Dear CSUSM Faculty and Staff,

Last Thursday Chancellor Timothy White shared the news that instruction will continue to be primarily virtual across all 23 CSU campuses through spring 2021.

This decision was made against the backdrop of the ongoing pandemic and in consideration of a multitude of academic, health and safety factors. As he wrote in his message, "This decision is the only responsible one available to us at this time. And it is the only one that supports our twin North Stars of safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of our faculty, staff, students and communities, as well as enabling degree progression for the largest number of students."

I want to thank Chancellor White and his leadership team for making this decision now so that we may begin to plan accordingly to ensure that our students have the best experience possible. We will move forward with developing a Spring 2021 plan, based on public-health realities and projections in our region and in consultation with shared governance. At this moment, we expect that Spring 2021 will be similar to Fall 2020 with a limited number of specialized, in-person or hybrid classes and with a limited number of students in campus housing. More information to come.

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep your eyes on the horizon in the midst of these challenging times. I am so impressed with all that you have accomplished to keep our university moving forward in a primarily virtual environment – it hasn't been easy, but you continue to inspire me every day.

The CSUSM as One website will continue to be a hub of information and resources. In the meantime, please continue to stay safe and take care of each other. We will get through this time together.

Sincerely,

Ellen Neufeldt
President