MEMORANDUM

To: PVAMU Community
From: James Palmer, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Date: March 11, 2020
Re: Classes to Resume on Monday, March 23

In the university’s continuing efforts to address the increasing threat of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the university will suspend classes until Monday, March 23. Faculty and staff are required to report to work.

The week of March 16 will focus on additional faculty training using the eCourses platform. This will include sessions on Zoom and/or WebEx and other eLearning support mechanisms. TechWeek sessions originally scheduled for this week will be re-purposed to support faculty in online delivery of coursework. Training and support for students on the use of eCourses will take place Wednesday and Thursday. All training will be face-to-face and virtually through Zoom. Virtual training will predominate.

During this time, students are encouraged to remain off campus and engaged in their learning by continuing to work on assignments, reading their textbooks and other lecture materials. Students will begin seeing increased eCourse activity by faculty in the next few days, including using Zoom for lectures, online delivery of lecture materials, and the use of chat room/forums among other modules.

The University's dining, transportation, health, counseling, and other services will be available while classes are suspended. Please continue checking the University's Coronavirus Update page for up-to-date information.

xc: Ruth Simmons, President