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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. As I mentioned to you earlier, given the rapidly changing nature of this situation, it was possible that the university would make the decision to extend online classes through the end of the semester. As of this afternoon, the university *has* made the decision that continuing online and/or remote instruction for the remaining semester is what is in the best interest of our students. Based on current actions of Sedgwick County, which has just declared a state of emergency, we are expecting to have further disruptions.

Including this week, we have 8 weeks left of the spring 2020 semester. As was decided last week, we have plans for 4 of the 8 weeks (a week of suspension of classes this week, spring break next week, and two weeks of offering online and/or remote instruction). That leaves 4 weeks remaining, beginning April 13. We need, and have committed to giving at least a two-week notice to return to in-person instruction. Understanding that many of our students are back at their homes, possibly out of state, there is simply not enough time to make this practical, even if we were in a recovery phase of the virus.

An announcement will come out shortly – I just wanted to give you a heads up.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Take care.

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