

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Staff and Faculty Members:

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and resilience as Harris-Stowe State University continues to work through the issue of coronavirus (COVID-19). You are the backbone of the University and we are committed to your health and well-being as you continue to serve our students and community.

As government and health authorities continue to issue guidance, we are adjusting plans and are required to be nimble, keeping the health and safety of our students, staff and faculty as our top priority. As the needs of our employees are changing quickly, we believe it is prudent for our faculty and staff to begin working remotely as of Monday, March 23, 2020. Employees should anticipate to return to campus on April 7th.

Faculty will begin online instruction beginning Monday, March 23 and continue through the end of the spring semester. Faculty and staff will be accessible by email.

Our decision to work remotely is effective for all non-essential employees. The Public Safety and Facilities teams will implement rotating schedules of coverage for the University that will be determined by their supervisor.

All campus buildings will remain accessible throughout next week to pick up essential items needed for employees to work remotely. Employees needing access to the Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building must use the Garrison Avenue entrance (door #3). Those needing access to other buildings must contact Public Safety Dispatch at (314) 340-3333 to request access.

This situation is fluid, and we will continue to monitor and carefully follow government and health agencies recommendations and make adjustments as necessary. Thank you all again for your leadership and agility as we navigate, together, how to continue to support our students and each other in this unprecedented time.

We will continue to communicate any additional information and will post updates on our website at www.hssu.edu/c19.

With Hornet Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwayne Smith".

Dr. Dwayne Smith
Interim President
Harris-Stowe State University