

| SOP Title            | Directorate of RETRIDOL                                   |  |  |
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| Owner:               | National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN)                |  |  |
| Approved By:         | The University Senate                                     |  |  |
| Manager/Driver:      | RETRIDOL  |  |  |
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|                      | inserted after approval)                                  |  |  |

## **Purpose**

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is developed to guide the University on Retridol activities as regards to compliance, monitoring, and evaluation of academic and operational tasks/activities for the purpose of continuous improvement

## **Activities**

- 1. Research commissioning process
- 2. Training (Workshops)
- 3. Learning Resources
- 4. In-House RETRIDOL Research
- 5. Research Ethics
- 6. WAJOFEL processing (in line with the WAJOFEL work-flow process)

- 7. Communications Plan Development and Maintenance
- 8. Website Management (including WAJOFEL website)
- 9. Social Media Management
- 10.ICT Support
- 11.RETRIDOL ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) and EDITORIAL BOARD
- 12. General Administration
- 13. Request of fund for operation.
- 14. Commonwealth of Learning supported activity
- 15. Retirement of funds

## **Activities and Actions**

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| 1   | Research<br>commissioni<br>ng process | 1.0 Identification of research areas Identify priority research areas aligned with the Institute's mission and objectives | 7days                                  |                                | Documented list of approved priority research areas.  Internal memos or emails indicating identified research themes.  Research strategy plan or internal report aligning |

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|     |                                |  |   |                                | research focus with  |
|     |                                | 2.0 Inviting proposal submissions 2.1 Issue a formal call for research proposals, specifying the research focus areas, criteria for selection, and submission deadlines. | 7 days  |                                | institutional goals.  Draft copy of Call for Proposals                                 |
|     |                                | 2. Send out call for proposals   |   |                                | Copy of Call for Proposals   |
|     |                                | 3.0 Submission of proposals 3.1 Submit proposals 4.0 Proposal evaluation   | 21 days   |                                | Submission log/register showing proposer names, titles, and dates.  Evaluation reports |
|     |                                | 4.1 Evaluate the proposals based on criteria such as feasibility, impact, and alignment with   | 7 days  |                                |  |

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|                                | institute goals  5.0 Selection and Award  1 Give formal approval to  | 20 daya  |   | Award letter   |
|                                | selected projects 2. Communicate the decision to the researchers   | 30 days  |   | Emails or memos of communication   |
|                                | 3. Disburse funds to selected projects  6.0 Progress reporting   |  |   | Record of funds disbursement Progress reports  |
|                                | Provide regular progress updates on their projects, including milestones achieved, challenges faced, and any deviations from the original plan | 90 days  |   |  |
|                                | 7.0 Project completion and final Report Upon project completion, submit a comprehensive  | 30 days  |   | Final report   |
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|     |                                | and recommendations  2. Submit financial report and receipts (Retirements)  |   |                                | Financial report                      |
|     |                                | 3. Collate copies of receipts  4. Reconcile expenses with the budget  5. Send copies of all   |   |                                | Receipts                              |
|     |                                | receipted expenses and retirement to COL  8.0 Evaluation and impact assessment  |   |                                | Evaluation report                     |
|     |                                | Conduct a thorough evaluation of each research project to assess its impact on the field, relevance to the institute's goals, and potential for future applications | 60 days   |                                |                                       |

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|     |                                | 9.0 Dissemination of projects reports through publication: Submission of articles generated from the report for publication in WAJOFEL  1. Generate articles from the final reports for publication in the WAJOFEL journal | 60 days                                |                                | Article manuscripts                      |
|     |                                | 2. Review and process articles generated from the projects through the WAJOFEL manuscript processing   | 30 days                                |                                | WAJOFEL work-flow process                |
| 2   | Training<br>(Workshops)        | 1.0 Conduct a training needs analysis 1. Identify target   | 90 days                                |                                | Training needs report                    |

