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Galveston Campus COVID19 Response

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Cancellation of the April 2, 2020 Meeting of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good afternoon all,

In response to the unprecedented situation facing our world, Texas A&M University and the Galveston Campus are ramping up emergency operations in support of the COVID-19 disruption of operations. The campus is currently closed for spring break with plans to reopen for business operations on Monday 3/16 with essential personnel. Social distancing on campus will be the new norm with some of our faculty and staff working from home as appropriate. We are also moving to an online academic format through the end of the semester in support of the nationwide push to slow the rate of new infection so as to not overwhelm the healthcare system.

Today I will be declaring a campus emergency and enacting the continuity of operations plan. This response will be very similar to what we do for a long-term hurricane evacuation with our main operational objective – health and safety. There remains a great deal of uncertainty as we move into the weeks ahead.

In concordance with CDC recommendations and TAMU directives on large meetings and events, our spring Board of Visitors meeting is postponed until a later date. We look forward to resuming normal operations at some point in the future. Until then, wishing everyone the best of health and, as always – please feel free to contact me at any time. I will keep you posted as the situation evolves.

Stay safe and stay connected.

Warm regards,

Mike Fossum