MEMORANDUM

TO: All NSHE Presidents

FROM: Thom Reilly, Chancellor

DATE: March 12, 2020

RE: Additional Guidance on Remote Instruction: COVID-19 Response

I am writing to provide additional guidance and direction as NSHE institutions and system administration continue to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 issues.

As stated in the memorandum on March 11, 2020, I am requesting that NSHE institutions be prepared to transition to remote instruction by April 3, 2020. If and when a systemwide transition to remote instruction becomes necessary, I will provide additional communication and guidance. It is paramount that both students and faculty are prepared for remote instruction before any transition occurs.

With this being stated, some NSHE institutions may have the need and resource capability to transition to remote instruction sooner than others. UNLV and UNR currently intend to transition to remote instruction on March 23, 2020, to coordinate with their upcoming spring break. If you believe that circumstances at your individual institution require a more immediate and/or phased-in transition to remote instruction, please notify me directly.

As we respond to this evolving health issue, it is more important than ever that we effectively communicate and coordinate. Decisions made at one institution will impact other institutions.

All NSHE campuses will continue to remain open through the upcoming spring break schedules. Please assure your students that all campuses, including dormitories, dining halls, and student services, will remain open after a transition to remote instruction occurs.

I will continue to work closely with the Office of Governor Sisolak. I recommend that NSHE institutions and system administration continue to follow guidance on COVID-19 prevention and response protocols from county and state health officials, and the Center for Disease Control.

System administration is currently developing guidance on how to address remote instruction on courses that involve lab or training components. Once those are prepared, I will share those with you.