Dear Student,

I want to update you about our new teaching and learning arrangements for the remainder of this trimester. While this is a very difficult, challenging and unsettling time for you and all of us, our role here in UCD is to ensure that you will achieve your learning outcomes, and that your educational experience will continue to be rewarding and enjoyable as we learn new ways of working together. I know too that you will be understanding of our efforts to adjust to this new and changing context. As part of this adjustment we have made the following changes:

- We will not be running our traditional examinations in the RDS, Blackrock or the Newman Building this trimester, but we will mirror all of our scheduled activities lectures, assessment and grading in so far as it is possible.
- You will receive clear and comprehensive instructions from your lecturers/Module Coordinators about the altered delivery and assessment approaches and associated technologies.
- Every module will be available to you in Brightspace, including module information, learning materials, activities and assessments and all materials will be made available for the remainder of the trimester.
- Your lecturers/Module Coordinators are and will be in contact with you about the changes that they have made to modules and all module-specific communications will be made via Brightspace communication tools, (Announcements and Email). Please pay attention to this for the reminder of the trimester in order to keep up to date with changes.
- We want you to remain fully engaged with your course work and learning activities and should you experience any difficulties in doing that for whatever reason, please contact your lecturers/Module Coordinators and let us know so that we can work together to resolve any issues quickly.

We have prepared a list of FAQ’s for you to consult and this will be updated on a regular basis. They can be accessed on the UCD website. You will also be receiving communications from your lecturers/Module Coordinators and Heads of School so please read all of those communications very carefully.

I understand that you may be concerned about the implications of this new context for your assessment and grading and I want to reassure you that your lecturers’ approach to assessment and grading will be of the highest standard and will reflect your academic achievements.

I also want you to know that faculty and staff in your university are here to support you in every way we can, and I wish you every success for the remainder of this trimester.

Sincerely,

Professor Mark Rogers
Registrar and Deputy President