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|     | -                              | audience                           | -   |                                |  |
|     |                                | 2. Conduct surveys                 |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | or interviews                      |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | 3. Review previous                 |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | workshops/trainin                  |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | g                                  |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | 4. Consult subject                 |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | matter experts                     |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | (SMES)                             |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | <ol><li>Compile training</li></ol> |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | needs report                       |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | 2.0 Initiate Planning              | 60 days   |                                | The following documents                  |
|     |                                | (Timeline: As soon as              |   |                                | approved by the Director, RETRIDOL.      |
|     |                                | the workshop is                    |   |                                | Concept Note                             |
|     |                                | agreed on)                         |   |                                | Concept Note                             |
|     |                                | 1. Develop the<br>Concept Note     |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | informed by the                    |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | results of the                     |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | training need                      |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | analysis                           |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | 2. Prepare a draft of              | 20 days   |                                | Programme of Activities                  |
|     |                                | the <i>Programme of</i>            |   |                                |  |

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|     |                                | Activities 3. Develop a tentative budget   | 21 days   |                                | Tentative Budget   |
|     |                                | 3.0 Coordinate Pre- Workshop Logistics (Timeline: Two weeks before the workshop) Note: Step #3.5 not required for Online Workshops) 1. Confirm the time and dates with the facilitator(s) and finalise the agreement | 60 days   |                                | Engagement Letter of Facilitator   |
|     |                                | 2. Finalise the workshop programme with the facilitators   | 60 days   |                                | A finalized schedule or programme document showing all sessions, facilitators, time slots, and activities. |
|     |                                | Distribute     workshop     notifications (via     email/letter) to  | 21 days   |                                | Notification of Participants   |

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|     |                                | participants, including the programme and  |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | concept note  4. Arrange for a venue, ensuring availability of projector, screen, public address systems, and environmental attendants. [For online workshops, this would be setting up a Zoom meeting (registration required) and ensuring internet connectivity] | 30 days   |                                | Invoices for other arrangements          |
|     |                                | 5. Arrange Catering Services and Confirm Details   | 7 days  |                                | First add 5                              |
|     |                                | <ol><li>Publicise the</li></ol>  | 60 days   |                                | Final workshop Programme                 |

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|     |                                | workshop on the website and social media channels   |   |                                |   |
|     |                                | 4.0 Confirm Workshop Logistics (Timeline: One week before the workshop) Note: Steps #4.1 – 4.3 not required for Online Workshops) 1. Arrange for workshop materials | 60 days   |                                | Workshop materials  |
|     |                                | Collate     PowerPoint slides   | 60 days   |                                | Slide Submission Log A table<br>showing Name of Facilitator<br>Topic/Session Title<br>Date of Submission<br>File Name Confirmation (e.g.,<br>"Received" or "Pending") |
|     |                                | Print all necessary documents   | 30 days   |                                |   |
|     |                                | 4. Develop a post-  | 60 days   |                                | Workshop surveys  |

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|     |                                | workshop evaluation survey (deployed immediately after the workshop and to be completed within a week after   |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | the workshop)  5.0 Finalise workshop preparations (Timeline: Day Before the Workshop)  1. Confirm all workshop arrangements: Venue (including projector, screen, public address system), Facilitator(s), Participants and Catering. | 30 days   |                                | Confirmation Emails or<br>Letters        |
|     |                                | 2. Organise all   | 60 days   |                                | Photos showing arranged                  |

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|     |                                | materials, folders,<br>and equipment<br>needed for the<br>workshop                             |   |                                | materials (participant folders, name tags, training packs, writing materials).   |
|     |                                | 3. Confirm rapporteur arrangements   | 30 days   |                                | A formal memo assigning the rapporteur or a workshop schedule with the rapporteur's name listed  |
|     |                                | 6.0 Conduct the workshop (Timeline: Day of the workshop)  1. Arrange and complete registration | 60 days   |                                | Rapporteurs' report  |
|     |                                | Appoint a meeting rapporteur   | 60 days   |                                | A signed internal memo or formal letter assigning someone as the rapporteur for the meeting or workshop, including the appointee's name, the date, and the meeting or workshop title |
|     |                                | Organise     photography and   | 60 days   |                                | Pictures on the website and social media   |

