

Email to Faculty:

We know that Hurricane Irma has been a very very disruptive force for everyone in SW Florida. Your safety and recovery continue to be of utmost importance. Also, our priority as your college is to assist our students in having a successful completion to the fall 2017 semester. With that commitment in mind, we will have the college open on Monday and Tuesday so that you can have 2 days to adjust timelines while ensuring that you meet the competencies of courses. In lieu of exam week, December 2-8 will become additional instructional time. If you desire an exam that extends beyond a regular class period, let your department chair and dean know and they will work with you to accommodate. For those courses that are hour required, this extension should accommodate the hours you need. Other faculty should use the best blended model of face-to-face and virtual classes to meet course competencies. That is, work with your colleagues, department chairs, and deans and use your professional judgment to complete the work for this semester.

Students are being encouraged to use Monday and Tuesday to reach out to faculty, advisors, financial aid, etc. as well as come to campus for computer labs, library resources, etc. as needed. Let me thank you in advance for what you are about to do to assist our students in having a successful semester.

If you cannot be available on Monday and / or Tuesday based on your recovery, please just let your department chair know. Also be reminded that we have shower / locker rooms available adjacent to the fitness center on Lee if you need those facilities (check with Judy on this).

I have been in contact with deans and department chairs to get input on these decisions and appreciate the collaborative spirit and easy consensus that I have found among our colleagues. First thing Monday, I will be meeting to finalize other changed deadlines such as A and B terms, etc. and will keep you updated.

TO BE CLEAR, THE COLLEGE WILL BE OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AND CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

All campuses – Lee, Collier, and Charlotte – and the Hendry / Glades Curtis Center – have power. Clean up continues and needed repairs are being assessed.

Canvas – With power back on in the IT building along with the other college sites, we will begin bringing up our IT systems. By Saturday, September 16, at 12:00 pm, Canvas should be operational. If you attempt to use Canvas after 12:00 pm and it is

not functioning, please contact the Canvas Help Desk inside of Canvas. If faculty are having trouble getting into Canvas, complete an IT Helpdesk ticket.