



University of Pittsburgh

Division of Student Affairs

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Dear Students:

As you know we have endured an unprecedented series of bomb threats over the past weeks. Yet we are carrying on. The person(s) responsible for this are trying to divide us and take away something very precious, something very important to all of us, something that dwells deep within all of us. That is our Pitt community and our Pitt spirit. Yet they have failed-- for we are carrying on. If we continue to stand together, the responsible parties will not be successful; they will not divide us, they will not stop us. We stand together in the face of this adversity. We will continue to carry on. I believe that your resilience and spirit and the flexibility and support of faculty and staff during this challenging time are the best possible examples of the kind of University we are.

You should know, by attending your classes, that most of your peers are still here. For students who decided to go home, we support your decision. We believe that even though you are not physically present, your heart is with us. For students who remain on campus, we all must try to make the last week of school as productive as possible.

Our building security process should be going more smoothly in most places, with increases in efficiency resulting in shorter waits. During evacuations, we are attempting to minimize your discomfort in every way possible. If you believe there is something more we can do to increase your comfort, please let us know.

To address some of your academic concerns, I want to provide some new information to you.

- (1) If you are taking a final exam that is disrupted by an ENS notification, your faculty member will be prepared to provide instructions on where to go and what to do.
- (2) The deadline for you to change the grading option for courses from a letter grade to Satisfactory/No Credit (S/NC--our equivalent of Pass/Fail) will be extended through the end of next week. This only applies to courses that are already offered with the S/NC option. All other rules regarding S/NC grades apply and students should consult with their advisors.
- (3) Students on probation will not be suspended for academic reasons this term, and their probationary period will be extended until the end of next fall term 2012.

Yesterday, the Resident Student Association held its annual spring carnival in the quad and hundreds of students participated. Thank you for carrying on. The Pitt Program Council sponsored the Kim and Krickett Carpenter lecture. Thank you for carrying on. Pi Kappa Phi is holding a bike marathon to raise money for disability charities. Thank you for carrying on. The Graduate and Professional Student Association held its new officer induction ceremony. Thank you for carrying on.

So let us all now carry on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Humphrey".

Kathy Humphrey, PhD
Vice Provost and Dean of Students