The following message was sent to students today.

Dear ESF Students,

As we near the middle of April in our new format, I want to pause and check in. We have less than a month of the semester left. And it’s been less than a month that everything we had planned for the Spring 2020 semester was reimagined. Thank you for your willingness to adapt.

The very real uncertainty of a new and unknown virus – from the sickness it inflicts to the social distancing it demands – pointed us in new directions and has put many of us in undeniably egregious situations. The spectrum of emotions I expect many of you are experiencing as you grapple with balancing a new way of learning and a new way of living is wide. All of the ways you are feeling are real and valid. While we may be separated by distance, please know you are not alone.

I invite you to continue to connect with ESF’s Student Affairs office. Dean Anne Lombard hosted today’s Facebook Live session. Our student support professionals are providing remote tutoring and academic coaching, remote counseling (as allowed), and remote career services. To listen to Dean Lombard and find the appropriate email or phone numbers for the services you would like to access remotely, please access the recorded Facebook Live presentation here.

I was just walking around the now empty quad with Bramble thinking about how vibrant it was just a few weeks ago, with the sincere hope that it will soon return to normal. Meanwhile, know that you are missed and thought of often.

Sincerely,
Dave Amberg
Interim President