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## **NOTIFICATION REGARDING TEMPORARY DISTANCE EDUCATION OFFERINGS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO AT CAROLINA**

The University of Puerto Rico at Carolina (UPR-Carolina) took measures to offer all of its courses using distance education technologies. This is temporary due to the emergency caused by the COVID-19.

The academic calendar was amended considering that the President declared a period of one week in which all Faculty members focused on the transition of face-to-face courses to online courses to ensure academic continuity due to the Covid Crisis and Social Isolation declared by the Hon. Governor of Puerto Rico. This period was from March 16th to March 23rd. It is important to clarify that on-line courses continue as regularly scheduled. Prior to this action, UPR-Carolina created a task force to provide help to professors with little or no experience using on-line technologies. It has also scheduled about eight (8) workshops beginning from March 18 – March 27. These have and will be recorded so that they may be used at any time. Topics include Moodle, Screencas-O-Matic (for video recording), Google Meet, Google Drive, online library services, UPR portal guide, and visual presentations online. In addition, students may also access a specific web site created to provide information about distance education that include links to tutorials, resources, and institutional contact information.

On-line offerings began on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and will end on April 7, 2020. At this moment, we do not expect the next academic quarter-term to be affected, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 22 using all possible delivery methods including assisted technology. The Acting Academic Dean imparted instructions to the Academic Chairpersons regarding documentation of compliance with course content, objectives, and evaluations. Professors were required to register student participation on academic activities given in the different courses. This evidence is being collected during the present quarter-term and will be certified by the academic department chairpersons and then submitted to the Dean's Office at the end of the term.

We appreciate your continuous support. We are available to submit any other information that you might need.

Sincerely,



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