

RESOLUTION
of the
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS

May 15, 2020

WHEREAS, Baylor University's mission is to educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community;

WHEREAS, the Baylor University Board of Regents is supportive of the University's continued commitment to the *Illuminate* strategic plan through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has engaged regularly with the administration regarding how the University plans to carry out its educational and religious mission amid the health risks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of Baylor University expresses its appreciation for the faculty, staff and administration for their commitment to our students and their spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical development and well-being; the work they have done to move so quickly and efficiently to a necessary distance learning model during the Spring and Summer 2020 semesters; and the students for their commitment, resilience and flexibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health and safety needs of the Baylor campus community must remain paramount as the University prepares for the upcoming 2020-21 academic year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of Baylor University hereby authorizes the President and administration to take all necessary actions to ensure a return to a safe and educationally fulfilling on-campus environment for the 2020-21 academic year, including, but not limited to, the following actions:

1. To study, and when appropriate, implement systems for testing for the COVID-19 virus for members of the Baylor community using on-campus facilities;
2. To work with the Baylor University Health Services and the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District to establish contact tracing, isolation and quarantine processes for the Baylor campus community;
3. To accommodate in a reasonable and practical manner the health needs of students, faculty and staff who are at-risk for the COVID-19 virus;
4. To study, and if appropriate, implement occupancy limits, sanitation standards, social distancing measures, the application of face coverings and any other government recommended or mandated processes for Baylor facilities and buildings;
5. To study, research and implement academic schedules which, while always consistent with all federal and state medical and health guidance and accreditation standards, provide for enriching and rewarding learning experiences in each class taught at Baylor;
6. To explore creative and innovative measures to preserve Baylor's time-honored traditions in order to enrich and supplement the University's educational and residential experience; and

7. To receive and study guidance from athletic conferences, federal and state medical and health officials for the return of intercollegiate athletics for the benefit of the University's student-athletes and community overall.