Greetings.

This has been an especially traumatizing week for our Black students, colleagues, friends, family members, neighbors and fellow Americans. Earlier today, I sent an email to all HACC employees with some resources that may be helpful in engaging in conversations surrounding racial injustice. I encourage you to make use of these resources, especially if you are White.

For our HACC students of color, please know that we are here to support you. We recognize that you may face instances of racial bias every day because of your skin color. Thus, we want to provide you a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment at HACC.

If you would like to speak with a professional counselor, please remember that you have access through Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP Services. Your health – emotional, mental and physical – comes first.

As you have come to expect, following are the commonly asked questions and our responses to them. Please note that some of these responses are tentative and subject to change.

If you have additional questions and you do not see the answers on the website, please submit the online form located on the website. Please see the webpage section called “Information for Students.”

We will continue to update you regularly via email and the aforementioned website.

Thank you!

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1. Could you please update us on the CARES Act?

Detailed information is available at hacc.edu/CARESact. This webpage will be updated regularly. Please bookmark and check it at your convenience.

2. Where can I get more information about child care during the pandemic?

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services has created Child Care FAQs for Families in Need of Care.

3. I understand that we will follow the guidance of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) when we are able to open. What will our protocol be if students or employees become infected with COVID-19 while on a HACC campus? Will we shut down buildings if a certain number of occupants are infected? How will we prevent an outbreak on campus?

The College has established a task force comprised of individuals from across the institution and all constituency groups to develop recommendations for fall 2020. The task force is taking into account recommendations for social distancing, personal protective equipment (PPE) and mitigation procedures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and government and public health officials. These considerations include possible reductions in class size. More details will be provided to the Cabinet in the coming weeks, and decisions will be shared with the College community shortly thereafter.

4. I was not able to return my textbook by May 27. Can I return my rental book without being charged?

The bookstore will email students a prepaid FedEx label to return your rental books. Please email the following information to bookstore@hacc.edu:

- Your name
- HACC ID number
- Shipping address (cannot be a PO box)
- Phone number

Please reference on the receipt that the package will be picked up from home if you are unable to take them to a FedEx drop location. Packages must be picked up by June 5, 2020.

5. How can I seek out a learning disability diagnosis? Does HACC offer this?

HACC offers guidance, support and resources to individuals who have previously been diagnosed with a disability or need assistance. HACC does not test for learning disabilities. However, the staff in our Student Access Services Department are able to help students navigate procedures to receive external testing and secure
the required documentation.

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