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Dear faculty and staff,

As the coronavirus crisis rapidly evolves, I wanted to update you with the steps our campus is taking to keep our students, faculty, staff, campus and community safe.

At this time, there have been no recorded cases of COVID-19 at our university. Campus remains open and we are committed to providing services and support for your continued education at Lynn. In order to accomplish this:

- **We are moving to online classes starting Monday, March 16 through the end of the semester.** This includes all undergraduate and graduate classes. Faculty will continue to hold office hours. The library, tutoring and all other academic services continue as usual. We will also continue to provide dining services. Faculty will work with students on a case-by-case basis to make arrangements for performance-based and laboratory instruction.
- **Our residence halls remain open, and we continue to provide dining and student services.** If students wish to depart campus to study from home due to the coronavirus, they may do so. We will welcome them back to their rooms when they are ready to return. Students who choose to leave the residence halls should visit the Dean of Students office on the second floor of the university center.
- **We are suspending athletics competition for the remainder of the spring semester** due to guidance by the NCAA Board of Governors.
- **We are postponing mass gatherings and taking safety precautions for small events.** We are postponing or suspending Alumni Weekend activities and all Live at Lynn and Conservatory performances that are open to the public. We are evaluating our May commencement ceremony and will make an announcement in the coming weeks about our plans. For small-scale events, we are taking safety precautions, including limiting spectators, screening attendees and modifying formats. See lynn.edu/events for regular updates about the status of specific events.
- **We are directing, students, employees and visitors to follow CDC travel guidelines.** We are directing our employees to avoid all non-essential travel, and students, employees and visitors who have traveled through areas with Level 3 CDC travel notices or been on a cruise ship with a confirmed COVID-19 case stay home for 14 days before returning to campus. We have also suspended or



postponed summer study abroad programs in China, Japan, South Korea and Italy and are currently evaluating programs in other locations.

The response to the coronavirus crisis from colleges and universities across the country has been widely varied due to local conditions, university resources and organizational ability to adapt. Many, including Florida's state university system, are rapidly implementing plans to provide online instruction. Other institutions in high-risk areas have required their students to leave campus or stay home after spring break until further notice.

As an independent, small and flexible institution, Lynn is able to craft solutions for our students that look different than state schools. Because of our mobile, digital and collaborative curriculum delivered through our iPad program, a shift to online learning will not be a challenge for Lynn, and we will be able to continue our students' education.

I want to thank you for everything you are doing during this unprecedented time. Many are understandably anxious about the uncertainties posed by this pandemic. And yet, the Lynn community is doing a remarkable job rising to the challenge.

Please stay safe, and we will continue to update you moving forward at lynn.edu/alert.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Ross
President