



“Our Finest Hour”
April 20, 2020

Good Monday Morning, COE:

The sun is coming up over Fellows Lake earlier and farther in the northeast each day. In like manner, it is setting farther in the northwest each evening. Seems like spring just arrived (about a month ago) and already summer is nudging us with its long, warm, sunny days. Bring it on. . . .

My Post will be out a bit later today, so will not repeat that information here. After Administrative Council, the Core Executive Team meeting, and special Academic Leadership Council Zoom meetings today, I will work with department heads on a number of summer and fall term matters. In short, we will need to make decisions that will allow us to serve our students in the face of potentially challenging financial times on the horizon. The CARES ACT should help many students stay in school; however, some may find college tuition overtaking in the short-term. This is why it is so important to deliver the highest quality instruction possible. Students have choices; we want them to choose the MSU COE.

I am going to explore the possibility for some small groups of students to hold virtual commencement ceremonies even though the University plans to make traditional graduation ceremonies available in October and December 2020. Will explain in detail tomorrow morning at 8:00 AM with department heads. Stay tuned.

Thanks yet again for all you do. After your work is completed virtually today, get outside and enjoy the Dogwoods, Redbuds, tulips, pansies, and my personal favorites, dandelions.

Keep Calm & Enjoy Spring,

David