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|     |                                | recording  4. Gather feedback to evaluate the workshop   | 60 days   |                                | Completed feedback forms or questionnaires filled out by participants |
|     |                                | 5. Promote the event on social media   | 60 days   |                                | Screenshots or links to social media posts                            |
|     |                                | 7.0 Conduct Workshop Evaluation and Prepare Report (Timeline: Two weeks after the workshop) 1. Analyse the workshop evaluation survey and feedback | 60 days   |                                | evaluation survey and feedback  |
|     |                                | Develop a     workshop report     incorporating     workshop     evaluation survey     and feedback  | 60 days   |                                | Workshop report   |
| 3   | Learning<br>Resources          | 1.0 ODL Resources 1. Identify ODL Resources for  | 20 days   |                                | List of identified ODL resources                                      |

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|     |                                    | purchase/<br>subscription.  |  |                                |   |
|     |                                    | 2. Update virtual inventory – reports of workshops and courses            | 20 days                                |                                | Virtual and physical copies of ODL resources  |
|     |                                    | 3. Update physical inventory – reports of workshops and courses           | 15 days                                |                                | Memos, letters  |
| 4   | In-House .<br>RETRIDOL<br>Research | 1.0 Research grant proposals submission 1. Find a call for grant proposal | 30 days                                |                                | Screenshot or PDF of the grant call announcement  Grant summary or tracking sheet Call for proposal |
|     |                                    | Develop a proposal  | 30 days                                |                                | Draft proposal document  Final version of the proposal  |
|     |                                    | Submit proposals for internal reviews                                     | 10 days                                |                                | Reviewer's comments   |
|     |                                    | 4. Submit proposals   | 20 days                                |                                | RETRIDOL Research Ethics  |

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|     |                                | for RETRIDOL<br>Research Ethics<br>clearance  |   |                                | clearance form                                     |
|     |                                | 5. Submit to the body   | 30 days   |                                | Submission email or portal confirmation receipt    |
|     |                                |   |   |                                | Cover letter or submission form                    |
|     |                                | 6. Carry out the research   | 365 days  |                                | Field activity or data collection report           |
|     |                                |   |   |                                | Research tools e.g. questionnaire, interview guide |
| 5   | Research<br>Ethics             | 1.0 RETRIDOL Research Ethics Committee (RREC)  1. Coordinates the activities of the RETRIDOL Research Ethics Committee (RREC) | 30 days   |                                | Letter of engagement                               |
|     |                                | Liaises with the     University   | 30 days   |                                | Notice of meetings of UREC                         |

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|     |                                | Research Ethics<br>Committee on<br>issues of<br>Research Ethics<br>in RETRIDOL   |  |                                |  |
|     |                                | 3. Reports to the UREC as and when due   | 30 days                                |                                | Report to UREC   |
|     |                                | 1. Secretariat 1. Provide all needed secretarial and administrative support to the Research and RETRIDOL Research Ethics Committee | 90 days                                |                                | Copies of the above listed documents Minutes of meetings |
|     |                                | 2. Preparation of the reports of the activities of the Committee when required   | 90 days                                |                                | Letters of engagement of researchers                     |
|     |                                | Arranging for meetings of the  | 90 days                                |                                | letters of appointment of members of the Committee       |

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|     |   | Committee  4. Ensure appropriate safe keeping of the records of the Committee                          | 90 days   |                                | letters and memos from the University Research Ethics |
| 6   | WAJOFEL processing (in line with the WAJOFEL work-flow process) | a. Inviting submissions 1. Send out call for papers to all platforms and through the Journal's website | 2 days  |                                | Copy of 'Call for Papers'                             |
|     |   | Submit     manuscripts   | 2 days  |                                | Manuscripts   |
|     |   | Acknowledge     receipt of the     manuscript     submission on the     date it is received            | 2 days  |                                | Acknowledgement copies memos                          |
|     |   | <ul><li>1.0 Desk review</li><li>1. Carry out Desk review of</li></ul>                                  | 2 days  |                                | Screened Manuscripts                                  |

