



Office of the Chancellor



Dear Faculty and Staff,

I am elated to welcome back our faculty, staff, and students to campus in a safe and responsible way.

With the shift to a phased return and increased efforts to further reduce the number of people on campus at any given time, we have implemented a significant revision to the Fall 2020 course schedule for the Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) campus. **On Monday, August 10, 2020**, the University will begin shifting towards more normalized operations with all offices open and ready to provide services to our new and returning students. While a number of offices will not be fully-staffed, I have asked each Vice Chancellor to develop a staffing plan that complies with health and safety guidelines developed by the CDC, the State of Louisiana and the City of New Orleans.

In order to protect the health and safety of the campus community, the majority of courses will be offered online or in a hybrid format. Our goal is to preserve, as much as possible, the full college experience for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. While we realize this may not be the semester many of you envisioned, please know that we are committed to making Fall 2020 a positive experience for the entire Knight Family.

We must all do our part. As we have mentioned in numerous messages: social distancing, facial covering, frequent handwashing, and testing are foundational in preventing the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. I cannot stress this enough — we are committed to providing students with an exceptional SUNO educational experience and we are determined to do so safely.

If you have any questions about what you will experience this fall, be sure to check your SUNO email regularly so you don't miss important information. You can also check the University's website for updates and resources, as well as email your questions or concerns to **COVID19@suno.edu**.

I look forward to seeing you, personally on campus or virtually, next week!

James H. Ammons, Jr., Ph.D.

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