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Shared with Academic Senate and Academic Federation members

To: Deans, Associate Deans, Department Chairs and Summer Session Course Instructors

In light of state and national COVID-19 advisories, UC Davis, with the support of the Academic Senate, has decided to continue remote delivery of instruction for courses through Summer Sessions 2020.

We recognize the great challenge that this presents to faculty, staff, and students, but we are encouraged by the significant instructional shifts already made and believe students can receive robust and meaningful remote summer learning experiences. At this time, we ask that dean’s offices and departments work together to finalize summer session course offerings. Please refer instructors to the Keep Teaching website, which provides strategies and resources for remote teaching and learning. You may also consult with colleagues in Undergraduate Education’s Center for Educational Effectiveness. A list of additional campus instructional resources is available below.

We understand that not all courses can be delivered remotely. Though there have not been deadlines in the past for summer course cancellations, we ask that departments work with the Office of the University Registrar to report course cancellations no later than Wednesday, April 22. Students begin registering for summer sessions on Monday, April 27, thus having confirmed summer offerings helps our students make enrollment decisions. Some in-person laboratory courses may be offered face-to-face in Summer Session II; this will be determined and announced at a later date in light of local, state and national health advisories and directives on which the university relies in determining the operational status of the campus.

Course offerings and instructional appointments are decided by academic departments. We will inform you of any further decisions or developments related to Summer Sessions as we continue to finalize these plans. For questions related to Summer Sessions 2020 operations and support, please visit the website here or contact Danica Tisdale Fisher, Director of Summer Sessions at dtfisher@ucdavis.edu.

This decision about remote instruction in Summer Sessions will be shared with students in a separate email.

Resources for Instructors:

Email cee@ucdavis.edu for assistance and questions. Phone 530-752-6050, during regular business hours, for assistance and questions.

For Canvas support 24/7, call 844-303-8285.

Schedule one-on-one consultations with instructional technologists.

These live webinars on technology will help you move elements of your course(s) online.

The Bookshelf tool is available for digital delivery of textbooks through Canvas. Instructions for how to publish your course are available here.

Sincerely,
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