



Sunday, March 15, 2020

Dear CSUSM Faculty,

Thank you for your dedication and hard work over this past week in response to COVID-19. The circumstances surrounding this pandemic are truly extraordinary and unprecedented – but it has been amazing to see all the ways you are working to adapt quickly and meet the needs of our students. You are exhibiting the true caring and collaborative spirit of Cal State San Marcos, and we are deeply grateful.

Over the weekend, we learned that there were additional cases of COVID-19 in San Diego County, including an SDSU study-abroad student and a graduate student at the University of San Diego. *However, there continues to be no suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases associated with CSUSM. If this changes, we will notify you immediately.*

### **Virtual Faculty Forum, Wednesday, March 18**

We are grateful for the invitation from Academic Senate Chair Dr. Sharon Hamill and the CSUSM Academic Senate to participate in a faculty forum on Wednesday, March 18 regarding COVID-19 and CSUSM's response. Joining us will be Dean of Students Jason Schreiber, Chief of Police Lamine Secka, Interim Medical Director Dr. James Chun, and CSUSM CFA President Dr. Darel Engen. The forum will be moderated by Dr. Hamill. More information about the format and instructions for logging on will be sent from the Academic Senate Office soon. We look forward to "seeing" you all – virtually – there!

### **Appreciation and Thanks**

Over the years, Cal State San Marcos has weathered many difficult challenges and has always risen above through perseverance and teamwork. We have been inspired by your hard work as you have, guided by our campus values, responded thoughtfully to this public health emergency. We have witnessed our faculty shifting into problem-solving mode. You are sharing ideas for remote instruction and focusing above all on the answer to the question: How can we best support our students?

Your strength, your creativity, your dedication and your resilience are inspiring. We will get through this together.

We know many questions remain, and we will do our best to provide answers as quickly as possible. Please continue to visit our dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for the latest updates. We plan to provide another update on Monday to students, which we will also share with you.

Thank you again for all that you are doing. We are so proud to be part of this community.

Sincerely,

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