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Dear Members of the Westminster Community,

In assessing the current escalating Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) situation throughout the world, particularly in the state of Missouri, I have made the difficult decision to continue online delivery of all courses through the end of the semester. Online classes through our Digital Blue Distance Learning Plan will begin as scheduled on March 23 and end with the official last day of classes on May 7.

Please note that Westminster's COVID-19 Task Force has established careful procedures for the future controlled removal of student belongings from campus, which will involve restricted access to campus and take place at a later date. Watch for updates from the Office of Student Life on how that process — involving an application, a travel survey, and individual checkout procedures — will take place.

Academic Concerns

Dr. David Roebuck, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, will be communicating very soon with faculty and students regarding academic-specific concerns during this time of transition.

Staff Concerns

Furthermore, in addition to online course delivery, all staff members who are able to work from home are asked to do so beginning March 19. Details specific to employees' specific areas will be communicated by supervisors and Cabinet members. Additional messaging regarding staff will be forthcoming from Mandy March, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer.

Commencement 2020

At this time, no decision has been made regarding Commencement 2020. We want our seniors to have the healthiest, safest experience possible. We will continue to evaluate the COVID-19 situation and make a decision no later than April 9.

I want to emphasize that members of our COVID-19 Task Force have worked diligently at devising the best solution for educating our students during this unprecedented time. In deciding to move to an online format for the remainder of Spring Semester 2020, we are taking appropriate precautions to prevent the possible spread of infection. And finally, please remember to review all campus COVID-19 updates by regularly visiting our website at www.wcmo.edu.

Rest assured that we are doing all we can to safeguard the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fletcher M. Lamkin'.

Fletcher M. Lamkin, Ph.D.
President