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Message from the President – March 17, 2020

Dear campus community,

Last night, we forwarded to the university community the news that Georgia Southern and the rest of the University System of Georgia would be moving to online only instruction for the remainder of the spring semester, effective March 30.

Though we have prepared for this scenario, we know many of you have questions. As details are worked out, more information will be forthcoming soon. I can assure you we will always keep in mind the impact on you – our students, faculty and staff.

Please be patient with us and we will continue to communicate what we know, when we know it. We are working diligently to establish a plan for what will be our new normal for the remainder of this semester. This situation is changing daily and must be aligned with guidance and instruction from the University System, State and Federal offices. As plans are developed and decisions are made, we will send emails to impacted groups, update our websites and social media posts.

This is what we know now:

- Beginning March 30, all classes will be online for the remainder of the spring semester.
- Students who are off campus currently for spring break, DO NOT return to campus at this time. We will coordinate timing for students to return to campus and collect your belongings. Students who have not left for spring break, housing staff will work with you on an individual basis with regard to your current and future needs.
- The University remains open and will continue to provide essential services, though only designated essential staff should physically be on any of our campuses. Most employees should be working from home as coordinated and directed by their supervisors where possible.

This is indeed a time of great uncertainty, and I know it is especially disappointing for our student athletes, our performers, presenters, and many others whose achievements we would love to celebrate together. I remain confident in our ability to continue growing ourselves to grow others. Let's continue to care for each other through this unprecedented time and remember that our well-being, and the well-being of our loved ones, comes first and foremost.

Kyle