

March 30, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

I am happy to report that we have gotten off to a solid start with the resumption of the spring semester and our distance education delivery. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to bring this to fruition.

A few things that I'd like to share with you today include:

- The University Communication and Public Affairs staff has created a COVID-19 specific webpage. It contains resources for faculty, staff and students. Check it out at [www.sru.edu/covid19](http://www.sru.edu/covid19). Thanks to the UCPA folks crew for burning the midnight oil last week to get that done.
- Chancellor Greenstein has announced an extension of his moratorium on face-to-face classes. We must plan for our summer classes to be delivered via distance learning. While I am not happy that we must go in this direction, I strongly support his decision. For a longer discussion of this decision, [click here](#).
- The governor has added Butler County to the shelter in place list. This means that individuals should not be on campus unless they have specific permission. If, for some reason, you need to return to the University, contact your cabinet member for approval.
- Due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, the deadline to apply for the Norton Undergraduate Research Scholarship has been extended until April 15. The Norton Undergraduate Research Scholarship is a scholarship program designed to assist undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic research or creative activity. The grant completion date is Nov. 30. As many as two students will be selected to receive scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. For more information about scholarship eligibility, preparing the application, selection criteria and expectations of the scholarship winners, [click here](#).

Best,

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