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Dear HSSU Community,

Harris-Stowe State University has been closely monitoring the evolving coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic since early January.

While the university does not have any known coronavirus cases among its campus community, there was a reported case in the St. Louis metropolitan area during the last week. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently recommended that US institutions of higher education temporarily postpone or cancel events and activities to stop or slow the spread of COVID-19 in communities. To that end, effective immediately, **Harris-Stowe has canceled all external events until further notice** to adhere to the CDC's recommendation for social distancing.

Effective immediately, all internal events will proceed as scheduled with modifications.

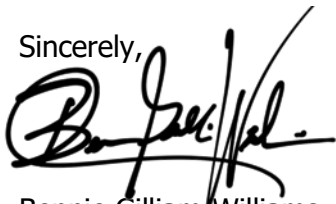
- Event attendance will be limited to HSSU campus community members only.
- Harris-Stowe faculty, staff, and students will be required to show their campus ID before admittance into on-campus events.
- Events that will have more than 100 participants may be postponed or cancelled in an effort to comply with the CDC's recommendation for social distancing.
- Other modifications may be recommended by university administration based upon guidance from the CDC as this situation continues to develop

The health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and campus community are of our highest priority. We will continue to evaluate the situation and make changes accordingly in light of the rapid changes with COVID-19.

I will be personally reaching out to everyone regarding refunds, monetary concerns or any other questions you may have about your event.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this interim policy may have caused and we look forward to rescheduling your event soon.

Sincerely,



Bennie Gilliam-Williams
University Events Coordinator