student Centre and/ or Tuition Block Annex, after such discussions/Classes; this includes individual students using these desks.
- University Security officers will be patrolling to help in the enforcement of this guideline and may recommend further actions to be taken in the event of non-conformity.



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