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**FROM:** Dr. Michael Galyean, Senior Vice President & Provost

**RE:** ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

We are following the news of Hurricane Harvey and have taken notice of all the affected areas in Southeast Texas. We are thinking of affected students, their families and friends during this difficult time. Many of our students are experiencing delays in returning to school because of flooding or inclement weather. Thus, students from affected areas may be unable to make it back in time for the first week of classes. We ask for your flexibility and support of these students from the affected areas. Students already on campus may have family and friends in the affected areas who have experienced severe losses resulting from inclement weather or flooding. Some of these students may feel a need to return to their families to provide assistance. Furthermore, students taking online courses through TTU may be physically located in the affected areas and may be experiencing losses of power and property damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. Given the degree of devastation, documentation to confirm student need may be unavailable. If students from one of the affected areas contact you, please work with them to make up missed classes or academic work.

Aside from classes, some of the students affected by Hurricane Harvey will be student employees of Texas Tech University. These student employees play an important role in providing services to their fellow students, as well as our faculty, staff, alumni, and guests to the university. Our student employees are invaluable members of our operations, and we depend on them to provide important functions and customer service to our campus. While it could create some challenges, we hope that departments whose student employees are affected and unable to return to campus this week will reach out to these students and let them know their positions will be held for them when they can return to campus.

If any of your students need help or resources, the TTU community is ready to assist them. The following on-campus resources are available to assist students in need:

- **Academics:** college academic advisor, faculty member, Department Chair, Associate Dean of the College
- **Counseling:** for any student seeking individual or group crisis counseling, the Student Counseling Center is available Monday - Friday; 8:00am-5:00pm and by calling (806) 742-3674. Walk-in hours area available Monday - Friday; 12:30pm-3:30 pm. 24-hr mental health crisis support is available by calling (806) 742-5555.
- **Dean of Students:** staff in the Office of the Dean of Students are available to assist any student experiencing distress or in need of assistance. A Dean of Students staff member is available by calling (806) 742-2984.
- **Food Insecurity:** Food is available for students who may not have regular access to sufficient food. Food options are available through the TTU Graduate School, (806) 742-2787, and through the Center for Campus Life, (806) 742-5433.

We are committed to supporting all our students who are experiencing delays in arriving to campus or who are physically located in the affected areas. Thank you in advance for helping our Red Raider community affected by Hurricane Harvey and for working with our students to offer our support.