Dear business students,

As you know, Ohio University is taking precautionary measures to keep our communities healthy and safe in light of the global coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We are unaware of any cases of coronavirus at any Ohio University campus or location, and we continue to believe the risk of transmission on our campuses is low at this time. However, as the virus becomes more widespread, Ohio University and the College of Business are taking every precaution to ensure the health and safety of our communities and the public at large.

The following message contains important information about how we will support you while in-person instruction is suspended on the Athens campus. Please read this email carefully and continue to regularly check your student email for future updates.

**COURSEWORK**
The College of Business remains open with faculty and staff who are available to support students remotely. While we know that moving all courses to an alternative delivery method is disruptive, we feel that this provides the best option for reducing the risks of spreading the virus.

It’s important that all business students remain engaged in coursework through online learning and that they stay in touch with faculty about their progress/assignments. Professors will contact you before March 18 with additional details and directions that are specific to each course.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING AND FALL SEMESTER REGISTRATION**
Even though you may not be on campus, you can feel confident that the COB’s [Career & Student Success Center](mailto:career@ohio.edu) will continue to support you through these unusual circumstances. Our advisors and coaches are working hard on plans that will help students meet their academic and career goals. By 5 p.m. on March 13, you will receive an email from the center that will detail the ways in which you will receive specific scheduling information. Advisors will help you through the necessary steps to have your hold lifted so that you can register for fall courses on the appropriate day and time. It’s important for you to respond quickly to emails from your advisor, ask any questions that you might have, and ask for help if needed.

**EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND TRAVEL**
We continue to monitor and assess the need to cancel or postpone certain events and programs that could create risk of exposure to students, faculty, and staff. Approximately six COB events that were scheduled through March 30 have been canceled. Additionally, all
University-sponsored travel has been suspended until further notice. As additional decisions are made, we will communicate with affected individuals as quickly as possible.

SUPPORT
We remain committed to your academic, professional, and personal success. The following webpage has been developed to organize information and resources for our college and campus community: https://business.ohio.edu/coronavirus.

Over the next few weeks, please stay in contact with your faculty, advisors, and staff. Let your instructors know if you have questions or are experiencing difficulties. For technical support, including Blackboard, visit the OIT website, email servicedesk@ohio.edu, or call 740.593.1222.

If you need additional assistance, have questions that professors/advisors are unable to answer, or if you have not heard from all of your current College of Business professors by March 18, please contact the chair of your department (or school). You can find a list of COB chairs and directors here.

Finally, although we must treat this health risk very seriously, there is no need to panic. Let’s remain calm, stay informed, communicate effectively, and stay healthy (both physically and mentally). I hope you’ll join me by supporting each other and our #BusinessBobcat community during this difficult time.

Thank you,
Dean Sherman