A Message Regarding the 2020 Census

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years, and 2020 is census year. As Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s primary educational institution, we are committed to providing essential student support, and service opportunities regardless of place or residence. This remains true today, for your continued success and well-being, the Office of Off Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) continues to provide support and resources. As we approach April 1, 2020, the national deadline for completing the census, we encourage you to participate in this important exercise of our democratic society.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, on-campus students who were residing on campus and otherwise planned to be residing on-campus on April 1, 2020 will be included in the University’s Group Quarters count. Though our physical office is closed, we are providing all OCCS services virtually via Zoom and Google Meet.

Please help us complete the census form. Despite on-campus students’ need to move off-campus in response to the pandemic, on-campus students are not to fill out the census form. Therefore, parents of these students are not to count these students on their household census form. Similarly, students who reside in university-owned housing or affiliated University Student Housing (USH) residences; therefore, on-campus students are not to fill out the census form. Students living at home with their parents, even if they are not permitted to publicly release responses in any way that could identify anyone.

The demographic information that the U.S. Census Bureau gathers helps determine how federal funds are distributed to support our community. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect this information and only (name, DOB, address) in its census submission; directory information does NOT include race/ethnicity or gender. The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years, and 2020 is census year. A Message Regarding the 2020 Census

WCU Family,

I hope that the campus editors of the Ram Fan Monthly that you and your families with and without Ram Fan pleased to know the following:

A Message from the Director of Off Campus and Commuter Services

A Message from the Vice President of Student Affairs

Please continue to check the COVID-19 Health Notices and FAQs for updates.

Take good care,

Golden Rams GET up, STEP up, and SHOW up. This is why when we ask the question, Who’s UP? the response is always #RamsUP. The RamsUp campaign, through the Division of Student Affairs, is our new campaign, through the Division of Student Affairs, targeted toward our Golden Rams to remain engaged beyond the virtual classroom.

The Counseling Center is working through state and HIPAA regulations to ensure continuity of services in virtual sessions. Other departments are teaming up to remind students about maintaining good health and wellness in different ways. Clubs and Organizations are encouraged to meet remotely using social spaces. Many members of the division have already started this work. For example, The Counseling Center is working through state and HIPAA regulations to ensure continuity of services in virtual sessions. WCU is committed to the continuance of a quality education. Within the division of student affairs, every effort is being made to ensure that students are informed of all changes relevant to their lives.

To those parents and families of students in the off campus and commuter community or future Ram families, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your questions.

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