Message from President Bordeaux 3/16/20

To: Students, Faculty, Staff and Board of Regents of Sinte Gleska University

We have weathered many storms over the decades, and we will get through this current Coronavirus crisis. Prayer and the spirit world will lead the way.

We are working to strike a balance between continuing instruction so that students are able to stay on-track with their educational careers, while also being cautious and cognizant of risks related to this viral threat. The plan is to monitor and adjust, as warranted by conditions.

As of today, we plan on continuing with classes, today and tomorrow. See the following sheets for more detail.

Wednesday – Friday of this week will be workdays for all non-instructional staff (administrative, administrative assistants, other salaried personnel, and custodial, maintenance and security staff).

The following week is spring break, and will be handled like spring break in any other year. During the next two weeks, we will be monitoring conditions in South Dakota and surrounding states, and will make decisions for the following weeks by March 27, 2020.

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Academic Plan for Instruction
During Coronavirus Outbreak Sinte Gleska University

WEEK ONE: Classes Suspended Wednesday-Friday, March 18-20
1) As of Monday, March 16, SGU is continuing instruction on Monday & Tuesday, March 16 and 17.
   a. Faculty will make decisions on a case-by-case basis after consultation with their Department Chair
      i. Faculty may consider alternative instruction for those students who provide documentation for high risk status of being in a classroom. Also, faculty with documentation of being at high risk will need to meet with their respective Department Chair to make plans for instruction
      ii. Follow chain-of-command when making decisions about classes being cancelled or taught through alternative means

2) Faculty should develop an accurate, up-to-date list of email and phone contacts for all students in your classes
   a. Obtain a list of email addresses and phone numbers for all of your students prior to Spring Break; have students respond to your email and text messages
   b. Poll your students to assess alternative instruction options (email, internet access, etc.)
   c. Provide information about School Reach messages to students and adjunct faculty
   d. Faculty (adjunct and fulltime) should have provided up-to-date phone numbers to Tom Cox for School Reach messages

3) Staff development (may be delivered electronically) on use of on-line tools, such as Google Classroom
   a. We are working on providing staff development in this area, with a target of making it available to faculty the week of March 23-27 (Spring break)

4) We are considering the extent to which we can keep computer labs and/or the library open if we suspend face-to-face classes

WEEK TWO
THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK (MARCH 23-27). This time will be used for deep-cleaning by Environmental Services and Maintenance staff.

WEEK THREE
5) Plans for the following week, March 30 – April 3, will be considered daily during Weeks ONE and TWO, and all employees will be kept apprised of decisions being made through the SGU website, SGU email, and through SGU social media sites.

6) The Higher Learning Commission site visit is still scheduled for March 29 through 31.
7) Be assured that the President’s Council will be making decisions on a daily basis to protect all students and employees, while still facilitating instruction.

The Importance of All Staff

- Instructional and Support Staff
- Environmental/Custodial Services
- Building Maintenance
- Safety & Security

*Our Nursing Staff will be providing the expertise and guidance that SGU needs to get through this difficult time. The administration will continue to say our prayers and ask the same from everyone. We need to keep the faith that kept our ancestry strong.*