Good Evening All,

It has been a few days since my last message and I wanted to let you know what is going on and provide some updates. This is a long message, especially if you are on your phone. If this is not a good format for you, all of this information is also available on the regularly updated FAQs page, linked here. But before we get in to questions/updates, please take a minute to check out this video message from our Health Center regarding Spring Break.

What is going on on campus?
Campus itself is very quiet as the majority of staff and faculty are working remotely. Essential offices/services such as Housing, Dining, Health, and Facilities remain physically on campus and most everyone else is quickly becoming an expert at Zoom. Various groups across campus are working to get answers to the questions you submitted and to outline what our return to campus will look like. Cabinet continues to meet daily to stay apprised of this work and of information coming out of the Chancellor’s Office/local government.

Questions
Thank you for taking the time to submit questions on the virtual muster forms. Below you will find some answers, or at least a status update, as we are still navigating the unknown with some of them.

• Academics:
  o Virtual Classes: All classes that have been converted to virtual format will continue in that format for the remainder of the semester, including finals week. The schedule for virtual finals is the same as what was previously published, unless otherwise stated by your individual professor.
  o In-Person Classes: All classes that could not be converted to a virtual format will resume as soon as possible after the virtual courses conclude. We are currently aiming for April 29th. Once these courses resume, you can plan for 3 ½ weeks of classes, to include final exams. The deck and engine faculty are also working diligently with the administration to develop a face-to-face schedule upon your return to complete courses that accrue sea time and/or have practical assessments that need to be completed.
  o STCW: The six State Maritime Academies and Kings Point continue their work with MARAD and the US Coast Guard to approve measures that would allow the academies to modify their approved programs to assess all licensed track students in the most time efficient manner.
    ▪ Coast Guard Exams: All of the CG Regional Exam Centers are currently closed until further notice. Questions about your MMC, testing, or make-up exams should be directed to Ms Robyn Christopher or you can view current updates here.
  o Fall 2020 Registration: Registration is now open and will run through Spring Break. For resources on dates, holds, electives, and more, check out the Registrar’s website, linked here.
  o Spring Break: Spring Break is still scheduled for March 26th-April 5th. No classes held during this time.

• Housing/Res Life:
  o On Campus Housing Selection: Housing selection began yesterday and runs through the remainder of the week. I attached the document I sent last week for your reference. For more information, check out the Residence Life Page linked here.
Meals During Spring Break: If you will be on campus during Spring Break, meals will be provided in the same format as this week at no additional cost to you. The cost will be covered by the money provided to campus through the CSU’s Basic Needs Initiative.

Currently Off Campus: It has been brought to our attention that some folks who currently live off campus will need housing when in-person courses resume. In the next week, Residence Life will be reaching out to all off-campus folks to assess what your needs are.

- Money

  - Cruise/Summer Payments: There is currently no deadline for summer payments. If you still need to pay for the summer session, you can mail your payment so you do not incur the online processing fee and no late fee will be charged. Payments need to be received prior to the start of your summer experience.
  
  - Room/Board/Fee Refunds: No specific decisions have been made regarding refunds yet. The Chancellor’s Office will be providing some guidelines and campus is reviewing the impact it would have on financial aid, loans, etc. More to come.

  - Student Assistants: All student assistants that were scheduled to work last week (March 16 – March 20), will be paid even if they did not work on campus. If this applies to you, please submit your timesheet electronically via Peoplesoft – HR with the hours were scheduled for.

In terms of communication, you can expect an email with a status update from me at least once a week. If there is something new to report or a change, you will get that in real time. If something comes up between emails, please do not hesitate to reach out to your cadet leaders, Company Commandants, or myself.

Have a great evening,

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