Dear Students,

This email is a follow up to Chancellor Wachter’s earlier communication and the Dean of Students Harry Anderson’s communication about our plan for Spring 2020. I want you to know that your instructors and student services community are here to support your learning efforts.

This is an important email, so please take your time to read it thoroughly so you are aware of all the support and services available to you for the rest of this semester!

During these times of uncertainty, we remain absolutely committed to creating high-quality courses for you and continuing your learning experience at UW-Superior. As Chancellor Wachter announced, alternate delivery courses will begin March 30 and continue through the end of the spring semester, including final exams. Your instructors look forward to engaging with you in these online courses for the remainder of the semester.

Here is what you need to know:

- **Spring 2020 online courses proceed as scheduled.** If you are already taking an online course, there is no disruption to your plan. Continue with your course as you normally would. We are grateful to our excellent online instructors for the great courses that they are already teaching for you.
  - We deliberately chose to not alter anything about current online courses in order to minimize changes to you, our students.
  - If you have any questions or have concerns in your online environment, please email your instructor.
  - Our added support net now also includes referral help. If you need to know something about these big changes on campus and are unsure who to ask, feel free to email the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning at cetl@uwsuper.edu. Dr. Jamie-White Farnham and Thora Papineau from CETL, and Christina Kline, Interim Director of Online, will receive your message and can personally help you navigate your way.

- **Face-to-Face/Hybrid or other Courses in Canvas:** All of your face-to-face/hybrid or other classes in Spring 2020 will continue through alternate delivery (online) within Canvas, our learning management system. Canvas is a recognized system that offers quality online learning. I hope you will discover that online learning can be engaging, effective, user-friendly and convenient.

Here’s what you can expect for your online courses:

- Canvas courses are designed with the student in mind. We have a great group of expert consultants who are helping instructors redesign their courses.
Your instructors are working very hard over the extended spring break to redesign all your face-to-face courses to these new formats, so you can complete your academic work successfully. As you can imagine, this is a big job so please be patient and understanding with your instructors.

Your instructors will be in touch with you via email before March 27 to explain how your course will proceed including details around the content, assignments, due dates, and how best to engage with your courses.

Canvas is different than face-to-face learning, but we believe in YOU and your ability to succeed. For information on how to use Canvas and how best to learn online, please review the Transitioning to Online Learning Guide for Students.

- More suggestions and tips will be coming out over the next week to help you prepare to be successful in online learning.
- Work with us. Read the materials. Communicate with your instructors. Every student can be successful if we all work together.
- Your instructors will be your guides — follow their leads. They will reach out to you soon.
- If you have questions or concerns about this change from face-to-face to Canvas or you need some help getting to know the system, please email your instructor or Dr. Jamie White-Farnham from the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL) at cetl@uwsuper.edu.
  - Dr. White-Farnham or her team (including Christina Kline, Interim Director of Online and CETL expert Thora Papineau) will route your concerns or questions to the right people or offices.
  - She and her team are devoted to serving YOU and to helping you navigate these changes.

Capstones and Senior Year Experience courses – your instructors and the academic department of your major program will communicate with you on how remaining capstone or senior year experience coursework will be adapted to online format. There are many creative and contemporary solutions to presenting your culminating senior work in a public venue. Please look for future communications on this topic. We are committed to finding ways to ensure our seniors can graduate on time.

Academic Advising: Your academic and professional advisors are here to help you every day! Academic advising will continue now via phone, email, or video such as Zoom. Here’s how this works:

- You can still email your academic advisors to set up appointments, discuss summer and fall classes, or if you just need someone to talk to.
- Advisors have full access to your information, including your advising report, so they are fully prepared to help you.

This is a historic time and remarkable learning experience that we are all living through. Together, let’s make spring 2020 be the best that it can.

We will be back in touch soon with more details and information. In the meantime, please take care of yourself, practice social distancing and get ready to begin a new adventure online in your classes on March 30.
Best always,
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