Stanyell,

It is an extraordinary and unprecedented time at UMBC, across the nation, and around the world as we all grapple with the uncertainty of the current global health emergency. Over the past several weeks, UMBC’s first priority has been—and will continue to be—keeping our community safe and healthy during this time. I have been a member of the UMBC community for more than 25 years, and have never been prouder of how our community members—faculty, staff, administrators, coaches, and students—have reached together to achieve this goal.

As you know from watching the news or hearing from your employer or your community schools, things are changing from day to day, and we are monitoring this situation continuously. During this period, we will work to update our community with information directly related to UMBC. Our decisions and strategies follow guidance from the University System of Maryland, Governor Hogan, and the CDC. We believe they reflect best practices in public health.

Currently, UMBC is on Spring Break and the campus is closed until tomorrow. On Thursday, March 19, UMBC will reopen, but facilities will remain closed. Faculty and staff will resume business operations, primarily via telework/remote work strategies. Students will resume class on March 23, learning in virtual environments (rather than on campus) for at least two weeks.

All events and meetings scheduled to take place on UMBC property have been either canceled or postponed from Thursday, March 12, through at least Sunday, April 5, 2020, and all alumni events have also been cancelled through April 5. Currently, internal University business meetings may go on as scheduled either online or through use of social distancing. Events scheduled to take place after Sunday, April 5, will continue to be evaluated as the situation evolves and based on the best available guidance from the Governor and the CDC.

The health and well-being of our community is paramount during this challenging time. Please visit covid19.umbc.edu for more information about how UMBC is responding to COVID-19. If you have any questions, please contact us at alum@umbc.edu.

I wish you and your families the very best during this time. Stay healthy! Thank you, again, for being a part of Retriever Nation.

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