

Colleagues,

I want to follow up on the MSCF Advisory sent this AM and the Minnesota State system announcement this afternoon.

The safety, health, and wellbeing of our workplaces and our communities is our highest priority. We support the decision made by the system office to cancel classes to allow faculty the chance to prepare for alternate delivery of instruction and work. We also want everyone to know that we provided input on this plan, and acknowledge we still have many things to figure out and questions that need answers.

We will work through this.

We will continue to work and coordinate with other groups in our community, including the System Office itself. We are working through effective ways to collect questions and concerns from our members so that we may pass them along to the groups that need to hear them. You can expect to hear more about that from us soon.

Additionally, we are continually monitoring the situation and actively planning for all contingencies for MSCF events, including potentially rescheduling the Delegate Assembly. We will have more information on that soon, as well.

As a final note, as an educator, I understand how much we care about our classes, our labs, our shop floors, and our students. I know how much pride we take in our professionalism and the quality of instruction we deliver every day. I know we do this work because we believe it matters.

We also must remember that we are moving into uncharted waters here over the next several weeks. Our first priority must be our health, and the wellbeing of all the communities we are a part of. There will likely be disruption. People will experience emotions that will be stronger than they anticipated. No one knows what it will be like to teach in this environment. My advice to everyone is to do the best we can given the circumstances, but remember to be flexible and do not expect that everything will go perfectly or smoothly. I am confident we will support each other and we will work through this.

As always, please continue to take care of yourselves and each other.

In unity,

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