

To: The Phoenix Campus Community
From: President Dennis Tyner
Re: Transition to Distance Learning
Date: 3/16/2020

With the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), I have been closely monitoring the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. As we face this unprecedented challenge created by the virus, today, I am taking additional steps to protect our students, faculty, staff and community members. The following changes will be in effect through the end of the Spring 2 term (May 2, 2020).

- I am cancelling all ground classes on the Phoenix campus scheduled to meet this week (March 16-20).
- **Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020**, we will be transitioning the instruction of our on-ground courses to an online- and/or distance-learning modality. Your courses will meet at their regularly scheduled days and times, but will be taught via Zoom, Blackboard, teleconference, etc. Your instructor will be in contact with you this week via Blackboard Announcements, email, or phone to inform you of the method of teaching she/he will use for the remainder of the course.
- Online courses will experience no change in their method of delivery.
- The May 9th Commencement Ceremony will be postponed, however, we will be identifying an alternative date in the coming months to celebrate the achievements of this year's graduates.

Although the coronavirus may disrupt what we consider our normal daily activities on campus, I encourage you to continue to dedicate yourself to a pursuit of academic excellence as it relates to both teaching and learning. We will work hard to stay in touch with you over the next weeks and months as our nation and we navigate these new challenges. We appreciate and value you and look forward to helping all of our students to be successful in all dimensions of their endeavors.

Be sure to take great care of yourselves, your loved ones, and your friends. We will look forward to seeing you again in the not too distant future.