

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND
OPEN SESSION**

AGENDA

March 19, 2020
12:35 p.m.

Calvert Hall / Conference Call

Conference Call Participant Information

Dial-in Number: 425-436-6307

Access Code: 728954

- I. Call to Order **Lex Birney**

- II. Discussion Items
 - A. College Remote/Online Instruction **President Jordan**

- III. Action Items
 - A. Office of the President **President Jordan**
 - Action Item 1920-21: Approval of College Remote/Online Instruction for the Remainder of the Academic Year

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ACTION ITEM 1920-21

**APPROVAL OF COLLEGE REMOTE/ONLINE INSTRUCTION FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

Trustees –

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic led to many colleges and universities across the nation to either close for the Spring 2020 semester or develop alternative modes for educating their students. At St. Mary's College we implemented a two-week period of remote/online instruction to begin at the conclusion of Spring Break as means to essentially quarantine students before they could return to campus en masse. This approach, in addition to "social" distancing, would mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus on campus.

In recent days, with the exponential increase in the rate of infection across the country and more specifically within the State, it has become apparent that more drastic measures are required to slow down viral transmission. Working closely with the leadership of the University System of Maryland as well as with State government officials and in consultation with higher education leaders across the State, the College seeks your approval to continue with remote / online instruction for all St. Mary's College students through the end of the Spring 2020 semester effective March 23, 2020. We will be addressing the financial impact to our students and families regarding room, board, and fees as rapidly as possible in conjunction with evolving State and government policies and recommendations. We will continue to pay employee wages during this period of modified operations. These actions will align the College with all Maryland public four-year institutions and help keep our community safe.

To have you vote on this, we must do a conference call today. The call will be short. Our apologies for the short notice. You will receive conference call information soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Lex Birney, Chair
Tuajuanda Jordan, President