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Dear Monarchs,

We want to express our appreciation for all of the incredible work being done in service of our students. While the events of the last few weeks have been immensely stressful and ever changing, you have rallied, adapted, and demonstrated resiliency with the sole focus of doing our best for students. We can't express our appreciation enough. Thank you!

Situation assessments from both the state and Federal government indicate that this pandemic and emergency will not be resolved in a few weeks, but rather will continue until at least the end of the semester and likely beyond. We will need to adjust our planning accordingly. Our hope is that we will be able to continue with plans to move as many classes and services to remote delivery as possible as soon as possible, as well as moving as many people as possibly to telecommuting. We'd like to applaud the faculty and staff for their tireless efforts to find solutions for some very challenging courses and services, not the least of which are science labs and many student services. We believe that this is especially important given the recent department of health orders in other regions that are limiting people to travel only for essential services. If such an order is given in our area, these efforts to find solutions will certainly have positive impacts for our students. For the remaining programs and services that cannot be offered remotely, we will continue to plan to offer them on campus in accordance with social distancing measures for as long as possible. We also recognize that the social distancing measures in themselves will have challenges.

If additional training is needed to move your classes or services online, please let our administration know immediately. Also, if you have any additional needs related to equipment or software, please make sure that your dean knows about your needs immediately.

I, Barry, will continue to hold Campus Briefings using Zoom at noon, Monday through Friday. In addition, [a written Q and A](#) will be posted, largely based on questions asked during the Campus Briefings.

Lastly, please join us in expressing our thanks and appreciation to our Facilities staff who continue to come to campus and ensure that we have a safe and healthy environment.

Thank you again for all of your extraordinary efforts!

Highest regards,

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