Dear SNRE Community Members:

We have made it through Day 2! Thank you for your efforts. I know that we are all being buried in a pile of emails and I will try to keep my emails to a minimum. Furthermore, I will use boldface DAILY DIGEST (for my evening message), URGENT (for items that all should read ASAP) or INFORMATIONAL (of interest based upon rest of subject line) in order to help you triage and organize.

I hope that you are staying healthy, minimizing risk and coping with the challenges and stress of these rapid changes. The sense of routine will likely return and the number of Zoom meetings will hopefully decline! We have challenges ahead but know that I am here, as are our staff and faculty, to help.

Please do check with the University COVID-19 for updates https://www.arizona.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-information as the situation evolves. My highest priority is the health and safety of our community members as we deliver our mission in teaching, research and outreach as possible in the current public health emergency. Be careful out there.

Several key updates today:

a) the university has stopped all official UA international travel in keeping with the US Dept of State's recommendation

b) research laboratory group leaders are required to submit mitigation plans for their groups that detail plans to ramp down research. With many universities around the country closing down research, this seems like a very real possibility and prudent preparation would include that decision.

c) course delivery continues with minimal technical difficulties but some students still are having trouble accessing internet, the university is trying to find alternatives but does not yet have all situations in hand.

d) the University is stepping up to create an institution-wide program to provide emergency funds for our students...may take a week to pull together. SNRE does have some funds to help out in these circumstances through the Maughan endowed fund as I mentioned last night.

e) Deliveries...please cancel and deliveries that you have coming to the university that are not through the US Postal Service. USPS packages are held at the UA's 34th St. Mail Facility and can be picked up there. We are awaiting guidance and whether Fedex, UPS packages can be routed there as well.

f) continue to remember that our students are feeling immense stress as they may be losing their jobs in service industries in which many are employed in addition to similar
concerns to all of ours about family, friends, health, etc. and, yes, they are also taking classes.

Thank you for all of your efforts...be well! If I don't see you on Zoom in my coffee hour tomorrow from 9-10, I will send out my daily digest in the evening. John

Sincerely,

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