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|     |                                | manuscripts received within 24 hours, to determine if: The abstract meets the required word length, i.e. maximum of 250 words; 3-5 keywords. If not, return to the author to revise |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | 2. The paper is an empirical or opinion paper. If it is an opinion paper, reject it!  | 2 days  |                                | Rejected manuscript                      |
|     |                                | 3. The paper is ODL or TEL-related and fits within the scope of the journal. If it is neither ODL or TEL-related, request the author  | 2 days  |                                | Correspondence with authors              |

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|     |                                | to submit it to another journal  4. The length of the manuscript does not exceed the acceptable word limit of 6,500 words. If it exceeds 6,500 words, return to the author for modification                     | 5 days  |                                |   |
|     |                                | 2. Conduct plagiarism test for manuscripts that satisfy the conditions in step i-iv above within 48 hours of receipt  3.0 Plagiarism check: 1. Return to authors the manuscripts whose similarity index exceeds | 4 days 3 days                                   |                                | Plagiarism report  Reports of plagiarism test |

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|     |                                | 30% for amendment and resubmission, within 72 hours of submission   |  |                                |  |
|     |                                | 2. Manuscripts with a similarity index equal to /or less than 30% are taken the next stage of processing  | 3 days                                 |                                |  |
|     |                                | 4.0 Manuscripts    Accepted for    processing /Double-    blind review    1. Send the    manuscript with    acceptable    similarity index to    two (2) WAJOFEL    reviewers for    double-blind    review; giving | 30 days                                |                                | Communication with reviewers             |

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|     |                                | them two weeks to return their assessment reports, and allowed an extra week to return their reports   |  |                                |  |
|     |                                | 2. Send constant reminders (email, text messages and telephone calls) to reviewers that are unable to return their assessment reports within two weeks | 14 days                                |                                | Email reminder logs                      |
|     |                                | 3. Reviewers that fail to complete the review assignment within 3 weeks, without adequate explanation or a request for more                            | 30 days                                |                                | Email logs                               |

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|     |                                | time, should be informed that the manuscripts have been withdrawn   |  |                                |  |
|     |                                | 4. Reassign the withdrawn manuscript to another reviewer  | 15 days                                |                                | Email sent to the new reviewer – showing the reassignment of the manuscript, including the manuscript title or ID, and the date of reassignment. |
|     |                                | 5.0 Assessment reports from reviewers  1. Send back the rreviewed manuscripts with favourable assessment reports to the author to make corrections and to return the revised manuscript together with a list of corrections | 7 days                                 |                                | Assessment reports Interaction with Authors  |

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|     |                                | effected using the WAJOFEL Correction template   |  |                                |  |
|     |                                | Reject     manuscripts with     unfavourable     reports   | 7 days                                 |                                | Copy or screenshot of the rejection email sent to the author               |
|     |                                | 3. Manuscripts with contradictory assessment reports go through another desk review where the Editorial Committee headed by the Managing Editor goes through the | 7 days                                 |                                | Minutes of the Editorial<br>Committee meeting or a<br>signed decision memo |
|     |                                | assessment reports and decides if the publication process should   |  |                                |  |

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|     |                                | continue or if the manuscript should be rejected  4. Send to the                                       | 3 days  |                                | Copy or screenshot of the   |
|     |                                | accountant the bank details of reviewers who have submitted their assessment reports for payment       | ·   |                                | email sent to the accountant, containing the reviewers' names, bank details, and confirmation that they have submitted their assessment reports |
|     |                                | 5. Pay reviewers   | 2 days  |                                | Payment receipt or proof of payment (e.g., bank transfer slip, payment confirmation email,  |
|     |                                | 6. Acknowledge receipt of payments   | 2 days  |                                | Email or written acknowledgment from the reviewer   |
|     |                                | 6.0 In-House review  1. When a revised manuscript is received from an author, it goes through in-house | 3 days  |                                | Revised manuscripts and assessment reports  |

