Going Forward with COMM Classes in Age of COVID-19

COMM students,

The faculty members in the Department of Communication at Weber State University are dedicated to protecting your health and safety while meeting the learning objectives in your classes. As you know by now, your classes are completing online. If you are new to Canvas, go to https://weber.instructure.com/courses/410290 to learn how to navigate the online learning platform. By Wednesday, your professors should communicate through Canvas their plan for the final five weeks of Spring Semester 2020.

We understand that this is a stressful time, but we are here to help. If you need my help or more information, please email me at sjosephson@weber.edu. As department chair, I will do my best to help you, just like your professors. The department’s administrative assistants can be reached at sgardner1@weber.edu and slove@weber.edu.

We are doing our best to go forward with our end-of-the-academic-year activities. For example, we will still:

- Get diplomas to you
- Award scholarships and tuition waivers
- Open registration for Summer Semester
- Open registration for Fall Semester
- Induct students into Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for undergrads in Communication
- Select outstanding graduates in the seven emphasis areas
- Hold the student Film Festival (online)
- Run the Speech Showcase (online)
- Distribute course evaluations
- Publish the monthly COMM newsletter
- Post announcements on social media channels
- Publish “The Signpost” online
- Conduct meetings of co-curricular organizations through technology
- Offer internships through technology and/or social distancing
- Etc.
We will just do things in different ways. I also anticipate that Graduation will be canceled—or postponed. Other events such as the speech by former “60 Minutes” producer will be canceled—or postponed. We will keep you posted.

If you have advising questions, please email me or your academic advisor.

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