Dear Advisors,

Thank you for all of your efforts in these uncertain times. While we all know this semester has created unique challenges, your important work advising students serves as a crucial connection for them to Penn and their academic community. We are still recruiting advisors for the 2020-2021 school year, whether that means continuing with your current first-years as they enter their second year, or taking on a new cohort of students.

Many thanks to those of you who have already responded. If you have not, please fill out the following survey to let us know whether you are interested in continuing as an advisor in the coming year:

https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaMxvX7u9gZoyW1

The majority of respondents complete this form in 8 minutes or less. All current advisors should fill out the form by 5:00PM on Friday, April 10th 2020, to indicate whether they intend to continue advising. If you are unable to be an advisor this year, you can indicate so on the above form. If you are uncertain whether you have filled out the form already, you can reach out to Ashley Banks (asbanks@sas.upenn.edu) to check your response status. You can also reach out to her if you encounter any technical difficulties.

In lieu of our usual in-person workshops, this year we will be inviting all continuing advisors to participate in a self-paced series of Canvas modules, to be completed by 11:59PM on Sunday, April 26th. Because we value the insights that are shared when we are all gathered together face-to-face, we will additionally be holding a virtual meeting where you will be able to pass your wisdom on to new advisors.

I am happy to answer any questions, so don’t hesitate to contact me at jtighe@sas.upenn.edu. Thank you very much for your assistance with this important part of undergraduate academic life.

Sincerely,

Janet Tighe, Dean of First-Year Students