



News from the President's Office – Unilist e-mail from Prof. Oliver Günther – 29 April 2020

Dear employees,
dear students,
dear colleagues,

As you have already read in our news from last week, we are currently working intensely on implementing the current regulations of the federal and state governments in such a way that we can assign the highest priority to health on the one hand, but on the other hand also carry out our tasks in teaching, research and transfer in an improved manner.

All of this does not change the fact that the summer semester will primarily take place via digital channels and platforms. From the outset, our "emergency on-site operations" were designed to allow flexibility in urgent cases. We will be extending this flexibility in the coming weeks. I also assume that (smaller) examinations and lab exercises can be held again with on-site attendance in the near future, provided we can meet the required distance and hygiene requirements. Nevertheless, we are still a long way from "normal operations".

Regarding academic teaching, I would like to refer you to the e-mail sent last week by our Vice President for Studies and Teaching, Professor Musil. With regard to the question of library services, you received an e-mail from Ms. Probst last week. You can find our weekly video messages at <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/> or <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/presse/press/latest-news/coronavirus/current-information>.

The last few days have encouraged us on our journey – thanks to the dedicated participation and flexibility of all of you! It is great that so many courses can now be offered online at such short notice. Thanks to your great dedication, we are seeing many very diverse formats and offerings.

We at the President's Office know that many of you are making sacrifices for this. We also know that balancing personal and professional obligations has not become easier in this new age of working from home. All the more reason to thank you all for your sense of duty and your responsible actions!

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Günther