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Hi, Colleagues,

I have some new updates and reminders for you as we resume classes.

1. **Student Evaluations of Faculty Cancelled Spring 2020.** Following the recommendation of the Faculty Senate, I am suspending the administration of any future Student Evaluations of Faculty for the spring 2020 semester (8 week 1 has already been administered), even those of courses that began the semester as fully online. Neither students nor faculty signed up for the extraordinary circumstances of teaching and learning we are experiencing, and no data we collect would be a fair assessment of faculty skill or ability.
2. **Calendar.** The entire academic calendar for this semester can be [found here](#). Many of you have asked specifically about Tuesday, April 7 – on this date classes will run on a Wednesday schedule, as originally planned.
3. **Textbooks and Library Resources.** Kathleen Collins of the Library reminds us to be aware that many students may not have been able to afford the textbook(s) required for courses and may have been relying on physical library reserve copies which they can no longer access. Faculty are strongly encouraged to ensure that your students either have access to what they need for their assignments, and if not, to consider altering the assignment. Alternatively, if faculty have a copy of the required reading at home, they can take photos of the necessary pages or use one of the scanning apps to scan the pages and then put them on Blackboard. The library's [Remote Resources for Distance Learning](#) guide offers many possible options for faculty in this regard.
4. **Grades.** Thanks to the work of our outstanding Registrar, we have new grade guidelines for this semester that provide students with a great deal of flexibility. The options are complicated, and *John Jay is making a few distinctions* from the [CUNY grading policy](#) adopted by the BoT on Monday. To give faculty and students clear guidance, the Registrar will issue John Jay's spring 2020 grading guidelines early next week. Please stay tuned for those.

As we hear the troubling news from all quarters, I wish you well. I know you will continue to serve as sources of guidance and support for our students, who need us now more than ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Yi Li", enclosed in a thin blue rectangular box.

Your Provost

