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Dear Yellowjacket Students and Community:

All of UW Superior's Summer 2020 courses will be offered in online formats due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today the Emergency Leadership Team EOC and Chancellor Renee Wachter made this decision after review of all the data regarding COVID-19 projections, consultation across our UW System colleagues and the need to continue to ensure campus health and safety.

We are letting you know this decision today because students begin registering for Summer/Fall 2020 classes on Monday, April 6. We wanted you to know what you can expect for Summer 2020 courses.

Students, PLEASE PLAN TO REGISTER ON TIME FOR YOUR SUMMER and FALL COURSES. If you haven't done your advising session yet, please contact your advisor now! They are ready to help.

We are also removing the 2-week waiting period for on-campus students who wish to enroll in online Summer courses – all students will be able register for Summer classes as soon as their advising window opens.

Students, no decisions have been made yet regarding any changes to Fall 2020 courses. For now, register for Fall 2020 as you had currently planned. We will work to ensure all courses are available for Fall for you to successfully continue your academic plans. Please follow through to register for Fall as you have already planned.

In analyzing this decision, the Dean's office examined the Summer 2020 course offerings. The great majority of the current Summer 2020 offerings were already planned online so there is no disruption to those courses. Twenty-four courses originally scheduled to be on-campus will now be offered in online format. All these courses will be able to adapt to this change to complete our Summer 2020 course offerings in online formats. *Thank you, academic departments, for your cooperation and help!*

Instructors, please send in your Navigate Alerts related to any student who has not engaged with your courses by today. The Navigate Alert Team is waiting to help. Please send your alerts NOW. Thanks!

The remaining issues to be faced are the Summer 2020 internships. We understand the transformative power of in-field internships. We will be working hard with the academic programs who offer internships and students to find plans that will work. The Center for Community Engaged Learning will assist with summer internship planning to the instructors and academic programs that offer internships.

Students, please anticipate learning more from your instructors over the coming two-three weeks around internship plans.

Academic programs that offer internships, please reach out to Jenice Meyer at jmeyer@uwsuper.edu in the Center for Community Engaged Learning for assistance in your internship planning should you need support.

No other decisions have been made around Summer 2020 programming or events (such as summer camps, SOAR or other similar events) but the campus can expect to hear more about this next week or the week after.

Thank you all for your continued patience and flexibility around COVID-19. We continue to plan ahead and do our best to serve our UW Superior community in their academic needs.

We want to share with you that we are all struggling to adapt to this rapidly changing world we live in today. It's hard---really, really hard. Many of us struggle every day to try to stay in school, to try to keep a job, to try to do our job well from a home office, to cope with a job loss, to make the technology work, to try to pay our bills, to take care of our children or our aging family members, to practice good physical distancing, to keep our health, or to find our own inner balance in a time of great disruption. It's a tough time. We are mindful of this reality and trying to do all we can to offer supportive resources and help to all. Our hearts go out to each and every person and where you might find yourself today. We get it---we are struggling as well in our own ways.

Even in the midst of this, we notice so many acts of kindness and goodness that go on despite COVID-19. We see many students and employees who are adapting and engaging. We see people reaching out to people to help. We continue to ask for help and you respond---each of us as we are able. We see remarkable acts of caring going on across the board. And we try to keep balance by focusing on as many positive things as we can despite the fear.

As we write this email, the birds are singing, the snow is lightly falling outside and there is much beauty all around. Take a minute to practice gratitude for the good things in your life. Take a breath---and then another---and then another.

And please reach out to your instructors, advisors, colleagues, supervisors, or really anyone that you know and trust at UW Superior to let us know how we can support YOU!

You---our students and employees---are the most precious resource. We stand TOGETHER WITH YOU. Hope you have a decent weekend.

Best,

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