Dear Faculty,

The health of our students, faculty and staff is our highest priority. In response to the escalating coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation, Long Island University is suspending face-to-face instruction at all locations, effective Monday, March 16, 2020. While there are no known cases of COVID-19 at any University campuses or locations, this decision has been made with the goal of keeping our campus community healthy.

On March 16, 2020, following spring break, all University courses will move to online instruction through Friday, March 27, 2020. The University will continue to assess the situation and provide ongoing updates on whether it will be necessary to continue online instruction after March 27, 2020. Students should be prepared for the possibility that the balance of the spring 2020 term will be delivered online. The University will continue to evaluate the prospects of face-to-face instruction for this term in consultation with local health authorities and federal and state guidelines.

Please note the following guidelines relating to University faculty:

- All University offices will remain open for business operations until further notice.
- Instructors are strongly encouraged to conduct all course activities through Blackboard. Email communication and conference calls for group conversations may be used as backup.
- Faculty can utilize Blackboard to upload lectures, PowerPoints, quizzes, as well as host discussion forums.
- Faculty teaching clinicals, labs, and lessons should consult their Chair and Dean regarding alternative instruction methods.
- LIU has expanded its extensive resources dedicated to remote training capabilities for both learners and teachers.
- LIU IT is available to provide training and will offer in-person and virtual tutorials.
- Centralized helpdesk support will be available daily for faculty by emailing IT@LIU.edu or by calling 516-299-3300/718-488-3300. An extensive online support library http://IT.LIU.EDU is also available.
- Effective immediately, all faculty members are urged to review non-essential meetings and large gatherings with management until further notice.
- Upcoming non-essential University-related domestic and international travel is suspended through the end of the semester.
- University-related travel after the end of the semester is subject to cancellation.

Please visit the University’s coronavirus website (https://liu.edu/coronavirus) for updates on online instruction, and recommended measures for the health and safety of our community. Please note that further guidance on programs, areas and services will be issued within the next few days.

We know you are committed to the progress of our students and share the belief that they deserve to receive a world-class educational experience. We appreciate your time and effort. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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