



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 20, 2020

Dear Students:

I hope that this message finds you well and starting to make summer plans after completing an unusual and challenging academic semester.

Many of you have reached out in recent weeks and asked what our plans are for the fall terms. I know you miss the dynamic and enriching interaction that is such a big part of life and instruction at Franklin Pierce. It is a sentiment shared by all of us.

I am therefore very pleased to inform you that we will resume our on-campus operations and classes in Rindge and at our Centers in Manchester, Lebanon, Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Goodyear, Arizona for the fall terms. In the weeks and months ahead, we will explore many questions to determine the details, but I want you to know that we look forward to welcoming you back in August.

Please know that we will not approach the fall semester with blind enthusiasm or inflexibility. Nor will it be business as usual. Our approach will be informed by the four working groups comprised of staff, faculty and students who are examining the tough questions related to academics, health and safety, community engagement, and campus operations. And it will be governed by our adherence to guidelines from federal and state health agencies, as well as several core values listed below.

- **The health and well-being of the entire Franklin Pierce community, including students, faculty and staff, is our first priority:** We will take aggressive steps to safeguard the well-being of every member of our community. This will include the deployment of testing procedures, implementation of enhanced disinfection techniques, investment in protective equipment, and adherence to social distancing rules required to realize the spirit of federal and state health guidelines.
- **We will address your individual needs:** Our approach will be flexible to ensure that we address your individual needs, comfort level and any concerns you may have.
- **We will safeguard our campus and the communities we call home:** We are mindful of the impact we have on our neighbors and vice versa. We will work closely with them to ensure that our vigilance is shared.

- **We will adapt:** We will be flexible as only the prepared can be. We are prepared to make adjustments as needed in the event circumstances change.

There of course many questions that we will need to answer between now and August. I look forward to sharing more information in the coming weeks. While no one could have predicted the dramatic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on society, your unwavering commitment to one another and your dedication to your academic progress is inspiring.

We all miss you and I look forward to seeing you again in August!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Mooney".

Kim Mooney '83
President