Lone Star College Employees:

We are updating the Spring, 2020 calendar based on the latest stay-at-home order by both Harris and Montgomery Counties. We will continue to follow CDC, Presidential and Governor requests and recommendations, and community norms before having employees and students return to campus. The recent CARES Act also contains some provisions about employees and students that may impact our decisions. More information on that is forthcoming.

As of this morning, we have one employee and four students who have reported positive for COVID-19 as of 4 pm, March 30.

Couple of highlights:

**ALL facilities will be closed at least through April 30. At this point, we plan to reopen May 4.**

Classes scheduled to start or restart (including Eight (8) Week) on April 13, will resume on that date in an online format. There will be no face to face classes unless they are deemed essential to the public welfare and requested by public agencies. Some workforce programs fall into this category. [https://intranet.lonestar.edu/academicandstudent/OnlineLearning/SitePages/Home.aspx](https://intranet.lonestar.edu/academicandstudent/OnlineLearning/SitePages/Home.aspx) The Summer Mini-Semester starting on May 11 will be in online format only. Students are being notified.

Summer Terms I and II will start on schedule and will be online except in special circumstances. If conditions allow, those special circumstances include some workforce programs that require limited hands on experiences or are deemed essential to the public welfare.

We will add as many online sections from the system budget as needed for the summer and next fall.

We will plan on offering face to face classes in the fall, but faculty should plan on hybrid classes—mixture of face to face/online—so that we can be prepared to shift to online if circumstances warrant.

We will be developing clearer criteria and guidelines for teaching online while incorporating the quality work already accomplished. We have almost 8,000 classes converted to online but out of necessity we have many different formats and models. For example, going forward we want to be consistent in templates, orientations, training, communication, evaluation and other to insure a “one college” approach. I do not envision a massive overhaul of our efforts but at the same time we do not want seven different online approaches.

We will accelerate our discussions about online books and assistance to students with technology needs where possible in recognition of what is occurring and what will probably occur again in some fashion in the future.

Regards,

Steve Head
Chancellor

REVISED CALENDAR
SPRING, 2020

Monday, March 30-Monday, April 13
- Faculty convert classes to online where feasible. More information will be sent to the instructional leaders and faculty.
- Students will be notified about the status of their classes—online or face to face.

Monday, April 13
- All classes converted to online format resume
- All Eight (8) Week classes begin

Wednesday, April 15
- Fall Registration starts

Monday, May 4
- **All Employees return to campus.**
- All remaining clinical and workforce skills lab courses on the list posted on the LSC website resume.

Monday, May 11
- Mini-semester starts—Online only

Friday, May 22 (extended from May 10)
- Spring Semester ends. Faculty completing classes before this date may submit grades.
- Eight week classes end.

Monday, June 1
- First Summer Term begins

Thursday, July 9
- Second Summer Term begins

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