March 26, 2020 - Campuswide email

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff:

I write to you from a campus that continues to operate, though you can be sure there is a haunting quietness. Susie and I miss all of you and the almost constant sounds of life that are associated with living across the street from campus, and we think daily about everyone’s health and safety.

As we forge ahead in this new reality, please know how much I appreciate the many ways in which we are all pressing on in service to this College we have come to love so very much.

The greatest activity still occurs in the Campus Center, as Sodexo continues to feed (via take-out) the small number of us helping to assist life-sustaining activity. Beginning today, both Brockman and Pearl will be more active as well, since the 92 students remaining on campus due to special and unique circumstances will make these residence halls their homes through the remainder of the term. They will be ably assisted by 3 RDs and 5 RAs, and student health staff will also be available by appointment.

Our senior team, plus several others in key positions who have been added in, continue to meet by Zoom conference on a daily basis. You can be assured that this C19 Crisis Management Task Force is working to make smart and timely decisions about both short- and long-term issues associated with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Regarding that work, I have included an 8-page status report compiled by members of this task force. While it doesn’t cover everything, it is fairly comprehensive of work to date. Expect updated versions in the coming weeks.

Finally, I’d note that we are working to keep President-elect Milton Moreland apprised of the important choices and decisions being discussed or made to guarantee a smooth transition as we look ahead to his arrival in July.

If you have any questions, please write or call me or any relevant task force member, whose names are listed at the end of the status report. In the meantime, let’s all keep calm and carry on.

My best,

John – P. Roush