COVID-19 Update from the College 3.11.20

Dear Students in the College,

As you know, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak the University is moving to remote course instruction for the remainder of this semester, beginning on Monday 23 March after an extended spring break for students. Please see <u>https://coronavirus.upenn.edu/</u> for the latest information from the University. In the coming days, you will be hearing in more detail from the University, the College, and your individual instructors about how we will proceed as we transition to remote instruction.

I am writing now to connect with you personally in this extraordinary time and to address in general terms how we will continue with the educational mission of the College in what remains of this academic year.

It will be important for us all to keep in mind that everyone in the College--students, staff, and faculty--will be affected by this transition. How we teach and take our courses will be changed by the circumstances we find ourselves in, but our collective goal must be to get through this difficult time together while preserving the essential character and content of a College education. I know that I can count on each of you to adapt and adjust to the new approaches we will be using to engage with you in the vital academic work we do together.

The College remains as committed as ever to the ideal of a great liberal arts education, and you have my pledge that we will be doing everything we can to provide you with the kind of instructional and advising support you deserve as you pursue that ideal in what remains of this tumultuous semester.

Take care, and be well! We will be in touch over the coming days with more detailed information.

Sincerely,

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