

Office of the University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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From: Gillian Small, Ph.D.

To: FDU Faculty

Re: Starting Remote Learning

First, let me state that we are grateful for the engagement of all faculty as the University adjusts to the unprecedented COVID-19 health crisis. We have been working as quickly as possible to respond to this rapidly evolving situation, and will continue to do all we can to support you as we enter this phase of fully remote (online) learning. I have heard from deans and directors about the work faculty have put in over the last week to adapt their courses for an online format and this is greatly appreciated.

I am also sharing that our IT leadership developed a website outlining resources for remote learning which you may find helpful – it can be accessed at: https://it.fdu.edu/remote-learning/

In addition, for those of you who would like further support or to ask questions, a reminder that our first Zoom meeting for faculty is 12PM EDT (9AM in Vancouver) on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

To join the Zoom Meeting

https://fdu.zoom.us/j/108518469

Meeting ID: 108 518 469

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You will also be aware that, while the University remains open, employees have been encouraged to work remotely to the fullest extent practical in order to mitigate the risk of virus transmission at this time. Thus, you should keep in mind that the libraries on both of our New Jersey campuses will be closed. However, a computer lab will remain open on each NJ campus - Dickinson Hall Lab C at Metro, and Dreyfuss D206 at Florham.

Given the challenges of moving to a remote learning format in a short timeframe, I am sure we will encounter some bumps in the upcoming days, but we will do our best to support you in overcoming any issues you encounter. Please be creative and flexible, especially in those areas that create unique challenges such as laboratories, performance arts etc., as you proceed over the next weeks.

Please refer to the link below for previous memos and future updates https://www.fdu.edu/coronavirus-update/for-faculty/

Thank you again for your efforts to support our students at this difficult time.