

## Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 73 -- Final Edition

July 2, 2020

Good Evening:

This is the last Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication. On Monday, July 6, we will be entering Phase 2 of the reopening process and I will no longer be submitting a daily log of current information to you. When I shared in the first Communication that I would write daily, I thought this would last two weeks, maybe a month at the longest. This is the 73<sup>rd</sup> Communication I have written and as I write I am fighting back the tears. You see, the Communication became a way I have gotten to know you better and vice-versa. I enjoyed hearing from so many of you as you shared suggestions, ideas, fears, things I should know, encouragement, and kind words. Your interactions kept me going during some of my lowest points as I sorted through leading in an unfathomable space. Your suggestions made me smile because you kept us "Mission Focused" which is what we needed to do as an anchor institution. Writing this daily Communication was a tremendous experience I would have never tried without going through a pandemic. As we enter Reopening Phase 2, I can look back and say the sacrifice of writing you daily, no matter what, was worth it because I have heard many of you felt well informed while we have been 100% remote. I am pleased the daily Communication filled the gap to bring current information quickly.

Starting Monday, the Communication will go back to a weekly Friday delivery of information. During the next weeks, Executive Cabinet members will fill in for me and will share College information from their vantage point. The schedule is listed below:

July 10 DeAndra Larkin, Chief of Staff

July 17 Larry Gawthrop, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

July 24 Dale Weighill, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement

July 31 Jason Wilson, Vice President for Student Academic Success

Aug 07 Cheryl Shelton, Chief Technology Officer

Aug 14 Robert Matthews, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development

Aug 21 Philip Espinosa, Associate Vice President for Human Resources

I sent messages of gratitude to Governor Whitmer and our state legislators yesterday for agreeing to shift enough federal money to fill the \$2.2 billion in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget without funding cuts to schools, universities, and local governments. Essentially colleges and universities will be getting a one-for-one swap—a \$200 million cut in state funding, but \$200 million from the federal government. The great news is MCC will not lose any state funding for the 2019-2020 year. Discussions will continue about our 2020-2021 funding and I will keep you informed.

Enjoy the holiday and please be safe!

Looking Forward!

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