



MEMORANDUM

February 10, 2010

TO: Campus Community
FROM: Scott Bass, Provost
SUBJECT: Academic Schedule Update for Spring 2010 Term

The storms that we have encountered are unprecedented and I appreciate your patience and resolve. The entire AU Administration recognizes the challenges many of you face. At this time a number of faculty and staff (and some students) live on residential streets that have not been plowed and are unlikely to be cleared anytime soon and even those with cleared streets face hazardous road conditions; some are in communities that are without electricity.

This summer the deans spent time planning for an event that could significantly disrupt classes and we are now facing these conditions. In light of this planning, I would like to reassure the campus community that at this time we intend to keep to the academic schedule as planned. That is, no changes in the schedule for the upcoming break, exams, or end of term. What we are asking is that faculty members, who have access to electricity, are comfortable with on-line communication, and can deliver aspects of their classes at a distance begin communicating directly with students. We are encouraging faculty to continue with planned assignments and course expectations. A communication from the Center for Teaching, Research, and Learning (CTRL) has already gone out to faculty and we expect additional messages over the next few days. For students, this means it is important for you to regularly check your email for information about your classes and assignments.

As we learn more about weather and the conditions it creates, we will be in touch with you.

Once again, no changes at this time are planned in the academic schedule for the term and where there is capability, faculty will begin working with students online. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we seek first of all to ensure that all in our community remain safe. With the use of technology, however, we will make every effort to continue with your important educational experience at AU.