

With all of the recent news surrounding the COVID-19 coronavirus and the growing concern of its impact, I thought it best to communicate to you directly. Ensuring the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff is my top priority.

Recently you may have read, or heard of, a social media post about one of our faculty members. The post suggested that the faculty member's wife tested positive for "the virus." Rest assured that I have personally verified with the faculty member that this accusation is **ABSOLUTELY FALSE**. There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 on our campus. Be aware that libelous statements such as this can be characterized as malicious and may be subject to legal action and expulsion from the institution, so I caution you to take care when posting information that you may not know to be true.

Regarding the coronavirus, you will continue to receive communication directly from me on updates and alerts that pertain to the campus community, including any information on campus closures, class cancellations, online instruction, etc. For more information on the coronavirus, you can visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.

I pray that we can all find strength in our Lord and continue to take care of one another during these challenging times without causing undue alarm by spreading inaccurate information.

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