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**Notice of Immediate Suspension of All Renaissance Society Activities
(from March 10, 2020 until April 6, 2020)**

The health and safety of all Renaissance Society (RS) members is the number one priority of the RS Board of Directors. Accordingly, following a thorough discussion regarding the Corona virus (Covid19), and with direct expert input from Sacramento Public Health Department, **the Board has voted *unanimously* to suspend all RS activities conducted or sponsored by our organization.** This suspension is effective immediately, and will extend until April 6, unless otherwise notified.

The suspension pertains to all RS learning and service activities listed in the RS Spring Catalog, including the following:

- All Friday and Saturday on-campus seminars and events, including the Forum;
- All off-campus seminars, group activities and other events, regardless of location;
- All speaker's series at residential communities, community centers and libraries.
- All University Volunteer Services, including mentoring of students.

CSUS President Robert Nelsen and his senior staff, have been and continue to monitor the status of the coronavirus in the greater Sacramento region. For now, the campus remains open, but that could

change depending on the conditions in the general community. The RS will fully comply with any directions from the leadership at CSUS.

In addition, the Sacramento County Public Health Department (PHS) has brought back former health Officer Dr. Glenna Trochet to assist the county in its response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including its public outreach efforts. Dr. Trochet, a member of the Renaissance Society, provided a direct and thorough presentation to the Board regarding the impact of the Corona virus on the senior population. The Renaissance Society will fully comply with any directions from PHS.

Will activities resume on and after April 6?

The public health agencies expect to have a clearer picture of the spread of this virus as testing for the virus becomes more widely available and utilized. The RS Board will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and work closely with our CSUS Liaison. The Board will meet again during the CSUS spring break to further evaluate the situation and make decisions accordingly. We will keep you informed every step of the way.

In the meantime, please help prevent the spread of this and other viruses by washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, staying home if you're not feeling well, maintaining "social distance" and other steps readily available on the resources provided below.

The RS Board encourages all members to stay informed by regularly checking the updates from CSUS and our local county public health agencies - note that each county issues its own guidelines:

[Sacramento County Public Health](#)
[Placer County Public Health](#)
[Yolo County Public Health](#)
[El Dorado County Public Health](#)
[CSUS Updates](#)

Further information about the virus, and what you and your family can do to remain safe, can be found at this link to the Sacramento County Public Health Department:

[Sacramento County Public Health Department](#)

Here are some key facts Dr. Trochet presented to the Board:

- COVID -19 is thought to spread from person to person.
- Reported illnesses have ranged from mild to severe.
- It has been well-documented that older adults and those with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, heart or lung disease, or weakened immune systems, etc. are at higher risk complications.

In closing, rest assured that the RS Board of Directors will be monitoring this issue closely, and will provide updates if needed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on the urgent public health matter.

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