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|     |                                | review where the WAJOFEL Committee members (Associate Editor) go through the revised manuscript along with the assessment report to ensure that the reviewers' observations were effected |  |                                |   |
|     |                                | 2. Return the manuscript to the author when it is discovered that the reviewers' recommendations were not properly effected, for further correction                                       | 3 days                                 |                                | Email or letter sent to the author, indicating that the manuscript is being returned for further revision due to incomplete or improper implementation of reviewers' recommendations. |
|     |                                | 7.0 Issuance of Acceptance letter 1. Accept for publication if the  | 2 dayas                                |                                | Revised manuscripts   |

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|     |                                | revised<br>manuscript is<br>certified okay by<br>the Committee<br>(Associate Editor),  |  |                                |  |
|     |                                | Issue Acceptance     Letter to the     author  | 2 days                                 |                                | Acceptance Letter  |
|     |                                | 8.0 French Translations 1. Translate to French abstracts of accepted manuscripts along with the preliminary pages of the journal | 5 days                                 |                                | Copy of translated abstracts   |
|     |                                | 2. Translate to French abstracts of accepted manuscripts along with the preliminary pages of the journal                         | 4 days                                 |                                | Copies of the translated<br>French abstracts and<br>preliminary pages, |

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|     |                                | 9.0 Production Editing process  1. All the manuscripts accepted for publication in the volume have to go through Production Editing process          | 3 days                                 |                                | Copy of the edited manuscripts  |
|     |                                | 2. Send the edited manuscripts to the printing press for publication   | 5 days                                 |                                | Email or delivery receipt confirming the submission of edited manuscripts to the printing press |
|     |                                | <ul> <li>10.0 Printing of WAJOFEL</li> <li>1. Print a single copy for members of the Committee to peruse and make amendments/adju stments</li> </ul> | 10 days                                |                                | Copy of sample publication  |
|     |                                | Effect all necessary   | 5 days                                 |                                | Revised version of the journal volume with tracked changes                                      |

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|     |                                | amendments/adju<br>stments for the<br>volume   |  |                                | or a summary of amendments made                         |
|     |                                | 3. Produce 250 copies of the journal   | 30 days                                |                                | 250 copies of WAJOFEL produced                          |
|     |                                | 4. Follow-up on production   | 30 days                                |                                |   |
|     |                                | 11.0 Uploading of softcopies of WAJOFEL Upload the soft version of the volume on the journal's open-access platform (www.wajofel.org).   | 2 days                                 |                                | Link to Softcopies available on WAJOFEL online platform |
|     |                                | 12.0 Distribution Distribute complimentary copies of the journal to authors; NOUN Principal Officers, Deans, Directors of Special Units; all NOUN study centres; NOUN Library; | 5 days                                 |                                | Distribution list and signatures of receivers           |

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|     |                                | Institutes in Nigeria, and National Library. Copies are also given to special guests at RETRIDOL Programmes, and also distributed at every event |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | that RETRIDOL is invited to, both nationally and internationally.  13.0 Inventory and  | 7 days  |                                | WAJOFEL storage                          |
|     |                                | storage Copies of the journals are kept in a storage room under the charge of a WAJOFEL Committee member   |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | 14.0 Other actions taken by the Administrative Staff  1. Keep tabs on the website and WAJOFEL emails  2. Prepare notices of                      | 2 days  |                                | WAJOFEL emails  Copies of notices of     |

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|     |                                | meetings of the Committee and send out same at least 5 days before the date of the meeting  |   |                                | WAJOFEL Committee meetings  |
|     |                                | 3. Secretariat to WAJOFEL Committee meetings  | 7 days  |                                | Copies of the Agenda, list of matters arising and documents for the meetings of the WAJOFEL Committee |
|     |                                | prepare for meetings of the Committee   | 7 days  |                                | Memos to Catering Unit  |
|     |                                | 5. Prepares decisions extracts from the meetings of the WAJOFEL Committee meetings at least 5 days after the date of the meetings | 7 days  |                                | Copies of decision extracts of WAJOFEL Committee Meetings   |
|     |                                | 6. Ensures immediate  | 7 days  |                                | Email or memo containing the decision extracts sent to the  |

