Dear University College students,

As you are likely aware, Chancellor Martin recently shared next year’s academic calendar with the Washington University community. Given the unique condition created by the Covid-19 pandemic, that calendar has been adjusted from what we consider standard, to a late start in both the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters for many schools and programs.

I write to confirm that University College will begin its fall courses on Monday, September 14th, 2020 and its spring courses on Monday, January 25th, 2021. Commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 21st, 2021.

As Chancellor Martin described, the format for fall courses—online, in person, hybrid, and/or shifting between these modes—will be announced in late July. As the situation in the St. Louis region evolves over the next few months, faculty and staff will continue to work hard preparing the kinds of engaging, high-quality courses you expect. We will announce the specifics in late July, leaving plenty of time for you to adjust your schedule before our September start.

Meanwhile, you may have questions or thoughts that you would like to share. We will be hosting a Town Hall for University College students on Friday, June 12th, 2020 at 1:00pm.

Please come if you can.

Meeting Link: (Redacted for security reasons)
Meeting Password: (Redacted for security reasons)
Meeting ID: (Redacted for security reasons)

I know that this continues to be a very difficult time. While each of our particular life, work, and school challenges are unique, no one is immune to the challenge. Please know that my thoughts are with you and we are trying to create the best possible learning and support environment for our students that we can. Please contact me, Pat Matthews, or your academic advisor if you are in need of help. That’s what we are here for.

All the best,
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