MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 2020

TO: ECU Campus Community

RE: FORMAT FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

East Carolina University and the Office of Student Transitions recognize we are in unchartered waters that has created uncertainty for so many because of COVID-19. The Office of Student Transitions (OST) provides a coordinated, comprehensive approach to enhancing student success; provides services that will enhance the academic efficiency, effectiveness, and independence of our students; and provides the necessary supports for families required for improving student satisfaction, academic success, and student retention.

A significant part of OST’s mission relates to New Student Orientation, which occurs during the summer months. In accordance with the UNC system’s decision to move all summer classes online, ECU has made the difficult decision to move New Student Orientation to a virtual format. We are disappointed that we are unable to host our new Pirates and family members on our beautiful campus this summer. However, we are still committed to assisting them through this transition. Note: Orientation is not canceled; it will instead pivot to virtual formats.

ECU will communicate the new plans for Orientation via email to students and families as well as our faculty and staff in the coming weeks. More information will also be shared on the website at https://orientation.ecu.edu/.

Thank you for your patience and continued willingness to find ways to serve our current and future ECU Pirates and their families.