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**Subject:** Update on Academic Plans and Student Services

Dear LSC Community:

We are now a college that provides our academic programs in online and distance delivery. Per our directive from the Chancellor of the Minnesota State system at 9pm last night, **we will offer all of our courses in online and distance delivery modes.** This directive is in effect for at least the next two weeks. I suggest that the faculty plan for an even longer term, and assume this situation will last through the end of spring semester.

We know this means that some of our students are disadvantaged and may not have access to the internet and/or computers at home. That's why this directive also expects LSC and ALL Minnesota State campuses to remain open in some capacity to provide services for students, though in a limited and safe way. Faculty, if you have alternative assignments for these students (and I know you know your students very well), please consider moving assignments to something they can complete at home, (either online or possibly even without needing the internet, when possible) so these disadvantaged students do not have to make the trip to the campus. That would be very helpful to all concerned.

- For those students who need to use technology and the WiFi connection on campus, those who need to use technologies to get to their classes or connect with advisors and other services available online, we will have the building open with access to computers during our limited daytime hours.
- Let's remember: some of our students do not have the option or privilege of attending only online from home, so anything we can do to help support them would be helpful.
- Our food pantry is also open with grab bags, Student Services is still available both online and on campus (limited hours and staffing), LSC Foundation is still processing emergency loans, and core services will remain available to help support students.
- More detail can be found later today or tomorrow on our website at: <https://www.lsc.edu/coronavirus> we will update with more specifics for the campus building and services as we make adjustments.

Though we will be "open" and operational, our building footprint will still need to shrink quickly. I suggest that any faculty and staff who haven't done so already try to come in to campus in the next couple of days, as you are safely able, to gather things you will need to continue to work remotely for at least the next couple of weeks or more. We will eventually close parts of the main campus and all three campus locations (ERTC, Downtown, CAA). Again, we will provide an update on what parts of the main campus will be closed on our website at: <https://www.lsc.edu/coronavirus> in the coming days.

For now, we will have limited building hours (630am-6pm) and a limited area for students to access technologies and/or to connect with student services, so they have the opportunity to use technologies

on campus that they may not have at home. Students can also connect to advisors, counselors, financial aid, etc. online or phone.

Thank you for all your doing to help make this transition as smooth and safe as possibly, while we continue to do all we can to support our students and each other.

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