

Sent to all faculty on behalf of Adrienne Wootters, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Ely Janis, Dean of Academic Affairs; and Theresa O'Bryant, Dean of Student Success and Engagement

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Earlier this morning, you received notice from President Birge that **effective Monday, April 5, all classes will move to fully remote learning**. We would like to emphasize that this decision was made because of the increasing challenges in meeting the needs of our residential students as the number of positive cases in the Townhouses and now residence halls has gone up. The evidence is overwhelming that all positive cases have come from social interactions that violated the Trailblazer Agreement, and all classrooms where masks and social distancing have been observed are safe.

Academic Technology will be in touch with you soon with information and support to help make the pivot to fully online learning. Please hold your questions for Gerol and Jessica until you have received that basic information from them.

CSSE stands ready to support you in your efforts to support your own students. However please remember that they are a small office; **keeping in frequent contact with your own students is vital to their success this semester!** We encourage you to continue to be cognizant that all learners are different. If you believe that any of your students might benefit from connecting with Counseling or Disability Resources to support their continued success, please make a referral to these colleagues and encourage your student(s) to follow up on this referral as well.

Campus housing will close on Sunday, April 11 at 5 p.m. This phased closing will allow residential students to transition as smoothly as possible. **At that point, the campus will be closed to student access.** For those of you who have students doing independent work in labs and studios, please work with those students to prepare them to finish their work remotely after this date. Faculty will continue to have access to classrooms and offices for the duration of the semester and beyond.

This has been the most challenging year we could possibly imagine (notwithstanding the Zombie Apocalypse), and you have navigated these ever-changing waters with grace and good will. Thank you all for your hard work.

Many of you will have questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to any of us in the coming days.

Thank you,
Adrienne, Ely, and Theresa