Dear Colleagues:

These are ever-changing times. We know there are a number of hurdles to overcome; collectively we will accomplish the Chancellor’s directive and guidance by focusing our efforts on these two priorities:

- To safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of our faculty, staff, and students
- To enable students to progress toward their educational goal

CAMPUS REINTEGRATION PLAN
The Pandemic Taskforce reviewed and accepted the draft reintegration plan from the subcommittee. Final edits will be made and forwarded to the bargaining units and Student Senate for comment, then onto the Executive Team for approval and implementation. We hope to get this plan through these channels as expediently as possible, while providing sufficient time for stakeholders to provide input so we can reintegrate back to campus in a safe, intentional, and prioritized manner.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) FREEZES FALL 2020 TUITION
The Minnesota State BOT voted to freeze fall 2020 tuition at spring 2020 rates due to COVID-19 and its associated impacts on students. The System Office will use resources from the Leveraged Equipment Program to help offset the cost of this decision. In FY20, NHCC received approximately $443K for Leveraged Equipment. In FY21, NHCC will receive approximately the same amount to offset the cost of the tuition freeze for fall 2020.

- Differential rates for current programs of record (NHCC: Nursing & Medical Laboratory Technology) were also frozen at spring 2020 rates. However, differential rates for new programs (NHCC: Phlebotomy) were approved and may be applied in fall 2020.
- Colleges and Universities were approved to increase fees in fall 2020 (NHCC: Health Services Fee).
- Finally, the BOT also approved a 3% tuition increase for spring 2021. More as this story develops.

Better Together,

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