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|     |  | dispatch of the<br>decisions extracts<br>to affected<br>personnel  |   |                                | affected personnel, showing the date and time of dispatch, recipient details, and the specific decision or instruction communicated   |
|     |  | 7. Takes and develops minutes of the meetings of WAJOFEL Committee one week after the day of the meeting | 7 days  |                                | Copies of Minutes of Meetings of WAJOFEL  |
|     |  | 8. Any other directive given by the Chairperson of the Committee   | 7 days  |                                | Written directive or memo from the Chairperson outlining the specific instruction or action to be taken, including the date, content of the directive, and any follow-up actions required |
| 7   | Communicati<br>ons Plan<br>Development | Gather input on communication goals, target  | 30 days   |                                | Communication Plan Meeting minutes  |

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|     | and<br>Maintenance             | audiences, and preferred channels.  2. Assess current communication efforts and identify                                     | 20 days                                |                                |   |
|     |                                | areas for improvement  3. Develop a comprehensive communications strategy that includes key messages, goals, and performance | 21 days                                |                                | documented communications strategy plan outlining the key messages, goals, and performance metrics, demonstrating a structured approach for effective communication |
|     |                                | metrics  4. Create detailed action plans, assign responsibilities, and set timelines for execution                           | 7 days                                 |                                | detailed action plan that outlines specific tasks, assigns individuals to each responsibility, and includes clear timelines for completion                          |
|     |                                | 5. Present the Communications  | 14 days                                |                                | meeting minutes or email confirming the presentation of   |

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|     |                                       | Plan to Director<br>RETRIDOL,<br>incorporate<br>feedback, and<br>finalise                            |   |                                | the Communications Plan to Director RETRIDOL  |
|     |                                       | 6. Execute Communication Plan: Publicise RETRIDOL activities on the website and social media handles | 10 days   |                                | screenshots or links to website and social media posts showcasing the publicized RETRIDOL activities, demonstrating that the communication plan was executed through these channels |
|     |                                       | 7. Review and adjust the Communications Plan to align with the institute's goals                     | 10 days   |                                | revised version of the Communications Plan with documented changes that reflect adjustments made to align with the institute's goals, along with a summary of the review process    |
| 8   | Website Management (including WAJOFEL | Collaborate with     experts to develop     and review     website content                           | 7 days  |                                | Logbook of website updates including date, and other metrics  |

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|     | website)                       | for accuracy, reflecting the institute's brand and identity   |  |                                |   |
|     |                                | 2. Conduct routine checks for website performance, security, and functionality. Perform necessary updates, patches, and backups     | 2 days                                 |                                | website maintenance logs or<br>system reports showing the<br>checks performed   |
|     |                                | 3. Improve website visibility on search engines through strategies such as keyword optimisation, meta tags, and alt text for images | 2 days                                 |                                | search engine optimization (SEO) reports or analytics screenshots showing improvements in website ranking, keyword usage, and the implementation of meta tags and alt text for images |
|     |                                | Evaluate and     enhance website     user interface,  | 3 days                                 |                                | user feedback surveys or usability testing reports  |

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|     |                                | navigation, and overall user experience 5. Address usability issues and visitor feedback                        | 2 days                                 |                                | a report or log detailing specific usability issues identified through visitor feedback, along with the actions taken to resolve those issues and improve the website's user experience. |
| 9   | Social Media<br>Management     | Develop a diverse, engaging schedule for social media posts aligned with institute messaging                    | 10 days                                |                                | Logbook of social media updates including date, content and other metrics  |
|     |                                | 2. Respond promptly and professionally to comments, messages, and enquiries to foster engagement and a sense of | 2 days                                 |                                | email or message response logs showing timely, professional replies to comments, messages, or inquiries, demonstrating active engagement with the audience.                              |

