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Hello Colleagues,

We hope you all had a Happy Easter and were able to spend time with your families. There was not the hustle and bustle with extended family and friends this year but was more of a quiet celebration with immediate loved ones.

As we go into another week of this Distance mode of education I hope you were able to recharge for a longer stretch than we had hoped. We are sure many of you have grown to be experts in the classroom, but no one is an expert in quarantine, mitigating trauma AND delivering all curricular content "remote" flawlessly. Most of what our students need from all of us is grace, kindness, warmth and genuine connection. Many of our students live in trying circumstances when things are "normal," but right now the level of abnormal and trying times is unprecedented- and we all feel it. During the time while you are going "remote" remember to let your students know you are not an expert at this either. Laugh at yourself, laugh with them, ask them for help, have them teach you this technology stuff, some of them are pretty good at it! I know you are all experts in your field and your students know this too but right now our students are craving some familiarity and "you" in this moment to know you care about them personally not just academically.

There are a couple of reminders I'd like you all to remember and recognize:

- Please do not have your students print items if at all possible. Many do not have printers and are having to travel somewhere to do this. Try to make other accommodations if possible.
- Please do not have your students go anywhere for proctored exams. I do not believe anyone is doing this I just wanted to reiterate. Also, if you were planning on having a Final during a specific time use the same time and date from the **original final schedule** so that it does not conflict with other classes.
- Please try to reach out to students that have not been engaging and send an early alert for support.
- If you know of students who are needing laptops please direct them to the library for check out until the end of the semester. If you know of students having internet problems please contact your Dean and give them the student information as we are looking for support resources in this area as well.
- Please make sure if you are holding synchronous class time you are holding at the time of your scheduled class so that it does not conflict with other class times.

Support/solutions that are either implemented or will be from the State Chancellor's office:

- Labster - Implemented
- Proctorio - Implemented
- Nettutor - deployed by end of week
- Blackboard Ally - more detail by end of week
- Respondus - more licensing, more details by end of week

We also have drop in support available for students who have questions about canvas the hours are Mon-Thurs 10-2pm & 4-6pm

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As always thank you for all that you do and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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