

MSU Community,

Forwarded below is an email just sent to our students. You can read through the updates – including a couple of key academic policy issues related to the Spring Semester. **A special word of thanks to our Faculty Senate** for a very good discussion during the Senate meeting yesterday, and moving quickly to act on these important policies that will provide students with further flexibility during this semester's unique set of circumstances.

One other item....I did have a couple questions today about campus operations on Monday. Everything will remain "as-is" and **we will continue operating in this remote fashion**. If you have been working from home, please continue doing so. As you know, the Government (at both the Federal and State levels) this week extended recommendations to continue physical distancing and certain business closures, respectively, so please know we will continue in this mode until you hear otherwise from me.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Thanks,
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MSU Students,

Good evening and greetings from the Minot State campus. A few updates:

1. We have made a decision that **all MSU courses during the Summer 2020 term will be delivered online**. Final preparations are being made to the schedule, and registration begins on April 7. For those of you finalizing your plans and thinking about the upcoming months, we wanted to be sure you knew that all Summer 2020 classes will be online. We certainly cannot forecast the future with this unpredictable COVID-19 virus, but please know we are currently moving ahead with preparations for a traditional face-to-face campus environment for the Fall 2020 Semester.
2. Yesterday afternoon, our Faculty Senate passed two policies providing students the best opportunity to succeed this spring without being negatively impacted during the shift to an online academic environment:
 - a. **Undergraduate students have the option to convert any current (A-F) letter grade courses in Spring Semester 2020 to Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading.** Please see the [ATTACHED](#) document for complete details regarding this option. These S/U policy options are only for undergraduate classes. **There will be no change to the grading system in graduate classes**, but the time to finish a Spring 2020 Incomplete grade in a graduate class will be extended until mid-Fall Semester (date yet to be determined).

- b. Also, **the last day to drop a course has been extended to May 8, 2020 for 16-week courses and May 5, 2020 for 2nd 8-week courses.** Students can drop a course online in Campus Connection through these dates. The last day to withdraw from all classes remains the same (May 8, 2020 for 16-week courses and May 5, 2020 for 2nd 8-week courses).
3. For our students with Spring 2020 **Housing and/or Dining contracts** who are no longer on campus, you received an email earlier this afternoon regarding the refund process.
4. Alumna Mary Quandt helped establish a special fund in 2017 to assist students experiencing unforeseen financial hardships. Thanks to Ms. Quandt, Robert and JoAnn Skabo, and other generous alumni and supporters, we are growing that fund as many students have recently experienced unexpected negative changes in their finances. If you are in that situation, please feel free to apply to the **Student Emergency Fund**; the application form and further information is available here: <https://www.minotstateu.edu/finaid/pages/student-emergency-fund.shtml>. You can also learn more about our fundraising campaign here: give.minotstateu.edu

All the best to each of you for a pleasant weekend, and my best wishes for continued success with the remaining weeks of the Spring Semester.