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Dear AB Students, Faculty, and Staff:

I am pleased to announce that we are productively, yet cautiously, moving forward to reopen AB's campus for another successful semester. We intend to resume face-to-face instruction for the fall 2020 semester and campus operations, including housing and dining services.

Please know that the safety and health of our incoming students, their families, and the AB community is always our first priority. We continue to make decisions based on public health guidance and are monitoring state and federal recommendations for higher education institutions on how best to welcome our students to campus safely.

At this time, we are planning the following changes to the undergraduate academic schedule. Please note, these dates are subject to change and do not apply to our graduate programs at this time. Please check your AB email for any updates.

- New Student Registration Days will be hosted online over the summer months, replacing an on-campus experience.
- The fall 2020 start date for undergraduate instruction is **Monday, August 10, 2020**.
- The last day for undergraduate class instruction will be **Friday, November 13, 2020**, with finals ending on **Friday, November 20**.

Move-in dates and times will be assigned to students depending on their status as new or returning students. Separate arrangements will be made for those involved with specific fall sport programs. *Students will be notified via email with their particular move-in date and time.*

Planned Schedule for Fall 2020 Move-in:

- Monday, July 27 - Thursday, July 30 - Football
- Saturday, August 1 - Tuesday, August 4 - All Other Fall Sports
- Monday, August 3 - Saturday, August 8 - New and Returning Undergraduate Students

Residence halls will not open before the official move-in dates and times. Keeping in line with the Governor's guidance and local health officials' recommendations, arrival times will be spread out to minimize student wait times, avoid unnecessary crowding, and to maximize social distancing.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are beginning the undergraduate semester earlier in August to finish the semester before Thanksgiving break. This adjustment to the undergraduate schedule helps minimize travel to and from campus and any exposure to a resurgence of the coronavirus. This opportunity allows flexibility in class scheduling to help maximize social distancing in the classroom and, depending on the COVID-19 situation, frees up time in December for an undergraduate winter term. Our plans enable AB to swiftly respond to public health developments in the least disruptive manner for our students.

Please begin preparing for any necessary changes or updated procedures for a successful fall semester. Modifications to modes of instruction are possible in the future and dependent upon the rise of COVID-19 cases in West Virginia, Barbour County, and the surrounding area.

I sincerely appreciate the entire campus community adjusting to our spring semester changes quickly and making necessary arrangements for the fall 2020 semester. Please continue to monitor the ab.edu/coronavirus website, the mobile alert system, and AB's email accounts for further updates.

With care and concern,



Dr. James "Tim" Barry
President