

March 19, 2020

Dear campus community,

After many conversations and deep reflection, **we have decided to extend remote course delivery through the entire spring term** to combat the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). We feel this is the best solution for our campus because it allows us to keep resources--including residence halls--available as well continue to provide opportunities for a high-quality education during this time of social distancing.

Faculty members are already shifting their course experiences and content to be delivered remotely. Innovative methods are being developed across campus, and we are excited that students will be able to continue to progress towards graduation. Students should expect to hear from their spring term faculty about how their courses will be delivered before classes start April 1. We also are actively working on developing resources, tips and tools to help students navigate this new learning environment.

I recognize this is new territory for all of us. Those of you nearing graduation might be feeling disappointed that your final term will be different than you planned. We are doing our absolute best to make this challenging time as smooth as possible because our highest priorities are your academic success and well-being, as well as the safety of our community. One of our greatest strengths lies in being a community that supports all of our members during both good and uncertain times. We will continue to be there for you.

For WOU employees, we are maintaining the same guidance as [my previous email](#) on work-related practices.

I appreciate everyone's efforts to meet these challenges, and I want to especially thank our faculty for their efforts to move courses to remote delivery on such a scale. I am confident we will be able to continue to serve our students and maintain our high standards of academic excellence while still doing our part to prevent the spreading of the virus.

Please continue to check the WOU [COVID-19 resources page](#) for updates and remember, together we will succeed!

Sincerely,



Rex Fuller  
President