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To All First Nations University of Canada Students,

The University is continually adapting through this unprecedented occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our faculty, sessional instructors, and staff are adjusting to the modifications in the academic processes. We will continue to maintain current distance teaching methods based on the advice of the public health authorities.

Our number one priority is the safety of students, faculty, and staff. Our second is to support the continued academic advancement of our students. This update will outline a number of critical areas for students to be aware of.

Grading:

We have included two documents titled, “Students – [Frequently Asked Questions regarding Winter 2020 Course Grading](#),” and “[Winter 2020 Grade Options for Students](#).” Please review this information as it clarifies some areas of concern that students have brought to our attention.

Indigenous Social Work Practicums and Student Placements:

Saskatchewan post-secondary education institutions have remained in close contact with provincial government authorities throughout this COVID-19 pandemic situation. And, because of the information we are getting in regards to the quickly changing situation the FNUUniv and the University of Regina recently decided that Spring **and** Summer term will continue using the various remote learning platforms currently in place. **There will be no face-to-face courses for this spring and summer term.** However, faculty within the Indigenous Social Work program have agreed that there needs to be plans in place that will allow for undergraduate students to take a course that they need in order to complete their degree this year. The following outlines the plans for the summer course offerings:

INSW 352 and INSW 458 will be offered in a manner that allows the FNUUniv to deliver the courses in accordance with the directives from the provincial government, i.e. mandatory social distancing, is being done so for this time only. Both of these courses require significant hands-on, experiential requirements that cannot be duplicated in an online environment. However, the Faculty of Indigenous Social Work, in consultation with FNUUniv Elders, has agreed to make this exception

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given the current circumstances. Only those students that require the courses to complete their programs this year will be eligible to take the revised course offerings. It is important for students to gain the hands-on experience that regular course offerings are comprised of and this is why the eligibility to take these courses has been restricted.

- INSW 352 - Culture Camp. For this time only, a revised version of INSW 352 will be offered to those students that require it to complete their programs this year. All other students must wait until summer 2021 or later depending on their individual progress in the program. Student Success Services Academic Advisors will contact those students that are eligible to take the course this summer.
- INSW 448 S01/S10/S50 cancelled.
- INSW 458 - S01/S10/S50. For this time only, a revised version of INSW 458 will be offered to those students that require it to complete their programs this year. All other students must wait until later depending on their individual progress in the program. Student Success Services Academic Advisors will contact those students that are eligible to take the course this summer.
- INSW 425 – Term 2, Summer 2020 will be offered online.
- The Culture Camp for MISW students will be postponed until the 2021 summer session.

Please contact your student advisor if you have any questions.

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