

## Office of the President

March 20, 2020

Greetings to the entire Hilbert College community:

We now enter the second week of our new online world. Making this transition has required a lot of energy and patience. Please know we are grateful for all that our students, faculty, and staff have done to make this historic adaptation.

I write to address some of the major remaining questions regarding our transition:

- 1. All classes will remain online though the Spring 2020 semester, with the expectation that the College will welcome undergraduate students back to campus in late August 2020 for traditional classes.
- Out-of-town students who stayed in Western New York over the last week should immediately return home to complete their coursework online. Any student in need of assistance making this transition should reach out via our Student Support Resources and form -<a href="https://www.hilbert.edu/about/coronavirus-update/student-support">https://www.hilbert.edu/about/coronavirus-update/student-support</a>.
- 3. There will be no events held on campus before August 17th. Summer classes will be held online.
- 4. Graduation and other traditional end-of-year events are postponed and will be rescheduled in 2020-2021.
- 5. All students will be able to complete their Spring 2020 courses with the option for Pass/Fail grades (vs. our traditional grading system). Please see <a href="https://www.hilbert.edu/academics/student-services/student-records">https://www.hilbert.edu/academics/student-services/student-records</a> for more information.
- 6. All undergraduates will have until April 3<sup>rd</sup> to withdraw from a course.

- 7. Fall 2020 class registration begins on April 1st. Please see <a href="https://www.hilbert.edu/academics/student-services/academic-advising">https://www.hilbert.edu/academics/student-services/academic-advising</a> for more information.
- 8. All returning undergraduate students who register for Fall 2020 classes before April 15th will receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship for 2020-2021.
- 9. While students are no longer able to work on campus this semester, their jobs will be reserved for them next fall.
- 10. Graduating residential students will receive a 46% refund of what they paid for room and board before June 15th.
- 11. Returning residential students will have a 46% refund of what they paid toward this spring's room and board charges applied to next year's room and board charges, with no requirement for a housing deposit to reserve next year's room.
- 12. Residential students will receive information from Student Life next week about collecting their belongings.
- 13. All undergraduate students will receive a personal phone call from the Academic Affairs team next week to address any further questions they have about this transition.

Campus is very quiet without our students, staff, and faculty, and I personally can't wait to see you all again. Please keep checking our website for more information as there are bound to be other things that this pandemic will bring for us to overcome.

Regards,

Michael Brophy

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