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|     |                                | community 3. Use analytics to track post reach, engagement, and conversion rates, assessing campaign effectiveness | 2 days  |                                | analytics reports   |
|     |                                | 4. Plan and implement targeted social media campaigns to promote institute events, initiatives, or achievements    | 5 days  |                                | campaign planning documents or social media posts showcasing the planned strategy, targeted audience, and content used to promote the events, initiatives, or achievements, along with analytics showing the campaign's reach and engagement. |
| 10  | ICT Support                    | Provide ICT support to the institute as needed. i.e.  1. providing assistance with troubleshooting                 | 2 days  |                                | Logbook documenting ICT support requests, resolutions, and equipment inventory  |

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|     |                                | technical problems  2. providing assistance with troubleshooting technical | 2 days  |                                |  |
|     |                                | problems 3. setting up new equipment                                       |   |                                | installation logs or photographs showing the setup process of the new equipment, including any configuration details, and the final working condition of the equipment once it is operational.                               |
|     |                                | providing training on new software applications      Setting up Zoom       |   |                                | training materials (e.g., presentation slides, manuals, or handouts) and attendance records or feedback forms from participants, showing that the training session was conducted and that attendees engaged with the content |

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| 11  | RETRIDOL<br>ADVISORY<br>BOARD (RAB)<br>and<br>EDITORIAL<br>BOARD | meetings 1. Approval of the date of the meeting of the Board from the Vice-Chancellor                  | 21 days   |                                | Copy of the memo or notice (in special occasions) to the Vice-Chancellor |
|     |  | 2. Preparation and dissemination of notice of meeting to members via email, WhatsApp, SMS and physical | 14 days   |                                | Notice of meetings   |
|     |  | 3. Preparation of Agenda and list of matters arising from the minutes of meetings                      | 14 days   |                                | Copies of Agenda and matters arising                                     |
|     |  | 4. Confirmation of the venue and arrangement of the refreshments for the meeting                       | 7 days  |                                | Copies of memos on refreshments, invoice                                 |

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|     |                                | 5. Preparation and collation of other documents for the meeting  | 7 days                                 |                                | Copies of other documents considered at the meeting |
|     |                                | 6. Reminders for the meeting via WhatsApp and SMS  | 2 days                                 |                                | WhatsApp platform                                   |
|     |                                | 7. Arrangement of the venue for the meeting  | 1 day                                  |                                |   |
|     |                                | 8. Development of the Extract of the decisions taken at the meeting, submission for the Director's signature and dispatch of same to members | 90 days                                |                                | Copy of decision extract                            |
|     |                                | 9. Preparation of minutes of the meeting and vetting   | 90 days                                |                                | Copies of the minutes of meetings                   |

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|     |                                | 10. Submission of invoices for refreshments to the Chief Accountant (when applicable)   | 90 days   |                                | Copy of invoices                         |
|     |                                | 11. Ensure proper storage and retrieval of the records of the Board and its meetings  | 90 days   |                                | Record Files                             |
|     |                                | 12. Manages the WhatsApp Group Chat by posting relevant information and ensuring that no irrelevancies are posted or retained | 2 days  |                                | RAB WhatsApp Platform                    |
|     |                                | 13 Disseminates information to the Board via email, etc   | 7 days  |                                | RETRIDOL email box                       |

| S/N | Activity<br>(Assigned<br>Task) | Steps (Task Description)  13. Liaise with the Director on any other necessary task towards the success of the Boards' assignments   | Maximum<br>Timeline to<br>complete<br>each step<br>3 days | Action by (Name and ID number) | Evidence of completed<br>Activity (Task)  |
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| 12  | General<br>Administratio<br>n  | Administrative Staff:  1. Coordinates all administrative duties of the Institute.  2. Liaises with the Director on the activities of the Institute and assigns responsibilities to the nonteaching staff in the Institute | 90 days 5 days  |                                | List of administrative duties coordinated with dates. State the relevance of each duty to the output of the Institute  State the major advice given to the Director and the advice impact on the outcome of the institute |
|     |                                | 3. Oversee the running of the   | 7 days  |                                | List of documents verified for dispatch with dates  |

