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As the spring semester draws to a close and we finalize plans for our Virtual Commencement ceremony on May 9, advising and registration continues for our summer and fall terms. Here in Tennessee and across the nation, conversations are also emerging about how businesses and government will begin the process of resuming operations at levels similar to how they were prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The safety and health of the ETSU community remains our highest priority as we continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. **Faculty and staff will continue to work from remote locations through at least May 31, 2020.** During the upcoming month, leadership will provide direction on how university operations will proceed during the month of June. These decisions will be guided by the work of a new ETSU Future Operations Workgroup that I have formed and will be led by Dr. David Linville, executive vice provost for academics and health. The workgroup will create and provide recommendations and plans to senior leadership on transitioning our academic, campus, and business operations from our current remote status in a way that is safe for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Joining Dr. Linville as members of the workgroup are:

- Joe Bidwell, chair of the Department of Biology
- Tom Donohoe, registrar
- Kim Edwards, director of space management
- Stephen Hendrix, president of the Faculty Senate

- Betsy Kearney, director of budget development and business process improvement
- Sam Mayhew, assistant vice president for student life and enrollment
- Matt McGahey, senior associate athletic director
- Shivam Patel, president of the Student Government Association
- Randy Wykoff, dean of the College of Public Health

I greatly appreciate these members for their willingness to serve on this workgroup, and I will share their recommendations with you next month. As always, you can keep up-to-date on the latest information regarding changes to university operations as a result of the COVID-19 virus by visiting www.etsu.edu/coronavirus. Thank you for all you have done to support and sustain our institutional mission during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Brian Noland
President