

Dear Weissman Faculty:

Before anything else, I would like to thank you for the promptness and ingenuity with which so many of you have responded to the unprecedented situation we're facing. Over the past forty-eight hours, I've reviewed a range of resourceful proposals to move courses online, and I want to express my gratitude for your determination to serve our students through this difficult time. When classes resume next Thursday, I feel certain they will be in good hands.

In some cases, this mode of instruction will be less than optimal. I'm aware of the challenges you face, and I appreciate your concern for the quality of education we deliver—in fact, that is precisely the subject I want to address. Every member of the faculty, both full-time and part-time, must realize that we have a responsibility to give our students an educational experience that continues to meet the high standards of Baruch College. This responsibility is in your hands. What you do between now and the end of May will determine whether the institution lives up to its reputation for excellence or whether the students suffer a lapse in their education along with the threat to their health. I'm confident you will rise to the occasion.

Please be aware that you're not alone in this effort. The college has a range of resources to help you navigate the task before you, and in the coming days you will be receiving information about support services at your disposal. I urge you to take advantage of them and to keep your chairs and the Dean's Office apprised of any problems that come up. We're beginning a period that will test our resolve, but it's also an opportunity to show that we exemplify the ideals we profess.

Sincerely,

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