

**March 20, 2020**

Dear Chancellors,

In light of all the decisions impacting on-campus operations related to the coronavirus, the Board of Trustees voted yesterday to cancel or postpone live commencement ceremonies until after June 1.

The Board action further stated that decisions on rescheduling or canceling ceremonies be made by the Chancellors in accordance with their campus' needs. I know some are also exploring alternative options such as virtual commencement ceremonies which are worthy of consideration as well. The intent was to give you flexibility in rescheduling and to encourage rescheduling if it is possible.

Please let me know if you have questions about this. Please also share this note with those at your institution involved in planning commencement exercises and as you make decisions, communicate that information with your students and their families.

Sincerely,



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