



Minutes of the Faculty Senate

Date: 3-24-20

The meeting of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 in the Senate Chambers of the University Center, room 261, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. For reference, below is the email sent to all faculty, staff, and students from President M. David Rudd on March 16, 2020 that cancelled all events of 50 or more individuals for the next eight weeks.

COVID-19 Updates

Office of the President <president@memphis.edu>

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To: All Faculty Staff and Students all_faculty_staff_students@memphis.edu

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students:

With spring break having been extended through the end of this week, faculty and staff are actively working to facilitate a transition to remote and virtual learning for the remainder of the spring semester for the majority of offerings. Students will be contacted by their instructors by Friday, March 20 with details on how their courses will be delivered and completed for the spring semester.

Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their COVID-19 (coronavirus) guidelines to include the cancellation of all events of 50 or more individuals over the course of the next eight weeks. This cancellation period covers the University of Memphis graduation, originally scheduled for May 9. At this time, we are exploring the option of postponing graduation, as we recognize how important this event is for our students and family members. We will update you as more information becomes available in the coming weeks, and we can more accurately project possible dates. An update on summer sessions will be provided in the next few days.

These are unprecedented circumstances and, accordingly, we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we plan how best to move forward. We will continue to provide regular updates as local, state and federal guidance is provided. Our [Coronavirus Updates](#) and [FAQs](#) webpages are updated on a daily basis as new information becomes available. Let's work together and support each other as we protect the health of our community and move forward to meet and overcome this challenge.

Regards,

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