



Friday, March 13th, 2020

Dear Students,

Yesterday the LSU system took the step of suspending all face-to-face classes as of March 16, with remote learning commencing on March 30 through the remainder of the semester. We understand that this is a major change for all of us, and there are many questions and issues that we will be working diligently to address over the next two weeks as we prepare to move to remote learning.

I have met with the leadership team and here is a list of updates that we can provide. Please note that these updates are effective at the close of business today (3/13):

LSUS will set up a web page focused on keeping students, faculty and staff informed about developments associated with changes resulting from the Coronavirus. In addition, some information will come from LSUS email messages. Students, faculty and staff must continue to monitor their LSUS email.

LSUS will be establishing a help desk, which will serve as the central clearing house for student questions and concerns as we transition to remote learning. We will provide information on this once it is established.

It is our present expectation that students enrolled for face-to-face classes this semester should be able to complete these classes by the end of the spring semester

Spring 2020 commencement is cancelled. LSUS plans to offer an August 2020 commencement for both spring and summer graduates.

The following will be available only to LSUS students until further notice:

- i. Noel Memorial Library- We are currently assessing which areas and services will be available and in what capacity. We will notify you once this has been finalized.
- ii. The computer lab in the University Center (for academic use only)

The following student services will continue to be available on campus to LSUS students:

- i. Student Success Center, including Career Services- We are currently assessing which areas and services will be available and in what capacity. We will notify you once this has been finalized
- ii. Student Counseling Services- We are currently assessing which areas and services will be available and in what capacity. We will notify you once this has been finalized

The following facilities will be closed until further notice:

- i. Academic classrooms

- ii. Science, Digital Arts and other specialized labs
- iii. The Port
- iv. The Health & Physical Education Building
- v. Veterans Resource Center

All LSUS campus recreational activities will be suspended for the remainder of the semester.

For now, all LSUS student workers and graduate assistants will continue to be able to work and be paid. It is possible that work assignments will change.

LSUS moving to remote learning for the remainder of the spring semester will not impact veterans receiving housing benefits from Veterans Affairs.

As you know this situation is changing rapidly, so we may have to make amendments to these updates as necessary. Please be patient with us as we continue to address issues.

- Larry Clark