

July 17, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

I trust that each of you, your family, and friends continue to be well. I thank you for your untiring support to Coppin State University. Your persistence, creativity, and willingness to adapt to meet the required changes of the spring semester, brought on by the COVID19 pandemic, were inspiring and we appreciate all that you did. As a result of your efforts, we are poised ready to begin the next semester. This communication is designed provide general updates.

As the fall semester approaches, with so many unknowns, we will continue to hold high Coppin's mission to provide high quality programs to a diverse student population. Most labs and demonstration courses will be offered face-to-face in the fall. Additionally, to support incoming students and position them for success, we will also offer courses with high DFW rates through face-to-face modality. Be sure to communicate and remind students registered in courses identified for virtual delivery if the delivery will be synchronous (day and time to log on live) or asynchronous (students do not log on for live instruction). You will also receive a disclaimer statement addressing adjustments to delivery modality for inclusion in each course syllabus. Be reminded that the University will transition to virtual delivery of all courses after the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please develop all syllabi accordingly. For additional details, I encourage you to review the *CSU Return to Campus Plan* posted on the CSU website at <https://www.coppin.edu/coronavirus>. We recognize that the environment in this pandemic remains fluid and our fall plans may change. Please continue to review the website for updates.

Health and safety for everyone remains at the forefront of Coppin's plans for the fall semester. Subsequently, we will offer University Day as a virtual activity on August 17, 2020 where President Jenkins will address the campus community. The Faculty Senate Virtual Retreat is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to participate in virtual sessions on advisement practices offered by CIVITAS. The Colleges will host meetings on August 20<sup>th</sup>. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Informational Technology Division will offer workshops to support pedagogical practices. You will receive further details on each activity as plans progress. We will continue to work collaboratively to move Coppin State University forward, even during this unpredictable time.

I, and the entire Coppin Community, recognize and appreciate you for all that you do and continue to do. You are the cornerstone of the academic enterprise and your work is most invaluable. I thank you for your support to the entire Coppin community! We look forward to a successful semester. Welcome to a new academic year! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



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