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To: [UCB Board of Trustees](#); [All Staff](#); [Spring 2020 Faculty](#)
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Dear UCB Board, Staff, and Faculty,

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and healthy.

The last few months have shown the true strength and resilience of the Urban College community. Together, we will continue to navigate through this crisis by remaining steadfast to our values and mission, focused – as always – on providing opportunity and individualized support for our incredible, determined students.

From the outset of this pandemic, I have emphasized clear communication and the central importance of protecting the health and safety of the entire Urban College community. With that in mind, I write to you with an important update about the structure of the fall semester.

After consulting with state and city government, public health, and higher education leaders, **we have decided that all UCB fall semester classes will be conducted remotely.** The undeniable reality is that – regrettably – the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to disrupt our lives, including our ability to safely offer face-to-face classes this fall.

I applaud the tenacity and commitment of our students who embraced remote learning in March and continue to work towards their academic goals through remote summer classes. I commend the faculty for their ingenuity, flexibility, and compassion in developing remote teaching formats that maintain academic rigor while respecting and responding to our students' needs and aspirations. We must strive to ensure the health and safety of all members of the Urban College community and that necessitates that we continue this remote format for a little longer, but I am confident that soon we will return to our campus at the China Trade Center. It will be wonderful to see you all of you again.

With gratitude and respect,

Michael