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## COVID-19 Update: May 29, 2020

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Faculty and Staff:

As we continue preparing for [Phase IA](#) of our return to campus, I will share new information and updates weekly, as they are available.

On May 15, the Office of Human Resources reached out to you with several important documents and tools that are intended to answer many of the questions and concerns you may have as we navigate personnel matters in the coming months. As a reminder, all of those resources may be [found here](#). The resources include links to a set of frequently asked questions about returning to work and working remotely, recorded Zoom training sessions for supervisors, and other important forms. I want to thank the offices of HR and General Counsel for their expertise, and all of our supervisors for asking critical questions and bringing valuable feedback to the process.

Our Board of Trustees meeting took place yesterday via Zoom. Among the action items, the board finalized the budget for 2020-21. Please know that I am planning to provide a recorded budget update to campus in the coming days that will summarize the actions of the board and speak to our budget and operational planning for the fall. Of note from the board meeting, the board of trust voted to freeze tuition at 2019-20 levels for the 2020-21 academic year. We know that COVID-19 has put significant financial strain on students and families in Arkansas and across the nation. This tuition freeze acknowledges this reality and hopefully eases some of the financial burden for our students and their families.

As we turn the corner from May to June, I want to also tell you about a few important things we are finalizing that you can expect to see next week. With the help of University Marketing and Communications, I recently created a video intended to help faculty and staff prepare for Phase IA of our return to campus on June 8. The video highlights many of the cleaning, sanitizing, social distancing, and other COVID-19 protocols we have put in place to help ensure your safe return. In addition to the video, we will unveil a new COVID-19 website designed to house all of our COVID-19 resources and information and answer many of the questions faculty, staff, students, and families may have as we move through the summer and prepare for the fall semester. Look for both of these things in the latter part of next week.

As a reminder, building access now through Phase I (July 5) will be restricted to visitors and will require employee key-card access. Keep this in mind as you prepare to return in phases 1A and 1B in June.

Thank you all for your commitment to UCA and our students. I appreciate everything you do to make sure current and future Bears have what they need to succeed during this challenging season.

Sincerely,

Houston Davis  
President