



March 12, 2020

PHSU Students

TEMPORARY POLICY ON STUDENT ACTIVITIES - CORONAVIRUS

Given the worldwide situation of the spread of the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus), and taking into consideration the suspected cases reported in Puerto Rico, with a preventive purpose, we have made the determination to adjust or cancel extracurricular or student activities. This temporary policy includes activities organized by PHSU, activities coordinated by student organizations or interest groups, as well as participation in external activities that present a high probability of dissemination of the virus.

For this reason, the following is established:

- The Student Lounge inauguration is postponed. The new date will be announced soon.
- The Match Day activity will be restricted to students and faculty only. A live broadcast will be coordinated so that family and friends can enjoy the event virtually.
- Any association, group or organization that is coordinating an event for 100 people or more, must present a declaration of protocols for hygienic measures, as well as a certification of food handling (if food is distributed).
- Student organizations are encouraged to use virtual formats such as videoconferences or webinars to offer workshops, meetings, trainings or presentations, so as to reduce the number of face-to-face meetings for this purpose.

We remind you that any group or student that is coordinating an extracurricular event must follow the authorization protocols established by the Office of Student

Affairs. The approval of activities will depend on compliance with the provisions of this policy. Likewise, student groups that carry out activities without prior authorization could be referred for evaluation for non-professional behavior. These determinations are effective from today, Thursday, March 12, until April 10, 2020, the date on which it will be reevaluated. PHSU may modify said policy at any time.

For our institution, the health and well-being of all our students, faculty, and employees is a priority always and specially at this historic moment we live worldwide. As a health-focused university, we trust that we will all collaborate to carry out the best prevention practices and thus avoid propagation of the virus.

Cordially,



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