Dear CSE Community:

COVID-19 will become a landmark in the history of major health upheavals. It has robbed us of family and friends, reduced our ability to move about freely and affected our ability to work and learn. It has also affected and continues to affect our daily planning for what comes next. We all want our lives back and are eager to find a way to resume some level of normality. To this end, I want to share with you the College’s planning for the fall of 2020.

Since late February, the College leadership has been monitoring this situation and has been preparing and responding in real time. We appointed a Pandemic Response Team early in February which has been meeting regularly to protect all College constituents. More recently, a Planning and Recovery Advisory Group has been appointed and is working every day to develop plans to prepare for opening in August. The plans focus on returning to our beautiful campus and include making our spaces safe for all concerned.

To give you some idea of the ongoing work, there are teams looking at the following areas:

- Social distancing and how this will affect the workplace, living spaces and classrooms
- Cleaning and hygiene – what do we need to keep everyone safe?
- Health monitoring, including the policies and practices we need to develop to meet the needs of our community
- What would an interruption in educational programming look like if we had to once again move to remote learning as a result of a new outbreak?
- Food Service – what modifications need to be made to support social distancing?
- What policies and procedures need to be in place to support the well-being of all members of the community?
- How do we enhance technology to support students, faculty and staff?
- What educational and professional development needs are necessary to support our campus community?
- How will we welcome guests to campus?

These are just some of the considerations our teams are working on. We very much want you to be on campus and experience a full and rich student experience. However, the College is very dependent on formal direction from New Jersey Governor Murphy, since the State still remains under a series of executive orders requiring limiting our movements. We will be ready to resume operations when the executive orders are lifted and we are free to do so. We look forward to that time.

I am pleased to share that current students are registering and selecting rooms for next year. New students are declaring their intent to join us in the fall and current and prospective athletes are engaging with their coaches looking forward to their sports.

All of this information is my way of saying to you that we first and foremost are committed to fall opening once given the "all clear" to do so.

I promise you we will give you as much information as we have.

Stay well and safe.

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President