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SEAVER Summarium



Compiled with the latest news, deadlines, and events, the Summarium seeks to act as a resource to our community as we enter a new week.

Message from Dean Feltner

In the “words” of Mortimer Snerd, “Who’d a thunk it?” Who among us could have envisioned a time where we would be directed by the governor and mayor to remain in our homes? Only our most imaginative creative writing or screen arts students could have written this narrative. Each day begins with reports of new cases and deaths. Fear increases, and questions arise. Response directives are issued and our liberties are constrained for the greater good. Our way of life is changing, and at nightfall we have more questions than the preceding morn. In this time of uncertainty, we worry and look to leaders for answers. They are doing their best, but this is an unprecedented time for them and for me. So where do we turn? I have turned to the One who is omnipotent, caring, loving, and whose words offer us peace amidst the chaos. This week, I have drawn strength and peace from Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 6.

“³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.³⁴

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

– Matthew 6:31–34

For the past two months, each day has had enough trouble of its own. And each day, God has provided. He has lifted us to act in the best interest of our students and this community. He has lifted you to respond in a way that is both faithful and inspirational. Classes are meeting, and students are learning. The activities of the college and University continue forward, and slowly we are adapting. Thank you. I am incredibly proud to serve as your dean. I don’t know what tomorrow will bring, but I am not worried. I am in the midst of an amazing community, and I am confident that our Lord will continue to provide. May God continue to bless and strengthen you in the coming week.

Michael Feltner
Dean, Seaver College

All Seaver Meeting Postponed

After consultation with senior vice president Tim Perrin, the planned March 25 All Seaver Meeting to engage in University Strategic Planning has been postponed. The

rescheduled All Seaver Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on **Wednesday, April 15, 2020** between 9 and 11 AM. A future message will provide all relevant information required to attend and participate. I apologize for any challenges the new date creates for division meetings previously planned for the same morning and hope that they can occur either before or after the All Seaver Meeting. In this time of change, this date provided the best opportunity to engage the community before the end of the semester and the start of the final exam period. I appreciate your understanding.

Michael Feltner
Dean, Seaver College

Important Resources

For updates on COVID-19 and the University's response, visit Pepperdine's [COVID-19 Planning and Preparedness website](#).

For teaching resources visit the Center for Teaching Excellence's [Keep on Teaching website](#) or TechLearn's [Academic Continuity Plan website](#).

For updates or information on weekly remote events available to faculty, visit the [Faculty Events Google Calendar](#).

Keeping Our Community Connected

Student Success Center Online Resources

Marissa Davis and her staff worked hard last week to replicate the in-person tutoring schedule and they are pleased to announce the new [Zoom-based tutoring schedule](#) launching today, **March 23**.



The center will continue to add sessions as peer tutors get resettled and become available. [One-on-one Zoom math tutoring](#) began last week and will continue through the end of the semester. The center has put together a great collection of student [resources for online learning](#). Please recommend these to your students. More will be added in the weeks to come.

[Learn More](#)

Center for Teaching Excellence Resources

The CTE has a great set of resources for faculty transitioning to distance learning, including the [Keep on Teaching webpage](#) that features best practices and FAQs.



The center is also hosting an online faculty lounge on Courses with a [forum](#) discussion board and a [Wiki](#) page with discipline-specific resources. Join the forum and add to the Wiki page today! Want a space to talk about these resources? Join the Zoom-based [Coffee with Colleagues](#) meeting on Wednesdays at 10 AM.

[Learn More](#)

Communicating Around Google Blocks

If you have students that are now residing in one of the [countries that blocks Google products](#), you may need to use an alternate email address to reach them.



Please check [Navigate](#) for alternate email addresses (look at the center of the student's screen and the field "alternate ID"). Most international students have an alternate email listed there, but a few do not. If not, please consult with associate dean [Kindy De Long](#). If you're not sure whether you have international students in your class, follow these instructions to [run a search in Navigate](#).

[Learn More](#)



Remote Chapel

Join University chaplain Sara Barton **Wednesday, March 25 at 9 AM** for a zoom chapel session. These weekly sessions are meant to build community and provide support through prayer and scripture.

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Grief Support Series

Join therapist Elizabeth Topp as she continues the faculty Grief Support Series via Zoom on **Wednesday, March 25 at 11 AM**. The discussion will center on losses of all types, and new participants are welcome.

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Research at Pepperdine

Every day our community is engaging in research and scholarship across disciplines. Explore faculty stories and potential funding opportunities below.

Nataria Joseph on KPCC's "Take Two"

In the interview Nataria Joseph shares the psychology behind the world's response to the novel Coronavirus and how Pepperdine's response supports individual student needs.



[Read More](#)

Internal Funding Opportunities

Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Grants

The Seaver dean's office seeks faculty member proposals for a new course that directly addresses diversity and/or cultural proficiency. Application deadline extended to April 1. [Learn More](#) ►

Inclusion Matters: Faculty Collaboration Grants

These grants from the SSC aid the development of new programs to promote academic success particularly for underserved students. Applications due April 3. [Learn More](#) ►

Connection Grants

This program supports activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives that could lead to long-term projects. Applications due May 1. [Learn More](#) ►

Conservation Innovation Grants

Aims to stimulate development of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. Applications due May 1. [Learn More](#) ►

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