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Subject: Campus Update April 10

Dear LSC Community:

We have arrived at April 10th, a date we had hoped would see much improvement in the outlook for Minnesota, and indeed it has helped the situation. On Wednesday, Governor Walz correctly extended the “stay home” order for most Minnesotans which means our current 100% online College is still in effect.

Knowing that many of you are concerned about the face to face (F2F) components of classes and services, the LSC cabinet has determined that for the remainder of spring semester, **any and all instruction that has been migrated to an online/alternative delivery mode will stay that way for the remainder of the spring term and will not revert to in-person instruction.** Even if the Governor lifts the “stay home” order on May 4th, we will finish our semester as we are currently operating. The College will work with faculty to implement a plan to move all remaining spring semester instruction with required F2F components into the summer. That of course causes a bit of challenge for summer session.

Summer session:

It is unrealistic to think that we can simply start F2F as usual in the summer. It is actually (and frustratingly!) too early to tell if and when we can return to any F2F instruction in the summer.

For this reason, we will limit our plans for in-person instruction to those classes that cannot be delivered without a F2F component, such as flight lessons, clinicals, etc. I suggest that it would be wise to consider further limiting any summer F2F to only those classes that were unable to meet their F2F requirements in the spring. Adding more new F2F in summer could have difficult implications for fall. If any F2F is offered in summer, it is likely to be feasible only during the late summer session. Academic Affairs will work with faculty to explore scenarios and make tentative plans with alternatives. We include long-term plans, should the “stay home” order extend into fall semester.

Our best choice: All summer classes that can be delivered in an online/alternative delivery mode will be scheduled fully online/alternative modes, with no F2F requirements. This means that Academic Affairs will make additional adjustments to the summer schedule, changing delivery modes and possibly cancelling a few classes. The good news is, most of our summer classes are already scheduled to be fully online.

Special cases for spring and summer:

INTERNSHIPS: These are off-campus and therefore, per recent guidance from the Office of Higher Education (OHE), student internships can continue only when the following two conditions are met:

1. The business or agency at which the student is interning falls within one of the 16 critical industry sectors (CIS) identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, **AND**
2. The position in which the student is interning qualifies under DEED's critical worker exemption.

The business or agency itself is responsible for certifying that these conditions are met.

CECT: On-campus continuing education and customized training courses cannot be offered while the state is under a stay at home order. However, per recent guidance from the Office of Higher Education (OHE), **off-site** training can be offered when the following two conditions are met:

1. The business or agency that is contracting for the training is within one of the 16 critical industry sectors (CIS) identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, **AND**
2. The workers enrolled in the training hold positions that qualify under DEED's critical worker exemption.

The business or agency itself is responsible for certifying that these conditions are met.

Going forward:

As a campus community, we must have a re-entry plan for carefully easing into limited F2F instruction, eventual larger F2F classes, and more F2F services. That means we will continue with many of the recommended health practices and precautions in place well into Fall 2020-Spring 2021. And as stated above, very few courses will be allowed to move to "normal" large group F2F initially. We will proceed with care, and with an abundance of caution.

Over the next week or two, the cabinet plans to call the Contingency Task Force back together, along with other key campus leaders to develop an outline for our safe return to F2F instruction and services. This plan will evolve as new information is received from CDC, MDH, Minnesota State and other sources. Each of you can support this plan by thinking about how you will personally contribute to that safe return for everyone. What might you do as a Lake Superior College community member to ensure the safety and well-being of yourself and your campus community colleagues?

I know this situation is always changing, constantly evolving, and can be quite confusing. At the same time, I have seen so many people rise to the call to greatness and make the best of the situation. While the building is eerily silent, there is so much amazing and positive activity going on. Keep calm, carry on, and thank you for your continuing efforts. We've got this!

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