March 24, 2020

Dear College of Engineering Students,

I know this is not the manner in which you were hoping to “return” from spring break – but I wanted to say welcome back and let you know we are now up and running to deliver online instruction. I know this situation is disappointing and stressful, but we are focused on two things: your health and safety, and keeping you on track with your coursework.

Many things have changed in the last few weeks and we are aware of the extra burden these circumstances place on our engineering students. Even though you are not on campus, we are working on your behalf making classes and academic advising available with remote options. You should continue reaching out to your instructors and advisors via email and phone with questions. They are available and ready to help.

As you know, all coursework will continue online through the end of this semester and for the first session of summer classes. It’s important to stay connected with the Iowa State community. Please check the college and university sources for information on a regular basis. Messages are being updated hourly, so keeping current is crucial. We are coordinating closely with the university, colleges and other units to create consistent messages so you can be assured of timely and accurate information.

Thank you for your commitment to academic success and your journey as a Cyclone Engineer. The positive attitudes being exhibited and the collective hard work that we are all doing make me proud to be a Cyclone!

Sincerely,

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