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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Faculty

FROM: Reactivating Research Committee
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SUBJECT: Reactivation of Research and Creative Activity

Dear CSUSM Faculty,

We are pleased to share that our campus Reactivating Research Committee has been approving CSUSM laboratory and field-based researchers to safely restart their research projects. Our campus has developed and implemented a research reactivation process that is consistent with federal, state, local and CSU requirements. Details on this process can be found at https://www.csusm.edu/shs/resources/research_reactivation_guidance.html.

To date, the Reactivating Research Committee has approved research restarts for 23 faculty members engaged in campus-based and field-based research. The first researchers approved through this process were able to access their campus research spaces on July 13. Thus far all research approved through this formal process has been faculty only, except for a few cases of laboratories and field-researchers with special circumstances (animals, etc...) that require trained graduate students/undergraduates to perform essential functions. We plan a more general approval for researchers that include 2nd year graduate students, paid assistants, and essential undergraduates soon.

The Research Reactivation Committee will also be accepting requests for reactivation of campus-based creative activity spaces soon. These reactivation requests should align with the CSU-wide mandate that:

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... only work that CANNOT be done remotely due to safety, access to instrumentation, laboratory facilities, high end computing facilities, access to studio equipment and facilities, etc.. will be allowed to be performed on campus. All other activities, including data analysis, writing results, etc.... should continue remotely.

We look forward to disseminating RRHSP forms to our colleagues carrying out creative work that can only be done on campus or at a particular field site soon.

The committee would also like to provide an update on human subjects research. As of this writing, San Diego County of Office of Public Health still holds that the research reactivation DOES NOT INCLUDE any human subjects research that involves face-to-face interaction (even with social distancing).

Lastly, we would like to thank all members of the campus community for their patience during these very different times. The Provost's Office, the Colleges, the Office of Graduate Studies & Research, and Safety, Health & Sustainability will continue to work together to open up research and creative activity on our campus and in the field as rapidly as safely as we can manage.

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