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From: Ka Yee C. Lee, Provost, and John W. Boyer, Dean of the College

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Since the announcement that the University of Chicago will transition to remote learning for Spring Quarter, many members of the College community have inquired about plans for Winter Quarter final exams.

During exam week final examinations should be administered and evaluated online or through remote mediums, such as take-home exams. We will leave to faculty discretion the manner of design, administration, and evaluation of the online or remote final exams. Examinations that are administered remotely in real time should take place according to the original exam schedule, Central Time.

We recognize that this is an unprecedented decision. Given the extraordinary circumstances of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and related national guidelines for social distancing, administering final exams online and remotely is the surest way to enable students to take their exams safely while preserving the integrity of Winter Quarter course work and instruction.

We strongly recommend that the faculty use Canvas as their vehicle for administering the online or remote examinations. But we acknowledge that your department may have other tools and applications that they may use.

We ask that instructors notify their students to their plans for the online or remote exams as soon as possible.

The University has not made this decision lightly. These are difficult and extraordinary circumstances. We recognize and commend the sacrifices of all members of our community at this time.

Thank you very much.