Dear Students,

The University of Regina and Faculty of Social Work continue to operate. However, effective immediately, the Faculty of Social Work offices in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert are closed. In light of the COVID-19 threat and to maximize social distancing while also ensuring that priority services and operations are maintained, the Faculty of Social Work will follow the guidelines developed by the University of Regina for faculty and staff to effectively work remotely (off-site). Our commitment is still to the high quality and timely provision of support and service.

We want to advise students of changes in available resources:

**Last Date to Drop with W**
The University has extended the last day to drop classes with a 'W' from March 16 to March 23. This should provide you with enough time to make informed decisions about any course in which you have concerns.

**Advising Services**
We want to ensure that our students receive the advising they need in a timely matter while also ensuring that your health protection is foremost in all of our minds. As such, we will be better able to serve our students through Zoom (online video), telephone, and email. No in-person appointments will be scheduled or accepted until further notice. To book an appointment, visit our website.

If you have questions, please contact Student Services directly via email at sw.studentsservices@uregina.ca or call 306-585-4554 (Regina), 306-664-7370 (Saskatoon). Please note that phones will not be answered directly as staff are working remotely. Voice mail will be checked periodically throughout the day. If you leave a voice message or send an email, please ensure that you leave us your name, student ID number, and a phone number where we can call you back. We will make every effort to get back to you as quickly as possible.

There have also been changes in the availability of campus services:

As of Monday, March 23, the Dr. John Archer Library and Archives will transition to online services only with no in-person services available. Self-check and computer terminals will still be available. Updated hours will be 8 am to 8 pm Mon. to Fri. and 8 am to 4 pm on weekends. Please be sure to check for further updates at http://uregina.libguides.com/covid-19

Changes to U of R Bookstore hours and services can be found at ebookstore.uregina.ca/

Please check the University of Regina’s CoVID-19 campus website https://www.uregina.ca/covid-19/ for regular updates. Students are also reminded to regularly check their University of Regina email account as this is the primary email that the University uses to connect with students.

If you are a student taking courses at the Saskatoon campus and regularly use the campuses of other institutions, please check their websites for updates (see below) on how to access the respective campuses and their resources.
As indicated in my earlier email communication with you, your instructors have been working to prepare for your courses to resume on March 20, 2020. Please check the newly launched Remote Learning Portal https://www.uregina.ca/remote-learning/ and your UR Courses sites for specific instructions on how course content and some assignments may change.

For students who are completing their field placements, information has been shared with your faculty liaisons and field instructors on how practicum hours to date are being assessed. We have received guidance from our national accreditation organization CASWE (https://caswe-acfts.ca/home/) on how Canadian social work programs can adjust our field placement requirements.

For undergraduate students, please contact your field instructors, faculty liaisons or the field coordinator Angela Yung (angela.yung@uregina.ca) for further information.

For graduate students, please contact Nuelle Novik (nuelle.novik@uregina.ca) or Thy-Thy Quach (Thy-Thy.Quach@uregina.ca).

As you are all keenly aware we are living in a period of extraordinary circumstances. On behalf of my Faculty of Social Work colleagues I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to providing you with ongoing support and service remotely. In the meantime, I encourage you follow the “social distancing” guidelines outlined by the provincial health officer as it is important that we all do our part to stop the spread of the CoVID-19 virus. Stay safe and be kind to each other!

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