

Important Dates

Tuesday, March 31

Levene Information Session
will be hosted via live-stream

Friday, April 10

Good Friday – University Closed

Friday, April 17

Faculty & Staff meeting
11:15 am – 1:00 pm
Keep this in your calendars as it
will switch to a virtual session

Wednesday, May 6

EMBA Research Day
CANCELLED

Friday, May 8

Faculty & Staff Annual Planning
Away Day
Time & Location tba

Monday, May 18

Victoria Day – University Closed

Wednesday, July 1

Canada Day – University Closed

Monday, August 3

Saskatchewan Day –
University Closed

Tuesday, September 1

First Year Orientation

Monday, September 7

Labour Day – University Closed

Monday, October 12

Thanksgiving – University Closed

Wednesday, October 14

Hill Dinner

Friday, October 16

Fall Convocation

Wednesday, November 11

Remembrance Day –
University Closed

COVID-19 Updates

COMPUTER LABS CLOSED

The 5th floor Education Building computer labs were closed as of 4:30 on Wednesday. If any of your students reach out to with concerns regarding their inability to access the technology required to compete their classes please connect with **Morina Rennie** (for Undergraduate courses) and **Gina Grandy** (for Graduate courses). We will see what we are able to do to support and try to accommodate these students.

UNIVERSITY HOURS

The University has moved to closing at 8:00 pm daily. Keep this in mind if you are traveling to your offices in the evening.

CONVOCATION

In an effort to limit social contact, the University has made the difficult decision to cancel all Spring 2020 Convocation ceremonies, including those for the federated colleges. A team is working on alternatives to best to recognize and mark this significant accomplishment of our graduates.

SPRING SUMMER CLASSES

The ongoing threat of COVID-19 transmission, along with the success of our transition to distance learning, has prompted the Academic sub-committee to confirm that ALL courses in the upcoming Spring/Summer semester will be offered via remote learning.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Faculty and staff should ensure their contact information is up-to-date. Please go to UR Self-Service at: banner.uregina.ca/prod (also easily accessibly via the UR Self-Service tab at the top of the main uregina.ca site). There, you simply need to enter your User ID/Staff or Student # and your PIN. Then click on the Personal Information option.

CONTACT POINTS MOVING FORWARD

As we settle into this new ‘normal’, we will go back to our regular protocol for communication points with Gina Grandy keeping the Faculty posted on any Faculty level news about the situation we face.

- **Morina Rennie** (at Associate Dean email address) – for undergraduate course and student queries
- **Gina Grandy** (at Dean email address) – for graduate course and student queries (and regular or irregular issues for which you would reach out to the Dean)
- **Saqib Khan** (at Associate Dean email address) – for performance review, Ivey cases, etc queries
- **Marjorie Murray** (and Devon Anderson) – for staffing queries, and operational issues such as photocopying, reimbursements, TAs/ RAs, equipment, office access, etc.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Thomas Tse is also working remotely and will be available (Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm) to support you in the event you are experiencing technical issues. Please send him an email and he'll follow up (include a phone number if you want him to call back).

Remote Levene Info Session – March 31

The Levene School is hosting a remote information session for prospective students on Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m..

The session will be delivered via zoom. If you have any contacts who may be a good fit for a Levene degree, please pass the details along to them and have them register:

<https://levenegsb.ca/register-for-an-information-session>

In the News...

Gord Pennycook's research was featured:

- *CNN online* on March 28:
https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/03/28/media/information-coronavirus-reliable-sources/index.html?_twitter_impression=true
- *American Scholar* website on March 27:
<https://theamericanscholar.org/separating-viral-truths-and-lies/#.Xn5lgkF7nIV>
- *WIRED website* on March 25:
<https://www.wired.com/story/the-analogy-between-covid-19-and-climate-change-is-eerily-precise/>
- *New York Times* article on March 24:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/24/opinion/fake-news-social-media.html>

Hill BSS 5 Days for the Homeless

With the arrival of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan the Hill BSS had to cancel all in-person events and rethink their 2020 5 Days for the Homeless campaign which was to have ran March 15-20.

In place of their regular schedule of fundraisers they held an online raffle in support of Carmichael Outreach and continued to encourage people to donate online.

In spite of these challenges **the group was still able to raise \$42,034.66 for Carmichael Outreach**, bringing their total funds raised for Carmichael to \$380,278.85 since 2010! Hats off and congratulations to everyone involved, and thanks to everyone who contributed to the campaign.

Watch the BSS's "wrap up" video [here](#).

Their online donation link will remain open until the end of the month if you would like to donate: <https://cabsonline.ca/events/5days/regina/>

Final Exams

Are you using a synchronous final exam this semester? If yes, information needed by tomorrow (Tuesday, March 31).

We need some information from you to ensure there is sufficient IT and CCE support for your final exams.

If you intend to use a synchronous final exam this semester please send the following requested information to the Dean's Office (business.deans.office@uregina.ca) no later than 4:30 pm on March 31.

- Instructor name
- Course number and name
- Number of students in course
- Date and Time of synchronous final

Instructional Design Support Available

We are securing the services of an instructional designer (ID) to support you as you prepare for spring / summer courses. If you would like to consult with an ID in preparation for spring summer, please send your request with your name and course name and number to the Lori Jardine (business.deans.office@uregina.ca) in the Dean's Office by Friday, April 3. We will then connect you with the ID to discuss your needs and acquire support for you during the month of April and May.