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to BCOB-Group, Meagan

Colleagues,

Week 2 has come and gone. I wanted to check in again with you and share a few updates.

Like all of you, I'm now operating in my new normal...adjusting to working in a place with pets demanding attention, household chores calling, and family members distracting (including my sometimes surly teenager who is a little less socially distant these days). And don't get me started about WebEx and issues with internet bandwidth. Our new normal.

We have heard from many students who are anxious and irritable, but we have also heard from students who are making the most of this unplanned event. I have also heard many stories of faculty helping each other and accommodating students. Through it all, I have been so proud of the work that you all have done and continue to do to keep our virtual doors open for students, to persevere in advancing your research, and to share your expertise with the media and business community. You have adapted so quickly and shown such resilience. Thank you.

A few news updates:

- We got some breaking news Friday afternoon about 1st Summer and full Summer courses moving online. If you are scheduled to teach in Summer, your Chair will be in touch to discuss.
- Next week, the Deans and Provost will meet to discuss the implications of COVID-19 on our RPT process. We know that the shift to online teaching and at-home working is having an impact on research, and we will talk through potential accommodations.
- Graduate Programs recruiting is in high gear. In addition, we are ramping up our work with Admissions to help recruit undergraduates through reaching out to them personally. I will be asking for help. Be on the lookout for more about this from me soon.
- As of Friday morning, UNC Charlotte's Student Emergency Fund had received over 460 applications for a total of \$213,800 in requests for money for food, rent, utilities and other essentials. Here are several ways to help:
 - **Lend your voice.** If you know of any current students who would benefit from immediate emergency funding, please encourage them to get more information and apply online by [clicking here](#).
 - **Share your social media status.** If you are active on any social media outlets, please share! [Click here](#) for a link you easily share within your network on any social media outlet to help us spread the word of our student's need, and how we are coming together to support them.
 - **Email a note of encouragement.** If you would like to send a note of encouragement to our students, you can send a quick email to ninernationgives@uncc.edu, and they will be sharing these with our students.
 - **Make an impact.** If you are moved to make a financial impact, I encourage you to learn more about the UNC Charlotte Emergency Relief Fund and to consider a donation to support our students by [clicking here](#).

It's another sunny (and hot) Spring day. I hope you are able to get outdoors a bit this week and are able to find time to connect with those closest to you.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to support you.

Regards-

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