Students,

First and foremost, I apologize for adding another email to your already busy lives, but I feel it is important to update you all on the student government’s actions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the extended Spring Break period. Below are some big updates:

**ASUW Senate**
The ASUW Senate held a special meeting at 7:00pm on March 12th to take action on various plans going forward, including:
- Allowing the ASUW Senate to meet electronically, if necessary
- Cancelling the March 24th meeting
- Contingency plans for all financial decisions of the ASUW Student Government
  - During Spring Break all financial abilities will be vested in the ASUW Intersession Oversight Committee
- **Allocation of $75,000.00 to aid UW Students who may need financial support during the upcoming weeks**
  - Students interested in accessing these funds, with a $300.00 cap per student, should reach out to the ASUW Accountant, Shelly Schaef, at sschaef@uwyo.edu
  - Students in need of these emergency funds will be worked with to get these funds disbursed in a timely manner
    - There are students whose income is greatly affected by this pandemic and these funds will be of great assistance to them. Please be mindful of other students needing to access these funds and take only what you need
  - All students are welcome to access these funds on a first-come, first-serve basis until May 5th, or until the funds are exhausted
  - As the need arises, other options will be explored to make funds available to students in emergency situations

**ASUW Elections**
- Campaigns are now live! Look for candidate materials on social media in the following days
- Voting dates were pushed back to occur on Monday, April 27 until Wednesday, April 29 at 4:30pm. Voting can be accessed on those days using this link
- Campaigns will continue to be promoted online and on-campus under current plans
- In the event of all classes moving online, ASUW will promote the elections through social media and other outlets accessible through the internet to students

**Traveling During Spring Break**
- Students should follow the suggestions and guidelines from President Theobald’s email regarding travel and safety measures
- We understand that cancelling trips and traveling home is not always an option; nevertheless, students should:
  - Follow the guidelines from the CDC and other major health organizations
    - **WASH YOUR HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS!**
  - Be conscious of who you interact with and mindful of the effect you may have on them, especially those demographics at risk, including those over 60 years of age
or with compromised immune systems, those without access to proper health care services, etc.

- Treat people with respect, courtesy, and care! Global pandemics do not excuse racial profiling, stereotyping, or other acts of disrespect
- Educate yourself on the proper measures to take in order to keep yourself and others safe, happy, and healthy

- While the traditional college student may not be at high risk, we should still be careful and responsible citizens in the coming weeks and months in order to protect those who are most vulnerable

In closing, we at ASUW understand that the past few days on campus and around the nation have been quite unprecedented and challenging. As your student government, we feel it is of utmost importance to be accessible, transparent, and educational as we prepare for our extended Spring Break. ASUW wants to provide any services or aid in the coming weeks to our fellow students that we can. We recognize how hard this is for students, and we urge you to reach out for access to the $75,000 in aid we have dedicated to you. We also want to thank President Theobald and his COVID-19 Task Force for being communicative and open with the UW community in the past couple days. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the ASUW Office, myself, or others in the Division of Student Affairs with questions or concerns going forward. The ASUW Office will be open during its normal hours over Spring Break, unless instructed otherwise. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing break.

Sincerely,

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