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Please see the attached update. Thank you.



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Dear Students,

I hope that you are safely enjoying the extended Spring Break, as much as possible under these trying times. Our current situation is not what any of us could have anticipated when you enrolled in campus classes for the spring semester, and I am deeply sorry for the inconveniences that have come with the COVID-19 pandemic. I trust that you have been taking the necessary steps to move completely to online instruction for all of your classes by April 6, and I encourage you to continue communicating with your professors to express any concerns you have regarding successful completion of your coursework for the semester. Being proactive and communicating effectively will be key in this transition.

As a university, we understand that you have concerns regarding fees and costs for services that you won't necessarily need now that campus classes are transitioning to online, especially if you have already left campus. Protecting your health and safety throughout this crisis has been our top priority, and as such, your overall well-being, even including financial burdens and potential relief, remains a top priority.

I am reaching out to you today to let you know that we are carefully considering steps that we can take as an institution to help you during this transition, including possible options for alleviating financial obligations for the future, such as housing and dining. Simply put, we need to explore the options as fully as possible alongside federal, state, organizational and other guidelines that are continually coming to help ensure that a transaction does not carry a financial burden for you or have a negative impact on your financial ability to successfully complete your degree at UWA. These developments will require a timely response from you, so please continue checking your UWA email.

I appreciate your continued cooperation and patience as we work together for your success through this unique and challenging semester. Be safe.

Sincerely,

President Tucker