Hey everyone,

I write hoping you were able to relax over spring break and are doing as well as you can be during this unprecedented time. I also hope you’re able to get what you want out of the rest of the semester: whether that’s just getting your classes over with or experimenting with distance learning and getting the most out of these next six weeks. I wanted to take a moment to consolidate and reiterate some of the resources and support that are available to all of you.

SGA SUPPORT
As we begin this new phase, please know that we on SGA are here to represent & amplify your concerns to the folks working full-time to address them, answer your questions, and support you in any way we can. Please reach out (no need to make it formal) with questions, concerns, or feedback.

We are waiting on information about the terms of the Student Activity Fund’s use, but are figuring out the various ways we can support students at this time. Let us know if you have ideas for ways we can be supporting students. Right now, we know no more about employment and money than you all do, but will pass on more information as soon as we have it.

DISTANCE LEARNING & ACADEMIC CONTINUITY
I’d like to take this moment to strongly encourage you to reach out to me (at [vpaa1] or on Facebook) with questions / concerns / feedback regarding academic continuity and distance learning. General questions and comments can also be submitted to the College’s central form. Your input will greatly shape the work of various constituencies on campus to best address the developing needs of Grinnell students.

In adjusting to distance learning...
- Check out Keep Learning @ Grinnell’s Resources for Students page providing key information and frequently updated tips and resources for making distance learning manageable (and even meaningful)!
- Various Academic Resource Centers are here to support you:
  - Academic Advising [advising]
  - Accessibility & Disability Resources [access]
  - Information Technology Services [itservices]
  - Writing Lab! DASIL! Science Learning Center! many others… click here for info on the different centers and how to access them.
- If you’re considering changing a course to S/D/F or withdrawing, look here for information on process (as well as info about other special options, fall course registration, and major declaration) and here for some guiding questions to help you decide. Do what’s best for you. Deadline is April 10.
- Your instructors should not be using a million different softwares (approved for use are Blackboard Collaborate, WebEx, and SharePoint) nor should they be increasing your workload during this time. If either of these are happening, you have the right to ask your instructors to follow the College’s guidance on simplicity, flexibility, and technological minimalism amidst these unique conditions. Formal communication from the College to both students and faculty on this will be sent out tomorrow. Reach out to us or [advising] if you want assistance advocating/expressing your concerns.
Let your instructors know if you are having connectivity issues.

(more) INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES
Check the COVID-19 Response site for more updates and information, as always. Poke around the different links on the side, there are a lot of subpages with helpful info!

Some other resources include:
- Division of Student Affairs on Facebook
- Office of International Student Affairs on Facebook
- Office of Financial Aid [finaid]
- SHAW
  - call 641-269-3230 to schedule an appointment or talk to a nurse
  - call 641-269-4404 for the 24/7 Counseling Hotline

STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
Lots of great ways of staying connected have been created and will continue to develop. Let us know if there are any sorts of communications/information you would like to see from SGA, as we don't want to overwhelm your especially popping (with comprehensive and important communications that you should definitely keep reading all of!) inbox.

In the meantime, though, here are a few links:
- Post-Apocalyptic Grinnell (Facebook group for students still living in Grinnell)
- Current Grinnell Students (Facebook group for all...current..Grinnell...students...)
- Scarlet & Black Liveblog
- Grinnellians Stay Connected

Share ideas for staying connected here or with any of us – think big, get creative, and don’t worry about having a role in making it happen if you don’t want to!

All in all — help us best represent and support you.
Reach out:
  Regina Logan, President – [loganreg]
  Saketan Anand, VP for Student Affairs – [vpsa] or FB
  Gracee Wallach, VP for Academic Affairs – [vpaa1] or FB

Sending warmth, health, and resilience to you and yours,
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