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|     |                                | office in the absence of the Director  |   |                                |  |
|     |                                | Advising the     Director on all     administrative     matters                          | 7 days  |                                | List of memos, letters, and report written or reviewed in the period under review with dates   |
|     |                                | 5. Editing and making inputs on all draft documents prepared by the administrative staff | 7 days  |                                | revised draft documents with tracked changes or comments, showing the edits and inputs made to improve the quality of the documents  |
|     |                                | 6. Assessment and evaluation of staff annual performance and appraisal forms             | 7 days  |                                | completed performance appraisal forms with feedback and evaluation results, along with a summary report outlining the assessment process and any performance outcomes or recommendations |
|     |                                | 7. Writing of letters, memos,  | 2 days  |                                | copies of the written documents (e.g., letters,  |

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|     |                                | proposals, reports<br>and other official<br>documents                 |   |                                | memos, proposals, or reports), demonstrating that the required official correspondence and reports were properly drafted and finalized.  |
|     |                                | 8. Minuting documents to appropriate officers                         | 3 days  |                                | copies of the minutes or email logs showing that the documents or meeting minutes were properly sent to the relevant officers, with details of recipients and date of dispatch                     |
|     |                                | 9. Supervision and monitoring of staff responses and attitude to work | 7 days  |                                | supervision reports or performance logs documenting observations of staff responses and behavior, along with any corrective actions or feedback provided to improve work attitude and performance. |
|     |                                | 10. Follow-up on repairs and every request made by                    | 10 days   |                                | follow-up emails, memos or reports documenting communication with service  |

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|     |                                | supplies   |   |                                | request, and progress updates on repairs or supply orders  |
| 13  | Request of fund for operation  | Prepare Budget: 1. Send to VC for Approval                   | 20 days   |                                | Approved budget for RETRIDOL with date   |
|     |                                | Send to Bursar     with supporting     documents             | 10 days   |                                | Report of budget implementation with date  |
|     |                                | 3. Follow up with approval from Bursary                      | 7 days  |                                | email, memos or approval documents from the Bursary, showing the request made, approval granted, and any related communication confirming the approval status. |
|     |                                | 4. Fill Advance form from Bursary                            | 2 days  |                                | completed Advance form submitted to the Bursary, along with any acknowledgment or confirmation of receipt from the Bursary office                              |

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| 14  | Commonweal<br>th of<br>Learning<br>supported<br>activity | Accessing Funds for COL Supported activity:  1. Joint signing of Contribution Agreement (CA) by NOUN and COL                              | 90 days   |                                | List of contribution<br>agreements between NOUN<br>and COL by S/N, agreement<br>description, agreement<br>duration, agreement<br>performance level with dates |
|     |  | 2. Prepare an invoice representing request for funds in line with the COL approved budget and submit to COL for approval and disbursement | 7 days  |                                | COL approved invoice for funds request and disbursement with dates  |
|     |  | COL remit fund into NOUN     Account.   |   |                                |   |
|     |  | 4. Request to VC for approval to authorize use of fund with copy of   | 7 days  |                                | Copies of memo and invoice  |

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| 15  | Retirement of funds            | Retirement of Funds for COL Supported and NOUN Supported activities: 1. Collate receipt of all expenses | 90 days   |                                | List of retired expenses with dates   |
|     |                                | Reconcile     expenses with     budget     Send copies of all   | 5 days 7 days                                   |                                | List of all receipted expenses and retirement sent to COL with dates  |
|     |                                | receipted<br>expenses and<br>retirement to COL  | ·   |                                |   |
|     |                                | 4. Fill Retirement of Purchase/Touring Advance form.  5. Submit to Bursary                              | 7 days  |                                | a completed Retirement of Purchase/Touring Advance form submitted to the appropriate department, along with any receipts or supporting documents that account for the advance expenditure submission receipt or |

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| 16  | Ad Hoc<br>Activities           | The nature of activity will determine the steps | In line with the time frame for the activity    |                                | The outcome of the activity  |

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