Dear Southwestern College,

We have been closely monitoring the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation throughout San Diego. This is a rapidly changing situation and we appreciate everyone’s patience as college leadership works to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our students, employees and community.

The San Diego County Public Health Services assures us that risk to the general public is still low, but as a precautionary measure, we are taking action to slow the transmission of the virus and reduce the potential of people being infected.

Beginning Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20, Southwestern College will move all in-person classes to online or distributed instruction. College operations will be conducted remotely and Southwestern College employees will continue to work under guidance from their department directors.

Large public events at all our campuses (Chula Vista, National City, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa and Coronado) will be canceled. Athletic events will continue as scheduled without spectators.

**Students should continue to report to their classes and employees report to their regular work schedules until Monday, March 16.** Students and employees experiencing COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms should continue to stay home.

Southwestern College will follow the following timeline while we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation throughout San Diego:

- March 16–21: Classes will be held online or through distributed instruction.
- March 23–28: Spring break will occur as scheduled.
- March 30: Face-to-face classes and regular college business will resume. All students and employees should report back to their respective campuses.

We understand there are still many questions and details about college operations still lingering. College leadership will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, March 10, and provide a more detailed update to the campus community in the afternoon.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in San Diego and readjust our prevention efforts as needed.

Sincerely,

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